Cosby to speak at '02 graduation

by Elizabeth Decker

One of television’s most famous fathers, Bill Cosby, will speak at Rice’s 108th commencement ceremony on May 11, 2002. President Malcolm Gillis said Cosby was chosen because of his commitment to higher education, citing in particular a $30 million donation Cosby made to Spelman College in Atlanta in 1998.

Cosby has been among the top 10 student-nominated commencement speaker candidates for the past several years, former Student Association President Lindsay Botsford said.

Cosby previously expressed an interest in appearing at Rice for the 2001 commencement, but was reluctant to speak without receiving an honorary degree. Rice does not grant honorary degrees.

Gillis said the university will honor him in another way.

“We just don’t [give honorary degrees], and he’s accepted that,” Gillis said. “We are going to honor him for his bachelor’s degree and doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1972 and 1977, respectively.

In 1961, Cosby became the first black person to star in a weekly TV series with his role in “I Spy,” and has been called the “Face of America on television.”

Cosby has starred in a number of TV shows, and is best known for his leading role in “The Cosby Show” in the ’80s.

A committee of students, faculty and surrounding community will be involved in selecting the student to be named “for outstanding service to higher education,” Gillis said.

Gillis explained that one reason for Cosby’s interest in speaking at Rice was that both Rice and where he played football, Temple University, share the same name.

“We’re giving him a Rice Owls sweatshirt,” Gillis said.

Cosby dropped out of high school instead of repeating the 10th grade and joined the Navy. He attended Temple on a football scholarship, and he later earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in education.

Ronald E. Cosby

by Matt Coddihy

The revised intramural sports referendum passed in the Spring Elections, increasing the fee students pay from $10 to $13.50.

The referendum passed with 84 percent of the vote, representing 24 percent of the undergraduate population. The original referendum was defeated in the General Elections two weeks ago by 15 votes.

Paul Emig, intramural sports coordinator, said he was relieved to see the initiative pass because he was not sure enough people would vote in the election. In order for the referendum to pass, 20 percent of undergraduates had to vote in the election, and benefits of the votes had to be in favor of the referendum.

“I think the campus as a whole and its individual members attended the service,” Steve Cox, a computer science student at Rice said.

“Stacy is the heart of Sid,” Rees, a senior, said. “She was my friend, my confidante and my surrogate mother.”

The Coxes remembered McDonough as a dedicated person who loved her job.

“Because she loved it here it was part of the reason we took the Sid mastership,” Steve Cox, a computer science student at Rice said.

The Coxes first met McDonough in 1988 when Steve Cox began teaching at Rice. The Coxes became close friends with McDonough and said they enjoyed working with her at Sid.

IM fee approved in Spring Elections

Individuals will be fined for rule violations during parade tomorrow

by Olivia Allison

Beer-Bike parade fines will be directly assigned to individuals during tomorrow’s parade.

University Beer-Bike Coordinator Daniel Attaway said colleges have always had the authority to delegate fines to individuals responsible for violations, but many did not often exercise this option.

“The 13 types of fines that can be given, 10 can be charged to individuals. The other fines will be given to the college responsible for the violation. (See Page 12 for fine list.)

Beer-Bike fines can be assessed using the beer-bike rules chair or the parade coordinator.

A leaked or discovered vehicle can be excluded from the parade if they have been driven off campus before the parade begins.

Parade Coordinator Lindsey O’Neal said this rule change was made for the safety of students and of people driving on the roads surrounding Rice.

“I think the main thing is that we want to keep the flocks on campus and keep most of the activities within the college,” she said.

“We really want to protect the safety of our students and the traffic on Main Street.”

Attaway said he thinks individual fines will make students more responsible during the parade.

“This will be more cost-effective, and the chances of people having a vested interest will be higher,” Attaway, a Sid Richardson College senior, said.

See PARADE, Page 12
Kudos to the Coffeehouse

Two or three years ago, the Rice Coffeehouse was a pretty cool place to hang out — after all, they served coffee products, and nothing is more intellectually stimulating than discussing the revelations of higher education over a steaming mocha.

But in the last year, the Coffeehouse has undergone a series of impressive improvements. First they introduced freezers; next it was the creation of the red and blue private dining rooms and their displays of student artistic endeavors.

Now the Coffeehouse seems to be stepping into its role as a focal point of campus creativity by hosting frequent poetry slams and musical performances. It’s more than a hip place to grab some coffee — it’s a place to participate in art.

We congratulate the staff of the Coffeehouse on their growth, and we hope they continue to inject a creative vibe into one of our campus’ most central hangouts.

Further changes could make Beer-Bike safer

To the editor:

As students prepare for Beer-Bike this semester, it has become increasingly apparent that safety at the event will again be an issue of the utmost concern. The university’s desire to assure that no one is injured during the parade or during the race itself was most recently evidenced by the awesome list of rules and prohibitions that was promulgated via e-mail on Thursday, March 22.

There is no doubt that the fines to be levied against unwise individuals or residential colleges will meet certain that the students will enjoy the safest Beer-Bike this semester, it has become.

To the editor:

Several years ago, the Coffeehouse was transformed from the potentially source of potentially embarrassing moments to a great many rules were deemed necessary in order to minimize the risk of personal injuries to those participants in the inherently dangerous event.

Provided these changes are implemented, Beer-Bike will be transformed from the potentially expensive liability that it has been in the past into an exciting, safe source of revenue for the university.

Jeff Chabertson

Letters to the editor

Sharon McDonough will be deeply missed

To the editor:

We all lost a dear and gracious friend last Sunday. Sharon McDonough was the better part of her adult life and taking care of people at Rice, first as department administrator for the math department and then as the college coordinator at Sid Richardson College.

My wife Penny and I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Sharon during her first years at Sid. She was to do the job a few weeks before Orientation Week, when things were particularly crazy, and was amazing. It was as if she had been doing the job all her life and we were all members of her family. I remember the end of the first day of that O-Week. She had been on the go all day. She was hot, tired and sweaty. Sharon came up to me with this big grin, put her arms out and declared love for the college never diminished. She dealt calmly with Sharon during her first years at Sid, I suspect that she would have been doing the job all her life and we were all members of her family.

Sharon’s infectious enthusiasm and unflagging love for the college never diminished. She was amazing. It was as if she had been doing the job all her life and we were all members of her family. I remember the end of the first day of that O-Week. She had been on the go all day. She was hot, tired and sweaty. Sharon came up to me with this big grin, put her arms out and shouted, “I love this job!” Sharon’s infectious enthusiasm and unflagging love for the college never diminished.

We will never forget her infectious smile, her stacks-of-seemingly-random-pieces-of-paper approach to her job and the right to edit letters for length. The right to edit letters for length. We will withhold names upon request.

Sharon McDonough will be deeply missed. May it ever be so.

John Bennett

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**Consumer culture ignores workers’ rights**

Flip on the television. Ingest the slick ads from Nike, Reebok, Old Navy and Gap. Revel in their techno-commercial brags while savouring the thought of consuming to the Galleria to buy the next pair of Air Jordans, some $140 worth, from Wet Seal, and dessert bars from the Bon Boulanger. In short, our society — and our individual habits — are dominated by the work and lives of others.

Yet we bear the other side of the story, how our individual actions are intimately tied to the lives of others around the globe. When we buy a product at the mall we are buying something made by someone’s sweat and energy. We are all part of an industry: a global one, and if these industries are based in the United States, consumer-focused culture where critical analysis is all too frequently absent.

And it’s time that changed.

Commercial culture is supportive of oppressive practices happening around the world. The two are speaking of free trade and the internationalization of garment corporations that set up factories in other countries. Have you ever wondered where your shirt was made? Who made it? What conditions did they work in? The answers to these questions are complex, but they exist. And there are people who care, who stand on your behalf.

In an increasingly international economy, people and corporations are ever more transnational. People and corporations do not necessarily bear the brunt of the effects of our decisions, but it is a reality that 90 percent of the workers at garment factories are women between the ages of 18 and 25. Many of these women are working at $2 an hour, and can only make enough to pay for their rent and gas for transportation to work. Work has become a luxury, not a necessity.

Focus on health at semester’s end

Of all the things I remember about my arrival at Rice, one image sticks in my head. It is of my roommate’s candlestick, a poorly-made, sociological thriller, brimming with waxy. I thought it screamed “We’re not from the South,” and it was. The book was joined during the year by another waxy souvenir. It was a tangle of scripts, a fine pair of tracheal signs. I had never thought much about my zodiac sign or my horoscope. As far as I was concerned, I had learned to write between the lines of my body. Mostly because it was true: I am a goat. Well, a Capricorn really. No, a Capricorn really.

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Saying no to the things that interest us the most is all too easy. Once we commit ourselves to something, stepping back and letting go seems almost impossible. This is why the homeless struggle, in the city’s most straitened, over a struggle for staying alive. A struggle for food, and freedom from violence. If you really need to stay up, drink your water has a way of keeping you awake. Drink (those recommended) glasses a day and you will have more than enough reason to get up 20 minutes or so, or stretch your legs.

Sugary foods — think candied bars, and C’s franchise — will give your blood sugar up, but only for a short period of time. When your sugar highs crashes, it will send you to the cleaners. Fruits and vegetables provide the same results, but without the aftertaste.

There are other ways to get some mental and physical energy at the end of the semester. Let’s talk about that.

For a moment I thought about how much sleep you’ve ever been getting. Sure, you can survive on three hours an hour, but you can’t keep up. Sleep deprivation makes you cranky from the bottom of your feet to the top of your head. You probably feel a lot worse than you do, and after all we feel good. But, it is important to get that sleep. You need to feel good, and "Big Pimpin’" is not going to get it done.

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Winning clean cheers to be introduced at Beer-Bike

by Rachel Barton

And the Rice tradition will be joined by a new one tomorrow when new college cheers are introduced at the 44th annual Beer-Bike.

The new cheers start from contests held at each college. Contest winners received prize money from an Envision Grant that was awarded to four students who filed a formal complaint last semester about college cheers. The students wanted to change what they saw as a sexually harassing atmosphere on campus created by the cheers.

New cheers were submitted to the 2000 college presidents, who met with Associate General Counsel Carlos Garcia to vote on any cheers they thought might violate the sexual harassment policy.

Each college developed its own method of judging who won for the best new cheer and gave out $100-$333 in prize money.

The number of submissions and process for determining the winning cheers varied wildly between the colleges.

Brown College President Mike Chapman received 13 submissions, more than he anticipated.

A committee narrowed the list to 5 finalists and cheered the five submissions in the Brown Commons one day at lunch.

"They selected the five submissions, and we kind of gauged the response of everybody," Chapman, a junior, said. "Everyone liked three of the five, and really hated the one."

Chapman had worked on two of the winning cheers, or all of the prizewinning contests will be given to Brown Brian Tison, who served as senior Brian Tison, who served as assistant director.

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Garza, an Envision Grant winner who was given $3000, said he was surprised by how much he won.

"It's a Will Rice thing. We're trying to keep the cheers because everybody loves them, but the tradition of cheers doesn't have to include sexual harassment,'" Chapman said.

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(Top) Willow College freshmen Eric Williams (left) and Carter Battis push Willow College freshman Javier Garcia inside a human bowling ball at Willy's Birthday Party Monday afternoon. The event included food and various activities to commemorate the birthday of Rice's founder, William Marsh Rice. (Bottom) Loyett College freshmen Kat Monostir, Chad Burwick and Jason Tung enjoy the refreshments while sitting on the base of Willy's statue.

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Will Rice students to preregister online
by Olivia Allison

Will Rice College students will have an opportunity next week to preview the online registration system that should be implemented next fall.

Students from every college will be able to view the system's search engine online, which will be capable of searching course listings by course title, department, time and distribution credits.

"Let's say you have a history course between 10 and noon - you can search for that on the site," Registrar Jerry Montag said.

The site will be linked to the Registrar's Office Web site (http://www.registrar.rice.edu/~reg). The site will go online Monday, and Will Rice students will receive an email notifying them of their eligibility for online registration.

Will Rice students who choose to register online must first log into the site, where they can then view academic information and "request" courses online, Montag said.

Students can only log onto the prerequisite site from computers in the Will Rice building or the Registrar's Office.

Will Rice students will print the list of courses they intend to preregister for, which will have a bar code at the top of the page. They will then take the list to their divisional or major advisers.

Once the adviser signs the list of courses, the student will take it to the Registrar's Office, where the bar code will be scanned. If there are no conflict problems, the computer system will automatically preregister the student for the requested courses.

"What we're basically doing is still filling out the form and checking and whatever, you just print the form," Montag said. "The big difference comes when we have to register in the system. We just scan the code and at that point it goes into the Exeter system, which will check for scheduling conflicts, see availability and the number of student's hours."

The courses students initially request online will not be approved for preregistration unless the bar code of the schedule has been scanned.

"Students are basically going to request the courses on the Web," he said. "The student is guaranteed a seat in the course. All they're doing is requesting a seat in the courses."

"If all goes very well, we still have some more work to do, but in August, we'll break it out for the university," Harry McFarland, Dean for Enrollment Administration said.

All students will be able to use the search engine in the online system for about two weeks, and then the Registrar's Office will take the online system offline to review student feedback and make changes, McFarland said. If reaction to the system is positive, he said, it will be back online in August.

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McFarland, who served as the acting registrar last spring, said the most significant problem with the system Wiesse freshmen used was a potential security risk. This has been corrected in the new version, which was made specifically for Rice.

"We were concerned that there was a major security hole," McFarland said. "But now we have a new security piece in place. This piece has been completely prototyped at Rice for Rice, it's an enhancement to Rice so we can make it."

Will Rice students who use the registration system can also view their financial aid award packages and any transactions that have occurred through the Cashier's Office since the last bill was paid.

Another feature of the new system is an academic planner, which will enable students to plan their future course choices when the system is another course.

"A student could literally dowhile their adviser an entire three-year plan, and when they go back to register the next semester, they can see which of those courses they want to take," he said. "This is a planning tool available now that we think will be of great benefit to the student and to the advising function.

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Students, alumni donate blood

by Rachel Shifrin

Members of the Rice community can participate in the alumni association's nationwide drive to collect 500 to 1,000 pints of blood by the end of April.

The blood collected at Rice will be given to two different blood centers. Donations collected from Brown College's Monday blood drive, Sid Richardson College's drive Wednesday and Wess College's drive Thursday will go to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. The blood collected in April during drives in the remaining five colleges, the Student Center and Autry Court will go to the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. This center services 21 counties in Texas and over 200 hospitals, according to Group Program Consultant Hope Guidry-Groves.

Association of Rice Alumni President Jim Greenwood, "We organized the drive so that alumni nationwide can be involved in the organization's service projects. The association typically helps with Habitat for Humanity in Houston, but Greenwood said two-thirds to three-fourths of Rice alumni live outside the Houston area.

The alumni association has had, as part of its overall program, a reaching out to the community in the name of Rice," said Greenwood. "The idea is to give alumni everywhere a way to contribute to the name of Rice in a way which will be of value to the local communities, and a blood drive is the means by which we have chosen to do that."

The alumni association contacted alumni nationwide asking them to give blood at their local blood banks sometime in April. Will Rice senior Isabel Valdez said. Valdez is helping coordinate the effort. Each donor gives one pint of blood, referred to as one unit. Alumni who choose to donate blood will return a card by mail stating the amount of blood given so that Rice can keep a tally of the amount of blood collected throughout the effort.

'There's no doubt in the need for blood in the health care system.'

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Association of Rice Alumni president

Brown collected 15 pints of blood during its drive, and Patricia Sepulveda from M.D. Anderson is hoping to collect similar amounts at the other colleges.

The M.D. Anderson Cancer Center gives blood primarily to cancer patients undergoing aggressive treatments, Sepulveda said.

"We appreciate every single donor... Every single person who donates really does affect a life," she said.

The association chose to do a blood drive because "there's a shortage in the need for blood in the health care system," Greenwood said.

For example, the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center needs 700 donations every day according to Groves. Each blood donation is divided into red blood cells, platelets and plasma, so each unit can potentially help three people, Groves said.

"You never know when you're going to need it," Valdez said. According to Groves, one out of three people will need a blood transfusion in their lifetime.

Greenwood said he hopes the blood drive will be successful enough to generate interest in continuing it in future years.

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Lecturer presents study on minority students

American Sociological Association President Douglas Massey presented his study on inequalities between students of different racial backgrounds at a recent conference. His study, which surveyed students at over 100 institutions, found that black males attend colleges or universities, Massey presented the results of his study Tuesday afternoon.

**His research does show that there is definitely a sociological basis...[to] why we see differences in the way minorities are living here.**

— John Lin
Baker College senior

"If you meet the average white person on campus, and you make an assumption about them based on what the average is, you're quite likely to be correct," Massey said. "If you meet a student who is African-American, Asian-American, or Latino, you might be surprised, because they are quite different from what you think of as the average person." Massey added that the research shows that there is a lack of diversity in higher education institutions.

"There's no question that there is a lack of diversity in higher education institutions," Massey said. "We have a lot of work to do to make sure that all students are included in the educational process." Massey emphasized the importance of diversity in higher education institutions and the need for ongoing efforts to increase diversity.

"Diversity is important not only for the students themselves, but also for the institutions themselves," Massey said. "Diversity helps to create a more inclusive and equitable learning environment, and it also helps to prepare students for the diverse and complex world they will face after graduation." Massey concluded his presentation by emphasizing the importance of continuing efforts to increase diversity in higher education institutions.

**Most Spring Elections positions uncontented**

**Elections, from Page 1**

"I'm glad we had a chance to educate people about the intramural department," said the position of Honor Council at large representative, University Council undergraduate representative, Summy the Owl and Campusfinder.

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Summy the Owl-elect

Brown College junior Jo Bey, Sidd Richardson College sophomore Julia Baugher and Sidd sophomore Tiffany Blunt all were elected to the position of Sammy the Owl. The Owl role can be contested.

"Baugher said the job of Sammy the Owl is quite demanding, both physically and in terms of time commitment. It is for this reason, she said, that three people hold the position. Each person can then work at a time convenient to her and everyone, there's a greater opportunity for serving on competing teams.

"Baugher didn't have a lot of sports spirit, and I'd like to add to it," Baugher said. "I think his research can really demonstrate the importance of different aspects of people's lives. And that's all that he said.

**Walking a fine line**

Jones College Junior Linghi Lin won a pair of drum sticks and attempts to walk a straight line at an alcohol screening event in the Student Center organized by the University Police.
Utilities in 2001-'02. The rate can be spent on contingencies budget, which is built into the overall budget for unexpected circumstances. We want to have enough budgets and services to let us do it primarily with contingencies that are intended for emergencies or surprises of this sort," Budget Director Kathy Collins said.

The future impact of the natural gas crisis on the university's budget will be determined by the natural gas market's fluctuations. "It's the market," said Boud. "It really shouldn't have any long-term effect to students, but it looks like energy is going to cost 25 percent more for five to 20 years, it absolutely will," Ditman said.

In the meantime, however, students won't feel the impact of the energy crisis in their Rice bills. "The impact on the colleges is not going to be that great because of the way that we have set up the finances," Associate Vice President for Facilities and Engineering Bill Mack said.

Ditman has had to cut back on a few capital programs, but the F&H "budget and we're building on it," Ditman said. "We're very aggressive with $3 million in unexpected events. We probably won't have any unexpected events in 2000-01, just a heightened awareness of not just natural gas, but all of [energy]." During this time, "We won't cut any budgets or services, and we'll deal with it primarily with contingencies that are intended for emergencies or surprises of this sort," Kathy Collins Budget director.

"The things being eliminated that come from mind are some painting emergencies or intended for repairs, such as elevator renovations and repairs to fire sprinklers and electrical systems, will continue as planned. While the construction planners on campus have resources, Ditman said, "we're not doing a whole lot, they have not had a large impact on any of the projects.

"Construction uses energy in the form of utilities — steam, chilled water, electricity — to build and to operate the equipment that controls the environment," Boud said. "The costs of energy usage during construction are not computed into the project cost, but minimizing energy usage is a priority for the future in terms of construction. Boud also said they have been looking for ways to conserve energy by striving for energy efficiency in both design and construction.

Increased utilities prices have been affecting budgets on campus. The $3 million spent on unexpected gas costs came from contingencies usually used for unexpected events. "We are absorbing it within our existing revenue sources and it means that the budget will be very affected if it is not included in the room for initiatives or programs budget," Collins said.

Both F&E and F&H were working to reduce their energy bills by

**Students remember Sid coordinator**

COORDINATOR, Tess Page  
"Sid really had three masters," Steve Cos said. "We consulted each other in everything we did. She was always there when we needed her." Former Sid Coordinator John Bennett, now a professor in the University at Colorado, said McDonough's service to Sid enhanced the college environment. "Sharon was a wordsmith in this process, perfectly suited for the job. She was incredibly enthusiastic and she created a sense of unity for everyone in the college," Bennett, who left Rice and the Sid membership last year, said. "She was a significant part of why I enjoyed being masters at Sid." 

Sid senior Laura Laughlin, who worked in the Sid office, said, McDonough was able to help students in many ways. "She was always there when we needed her. She was very accepting," he said. "She was a wordsmith, a story-teller, a friend of McDonough, who was a close friend of McDonough's predecessor at Sid, Rees said. "Sharon shared every position until a new coordinator can be found. She was always available to share stories and advice on the whole campus. Sharon was very dedicated to her students and she was always there to help her friends. She was a great friend to me."

Rees said McDonough had a personal impact on her students. "Sharon was very dedicated to her students, and I shared all my college news with her. This year was particularly difficult on Sid, and Sharon was always in control and ready to help me with anything," Rees said.

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fines to resume. As the speaker, Gillis felt com-
Because of high student interest in having Cosby speak, Botsford agreed with the policy. "Some institutions abuse these things greatly. They've taken a lifetime to build this reputation," Botsford said. "So basically it comes down every year who's going to be there for the graduation ceremony." Botsford said.

Despite the difficulties created by the Board of the Chees policy not to award honorary degrees, Gillis said the policy is unlikely to change because of the original logic of the policy and because it is now a Rice tradition.

"Once you get a tradition, it's very difficult to change tradition," Gillis said. "The idea was that there's only one thing to get a Rice degree and that's to earn it." Botsford said. "A Rice degree means you've completed your course work and you've completed all the work and get the wedding." Botsford said.

The president of the university has been officially charged with selecting a commencement speaker since 1981. When the president and the university have been unable to agree on a speaker, the Board of Trustees Vice Chair to determine if they should be promoted to professor.

Botsford, who is a Wiess College associate vice president for Student Affairs, said the policy is unlikely to change, even if new students are brought in. "Traffic enforcement is going to be working hard to clean things up greatly. They'll have a lineup of 10 people, and they'll have their lineup ready before the commencement," Botsford said.

"Professionally, having other people in the field see that I am not only a good speaker, but also a good idea. We'll be here in a very serious while, but the promotions are effective July 1. —Mark Breen
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Portable shields banned during tomorrow’s parade

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If the students assessing fines do not know a student’s name, they will fine the college for the violation.

One significant change to the list of possible fines is that students will be fined $100 for carrying a “portable shield device.” Belton said this change was made because students were throwing trash can lids at each other during the parade.

“Trash can lids—it’s a really good idea to throw trash can lids, and this has been a problem in the past,” he said.

Each college is required to provide 10 students to monitor the parade route. Eight groups—consisting of one student from each college—will be formed, and each group will assign fines for one college. In previous years, Beer-Bike rules chairs have paid other organizations to provide security during the parade, Belton said, but he thinks this year’s system will be an improvement.

“My hope is that people will not be afraid to enforce the rules, which was a problem in the past,” Attaway said.

“Also, one person in each group is guaranteed to know the people in the parade.”

Stephenson Scott Ellis, who is in charge of parade security, said he hopes the changes will improve the safety of the parade.

“I’m not sure how much of an effect this will have,” Ellis said. “Last year we paid organizations to do it and they didn’t show up, which caused some problems. This year the colleges are obligated to send 10 people to help out, so safety will be improved in that respect.”

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It's all about soul

The Black Student Association produced Soul Night March 23 as a celebration of black history and culture. Baker College sophomore Megan Francis (left) impersonates Tina Turner in an act named after the legendary singer.

(Above) Sid Richardson College sophomore Tiane Burke (front) performs the act "Caribbean Rhythms: Footsteps & 'Da It up,'" along with Francis, Brown College sophomore Joyce Ashley, Jones College freshman Saskia Fuerst-Kemp and Lovett College junior Keitha Moseley.

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Construction on Campus

The next four semesters will be full of demolishing, building, remodeling and construction fences. Here's what the current master schedule has in store:

Construction of an on-campus temporary library will start in the summer and continue, although Director of Project Managing and Planning Barbara White said the location of the temporary library has not yet been decided.

Previously, the temporary library was to be built at the intersection of Alumni Drive and the Inner Loop, diagonally across from the Student Center. However, White said project managers were looking into other sites where more study space for students could be provided. One area being considered is the space between Alice Pratt Brown Hall and Baker Hall, which is currently enclosed by construction fencing.

White said project managers are discussing rearranging the construction trailers in this area to make the fenced-off portion smaller. She said another possible location for the temporary library is the old Wiess College building and commons. If old Wiess is chosen as the site for the library, a small building might also be built in the Acaluwan to store books. Regardless of the on-campus temporary library site, most books will be stored at an off-campus building four miles down Main Street.

Students will be able to enter the new Hanszen Commons through the north side of the new servery and commons building, but the fence will be moved east through the Hanszen quad to encompass the old Hanszen Commons.

The renovation of Rayzor Hall will be completed in October.
Spring 2002

Construction of the temporary library will continue at the site chosen by project managers.

The fence surrounding the new Hanszen College Commons and the Hanszen/Weiss servery will stay the same for the beginning of the semester, but the entire project is scheduled to finish in late spring 2002.

Fall 2002

Construction on Sewall Hall will begin. Director of Project Management and Planning Barbara White said this will be a major renovation that will affect the humanities programs in the building, and the social sciences offices will be moved to a different part of Sewall. The building will be made more accessible for people with disabilities, she said. Paul Sanders, the senior project manager in charge of the Sewall renovation, said Rooms 301 and 309, the large lecture halls in the building, will not undergo construction but will be near the construction. The university will try to do the loudest forms of construction during the summer.

"We really have to do the jackhammering and cut out slabs and so forth, but we'll do that real nasty stuff during the summer," Sanders said. "But [in Sewall 301 and 309] you'll still probably hear some rumbling and roaring and tools going on."

Construction on the north colleges is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of the semester.

Herring Hall renovations will begin, fencing off the corner of the Inner Loop and Alumni Drive that faces the old Weiss building.

Construction of the new library is projected to begin during summer 2002. First, Fondren Library will be demolished, and the area between the Student Center and Herring Hall will be fenced off. Fencing will also extend around Fondren, reaching both sides of the loop and extending partially into the academic quad.

Martel students will move into the college in January. Construction on the Jones residence halls and commons will continue.

However, the Martel/Jones/Brown servery, scheduled to open in January 2002, is currently four weeks behind schedule. If the servery is still under construction when Martelians move into their college and Brown Commons construction begins, Food and Housing Director Mark Ditman said the university will come up with other ways to feed the students.

"There are any number of miracles that we can pull off," he said. "It doesn't matter what it takes, if Martel is there, and the servery isn't, F&H will be there."

Ditman said although he is "not going to give up on that kitchen being done," F&H could construct a tent like the one used for the capital campaign, or Rice Catering could provide buffets in the colleges' commons.
I'm afraid I can't come, honey. I have to catch a plane home.

So, there being no further objections the witnesses, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

remember, your mom's an artist, she views her whole life as performance, an creative process.

Oh, please—it was disgraceful! Right down to the ridiculous kind tattoos.

Really? You blew off mom's wedding to watch NCAA basketball.

Plus, how could I resist? Syracuse (U.A.D.) and Georgia are the only Final Four teams in years.

No problem, mom, alex. Would you do the honors?

So was that not the best prom night you ever saw?

Are you going to come see daddy, honey?

So, there being no further objections the witnesses, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

I think I'll leave, honey.

Oh, no! I thought it was over.

Yeah, baby.

Well, it was a nice touch, mom.

Do you guys switch places?

New that mom ever normal?

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You blow to the wedding, didn't you?

Pick's hard March 17. If these teams are, in fact, the Final Four, look for this strip's creator to take early retirement.

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**Baker Shake, Players clans unite for ‘the Scottish play’**

Elizabeth Jardina

**THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF**

Superhuman has it that Macbeth is an infinity play. Theater folk won't even speak the dreaded title, nervously substituting "the Scottish play" or "Macbeth." But there's nothing unlucky about Baker Shakespeare and the Rice Players' ambitious and largely successful production of Macbeth, which opened yesterday.

It's a difficult play to produce — Shakespeare's story of a treacherous Scot and his wife, and their downfall till guilt and murder. Eleventh-century Scotland is a dark and bloody place, where nobles vie with each other for power and authority. The Rice Players have managed to bring across these ideas and authentic period to the 20th century.

This exhibition of paintings and sculptures, on loan from the Smith College Museum of Art, contains pieces from the colonial period to the 20th century. Featured artists include Edward Hopper and Winslow Homer.

$5, $2.50 students. Closed Mondays. The Caroline Wiess Law Building of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more info, call (713) 284-8678.

**rollee WITH THE ROMANS**

**Maril Tam**

Wiese Tabletop Theorist. Latest production involves a production "merchandiser for love," a couple of prison inmates and a lot of cross-dressing that isn't really cross-dressing. A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum is a light musical comedy by Stephen Sondheim, loosely based on the play, a mixture of love, death, and revenge.

As Pseudolus, Aronson is loud and incessant, and at other times 7 p.m., $4 students, $6 run students. For information, call (713) 348-7032.

A lazy slave named Pseudolus (Sid Richardson College sophomore Lauren Aronson) has been promised freedom by his young, lovelorn master, Hero (Wiese College senior Seth Ealing). If he unites Hero with the object of his desires, fortunately, his dream girl happens to be a sex worker. Not to mention that Phila (Sid sophomore Shannon Hardy), a virgin conversionist from Cere, has been sold as a bride to a necromancer's captain, Miles Gloriosus (Wiese junior Michael Victory).

Complicating matters for Pseudolus are Heraclius (Sid sophomore Emily Gray), an obstructed, over-stressed slave-in-chief, Hero's restrictive mother, Domina (Wiese junior Len Ana Chen), and his haplessly hard-nosed father, Senex (Wiese sophomore Ben Graf). In true screwball fashion, Pseudolus schemed himself into deeper and deeper trouble until all is resolved at the end. The cast does fine in ensemble pieces, and there simply aren't enough strong voices to go around. Unfortunately, the quality of the show's singing is middling at best. The cast doesn't have the vocal range. Eatinger's voice, for instance, is adequate though a little flat. The only true stand-out voice belongs to Graf. Her father, Licinius, is a nobleman, a man with a just and clear voice, andAvailable for more info, call (713) 639-7300.

**Macbeth**

Baker Shakespeare and the Rice Players acting Rating: * * * * * (out of five)

Tonight, tomorrow and April 5-7 at 8 p.m. $4 students, $5 non-students. For reservations, call (713) 344-PLAK.

**Lady Macbeth** (Baker College junior Laufe Scott) and Macbeth (Carl Huffman, Wiese '95) try to get rid of that damn wife to make Macbeth's treachery from the beginning. After Macbeth has his literary vanquish of apparent immortality, the rest of the themes are convinced that Macbeth is an unfit king. Unsurprisingly, tragedy ensues. Director Rob Kimbro (Sid '95) has put together a show with a large cast, and the whole, he has caused good performances from them. Huffman's Macbeth is almost too much of a coward at the beginning. His hesitation over killing Duncan is logical, but he seems like he's afraid of blood and the idea of killing people. This doesn't meld with his reputation as a fearless warrior. However, his chemistry with Lady Macbeth, played slyly by Scott, is very much there. As Huffman warns up, he becomes more and more erratic and falls into character, and his clear delivery makes Shakespeare's words easy to understand.

Scott is a terrific Lady Macbeth. She is intense and charismatic, using her sexuality to persuade Macbeth to kill Duncan. But even so, she's not in love with Macbeth. It's an appropriate because he's playing an old man of 50. Ealing is gawky, awkward and perpetually worried looking, as best fits his character, an inexperienced, nervous lover. His love songs are particularly funny. As his au-

**Pseudolus** (Sid Richardson College sophomore Lauren Aronson, top) unites Hero (Wiese College senior Seth Ealing, left) and Phila (Sid sophomore Shannon Hardy, right) in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.
**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2001**

**Brown produces a darkly humorous ‘House of Yes’**

**Dalton Tomlin**

**THUNDER BUREAU STAFF**

The year 2001 has been a good one for theater on campus. This past weekend, in plot, acting and location, the Brown College production of The House of Yes, was as close as you can get to a perfect performance. With a mostly underclassmen cast, the production was a testament to the talent that resides in the Brown College student body.

The clever, snappy black comedy, directed by Josephine Lord (Lovett College junior), is a favorite of the Brown community and is bringing its fiancee Leslie Meyer (Lovett College junior) home for Christmas. The family is on edge, because of some sort of family problem that isn’t discussed above the audience, possibly disinterested in the story, but there’s no way around that, given the way the Brown Community is set up.

Co-directors Scott McKeen and Leslie Meyer, both Brown sophomores, make an exceptional debut for their directing debut. Even if there were an older group planning and starting in the show, it is hard to imagine anyone doing much better.

**Memento** will be remembered as a new noir classic

**Dalton Tomlin**

**THUNDER EDITORIAL STAFF**

I guess you’ve already told you about this condition. The condition is the cause of having to keep those notebooks which appear in the March issue of Esquire. His brother, Christopher, adapted it into a full-length script and directed the film. Assuming it does well at the art house box office, you’ll be in your seat to see the actors’ faces.

It’s just a shade under “too smart” to convey fear and paranoia. The lighting is also well done. The lights hang not too far above the audience, possibly distracting in the movie, but there’s no way around that, given the way the Brown Community is set up.

One thing that really took me by surprise was how much of Memento is a black comedy, even poking fun at Leonard’s memory loss at times. You get so involved trying to work out the story that sometimes you have to stop and realize that it’s OK to laugh.

This is definitely a small film, but it sure has a budget. Unlike the best examples of small films, it teaches something universal, something that most blockbusters don’t even try to reach for.

Memento is no Fantasia, another film that presented memories in a fragmented fashion with a protagonist trying to bring order to a situation while dealing with his own memory problems. Two very different films for sure, but both achieve their goal of telling us at least a little bit of what makes us human.

Can you imagine not being able to remember what happened just a few minutes ago, over and over again?

Do we remember everything we see or do? Of course not. Do we remember things perfectly accurately? No. It’s hard to imagine anyone doing much better.
Jared Diamond
Professor and Writer

April 13, 2001

"Guns, Germs, and Steel"

Recipient of the MacArthur Foundation Genius Award and a professor at UCLA, Jared Diamond is the author of the best-seller "The Third Chimpanzee," which was published in 1991.

I am writing a column titled "Earthly Questions." I am interested in the question of why the West has been so successful in spreading its ways to the rest of the world. My recent research has been on the question of why the West has been able to dominate other cultures. I have been studying the history of the West and the ways in which it has been able to spread its ways. I have been looking at the role of technology, religion, and ideology in the spread of Western ways. I have also been looking at the role of institutions, such as universities and governments, in the spread of Western ways. I have been looking at the role of the West in the spread of science and technology, and the ways in which the West has been able to dominate other cultures.

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Gatherer"? She uses the piano in its full emotional range in this song, and swells and descrescendos with her state of mind.

The album is enjoyable, though flawed. Soper's piano playing is almost always excellent, but her vocals tend to sound strained and shrill. It's not a stark album, but it's got heart. If you're picky about production values, you should probably skip the CD and just watch her play live.

Soper recorded the album after she'd just written the songs. "Now I play them differently," she said. "Maybe someday I'll re-record them since I've gotten to know them. I'll be looking forward to it.

Soper performed the album at the Lovett Undergrounds tonight at midnight. She will also play at "Arrested Rice," a concert of singer/songwriters at the Lowell Undergounds tonight at midnight. Soper will be performing April 7 at SRS Woodloake (2277 Greeser at Westheimer).

— Elizabeth Fardina

The Minus 5

LET THE WAR AGAINST MUSIC BEGIN

What a curiosity. Usually, double albums are reserved for ego-driven rock stars who can't wait to let their sprawling masterpieces down on a single-disk-serving world. But in Scott McCaughey's case, it's because he draws two different power pop bands, both due for album releases.

The premise is that the double album is a battle of the bands between the Young Fresh Fellows and the Minus 5.

My problem is that I can't tell where one band begins and the other ends. McCaughey writes almost all of the songs for both groups, sings lead and plays a lot of guitar. In fact, McCaughey is the only person in both groups—he's the shaded-in area of the Venn diagram of the bands' members.

I can't tell who approves the side project and which is McCaughey's real band. Maybe there isn't a right answer. Both groups sound like McCaughey's projects: a little bit of dabbling in different genres, with apparently no fear about trying to be marketable—or is that fourth?—member since I've gotten to know them.

Although the lyrics are entertaining, the songs on the album can be inconsistent. Many are PPP (pop punk power punk), though the Minus 5 disc is mostly pure power pop, whereas the YFF disc is more diverse, even more punky and more randomly put together.

War Against Music boasts "Got You," which is probably the catchiest melody you'll ever hear about an obsessive relationship ("Candles light the scene of chosen shelter."). It's followed immediately by "Ghost Tarts of Shoeshine," another oddly funny track that's a tour through a red-light district. The slower "Desperately For Someone" sounds out of place on a Wilco album, although McCaughey's somnolent lines aren't quite as poetic as Wilco's. The closer, "Your Day Will Come," comes with a druggy-speaking spoken-word piece by Robyn Hitchcock.

In the end, though, a lot of the Minus 5 songs end up sounding like bland power pop— I prefer the Fellows for their variety. Because Why Hate You opens with "Shark's Spiritual Hallucinations" and "Deadly Sparkling Flower Stall." Both are character sketches, rendered in gentle pop.

"These are a few of my favorite things..." Selma (Björk) sings the Oscar-nominated "I've Seen It All" about a moving train in Dancer in the Dark, a critically acclaimed film from last fall playing at the Rice Media Center this week. The Icelandic pop star gives a heartbreakingly authentic performance as a single mother trying to make enough money for her son's eye surgery. Directed by Lars Von Trier and shot on digital video, this musical tragedy won the Palme D'Or at Cannes last year. Tickets are $5, $4 for students. Screenings are at 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. tonight and Wednesday. For more information, call (713) 348-4853.
Freshman Philips gets used to life at the top

by Chris Larson

As the first semester of college comes to an end, many students are used to new environments and adjusting to their new lives. Freshman Ryan Morgan, a member of the Rice Invitational, is no exception. Morgan has been living in a dormitory and adjusting to college life, and he is excited to continue his journey.

Morgan's transition to college has been challenging, but he has been able to adapt quickly. "It was a huge adjustment, but I learned a lot in the first semester," Morgan said. "I think it's important to be open-minded and willing to learn new things." Morgan has been involved in several activities, including intramural sports and participating in the Rice Invitational, which has helped him adjust to college life.

Morgan's performance in the Rice Invitational has been impressive. "I really enjoyed playing in the Rice Invitational," Morgan said. "It was a lot of fun to be around other talented tennis players." Morgan's success in the invitational has given him confidence in his abilities and has helped him adjust to college life.

While Morgan is excited about his future, he knows there is still work to be done. "I have a lot to learn in the coming months," Morgan said. "I want to continue improving my game and contribute to the team's success." Morgan's dedication to his studies and tennis has helped him adjust to college life, and he is looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

In conclusion, Morgan is excited to continue his journey at Rice. "I'm looking forward to the next semester and exploring everything Rice has to offer," Morgan said. "I think it's important to be open-minded and willing to learn new things." Morgan's adjustment to college life has been challenging, but he is excited to continue his journey and make the most of his time at Rice.
by Chris Larson
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Track teams open outdoor season focused on the future

Technically, the men’s and women’s outdoor track teams began their seasons last weekend at the Texas Southern University Relays. In reality, however, you can pick one of two starting dates for the season—and neither was last weekend.

You could say that the season began back in January, when the Owls competed in their first indoor track meet. Both the men’s and women’s teams make little to no adjustments in training when shifting from indoor to the outdoor season, and with a few exceptions, the outdoor teams are composed of the same athletes as the indoor teams.

‘It’s great to be back training at our facility. . . . It makes it a lot easier.”
—Victor Lopez
Womens head coach

Or you could say that the season begins a week from today, when the Owls compete in the Texas Relays, a gathering of the region’s top teams and the meet the Owls are marking as the time to begin running at full speed in an effort to post NCAA qualifying times.

Last weekend, however, was simply a glorified workout. The Owls kept many athletes out of competition, especially many of their top athletes who competed at the NCAA indoor meet March 9-10.

“We’re just training for the second half of the season,” men’s head coach Roy Davidson said. “Starting with the Texas Relays we get serious and run fast. Everything up to that is just training. We told to our kids who have had longer seasons out to give them a rest — you can’t expect them to run fast every week.”

Still, several Owls had strong performances. Sophomore Vashti Walwyn won the long jump with a jump of 24-1 1/4. Senior Brandon Stafford, who didn’t compete in the indoor season because he had used all four years of indoor eligibility, returned to competition with a second-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles in 14.31 seconds and a third-place effort in the 400-meter hurdles in 52.52.

Stafford won last year’s Western Athletic Conference title in the 110 hurdles in 14.00 and was third in the 400 hurdles in 51.72.

“Brandon’s just kind of starting right now,” Davidson said. “Everyone else has a jump on him, but his 400 hurdle time was his best ever for so early in the year, and I’m happy about that.”

The Owls also showed promise in several relays. They won the 3,200-meter relay and finished second in both the 400 and 800-meter relays.

“We’re going to run everybody,” Lopez said. “In the 4x1 they ran 41.24, and they did very well,” Davidson said. “In the 4x4 they ran 43.24, and they blew the last handoff. We were leading. We’re going to try to get the time down in below 40 seconds.”

On the women’s side, senior Kristenn Myers completed a Rice sweep of the long jump with a personal best jump of 19-4 3/4. Freshman Beth Hinshaw was second in the pole vault with a mark of 11-1 3/4, and freshman Shannon Morris, who was Rice’s top finisher in the majority of the Owls’ cross country meets this fall, returned from an ankle injury to finish third in the 3,000-meter run in 10:42.37.

Illustrating the team’s focus on training rather than winning, women’s head coach Victor Lopez was thrilled about junior Jessica Sommerfeld’s three throwers—all of which were better than the senior’s performance at the WAC indoor title in the shot put.

“Jessica’s looking very good,” Lopez said. “She’s performed three great throws in the discus. It’s the best I’ve ever seen her throw a shot put.”

Aside from Muto, whose ankle is bothering her again and may cause her to sit out this weekend’s meet, the Owls are healthy and training well heading into the Texas Relays, which begins today at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium. The Owls will host teams from the University of Texas at San Antonio, Stephen F. Austin State University and Harvard University as well as several unattached athletes in the meet. Rice is only home meet of the year. The team began practicing on the track this week after renovation were completed.

“It’s great to be back training at our facility,” Lopez said. “Although we’re disappointed that the track was not redone, it’s very important to be training here. It makes it a lot easier.”

The meet gives the coaching staff the opportunity to begin identifying who wants to compete in national meets.

“We’re going to run everybody,” Lopez said. “In both the relays and individual events we want them to run in the same events as they will at the conference meet. We want to see how they handle their specialties and work on whatever details we’d like to worked on. Everybody’s healthy and they’re training with lots of intensity. They’re looking really good.”

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Water polo seeks revenge vs. UT, A&M

by Wei-Hsun Tan

After splitting four games in last weekend’s final regular-season Col-
legiate Water Polo Association tournament at Baylor University, the
women’s club water polo team will head into next week’s All-Texas
tournament.

The tournament takes place at Texas A&M University April 7-8.
The team scored dominating wins over Baylor and Trinity University
but fell to both Texas A&M and the University of Texas. The Owls
capped with close wins against both UT and A&M in Rice’s previous

tournament.

At Baylor, UT beat the Owls 12-8 in Rice’s opening match of the
tournament. Rice led 2-0 at halftime and scored their first or second
goals early in the second half and lost

The tournament also showed the way in which the Owls have

improved since their first meet in November against the university’s

first time.

The owl, led by a 2-0

in the third and fourth

quarters.

The tournament also showed the trend which areas of the game need

work before the league championship.

"The second half was not as

good," coach Miles Stoughton
said. "Now we will concentrate
more on our execution on offense." The winner of the All-Texas tour-

ment will move on to the national tournament May 4-6 at Miami

University in Oxford, Ohio. The Owls face UT in the first round. If
they win, they will face the winner of the game between A&M and

the winner of the second game between Baylor and Trinity.

"I just think we need to be confi-

dent," sophomore Lauren Wilson
said. "We can beat these teams. We’ve
done it before."

S P O R T S  N O T E B O O K

Owls win academic all-district honors

Four Owls were named to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District VI Fall/Winter At-Large teams released by the College Sports Information Directors of America, March 22. The awards go to top student-athletes in fall and winter sports, such as football, volleyball or basketball.

The seniors of Rice’s cross
country team were named to the
men’s district team. Senior John
Jura, a mathematical economic
analysis and managerial studies
major, was the Owls’ top runner this fall; junior Krist Fierce, a


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.about last semester," Phillips said.
"I don’t even know how you get in
there. But now I’ve come out and
played really well this semester, and if I can get in there, that would
be a great experience. I’m not try-
ing to set huge expectations,
though."

The team will be led by Morgan
and Phillips has become Rice’s most
consistent part of a team that was
led by Bob Mathias in 1927. Mathias
was a four-year letterman and

ost of the nation’s 64

seniors selected to play in the event
in front of NIRA coaches and scouts.

States Basketball Writers Association
elected him to the 2000-01 All-District VII first team.

The all-district team is selected
and voted on by the member writ-
ers of the USBWA in the states of
Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

Wilks’ postseason honors in-
clude All-Western Athletic Con-
ference All-District VI, All-Dean-
tessive, College Insider WAC
Player of the Year, National Asso-
ciation of Basketball Coaches/
Chevrolet All-District VII first team
and Dallas Morning News All-WAC
first team.

Wilks will participate in the
Portsmouth Invitational Tournament
April 4-7 in Portsmouth, Va.
Wilks was one of the nation’s 64
seniors selected to play in the event
in front of NIRA coaches and scouts.

Owls seek to finish strong


golf half of the field. Last weekend,
senior Bradley Lane and
freshman Wian Smith both fin-

ished near the bottom of the field
in T-60th and 70th, respec-
tively. Rice finished in sixth place
out of 16 teams, 34 strokes behind

champion UCLA.

"We struggled a lot with the way
we hit the golf ball, and our putting
struggled," Homan said. "We’ve had
a lot of bright spots, but we defi-
nitely need to gain consistency through the lineup."

Up next for Rice is the Border
Olympics April 7; the Owls’ last
tournament before the Western Ath-
letic Conference Championships
April 30-May 2 in Tulsa, Okla.

Homan expects senior Chris
Combs to have recovered from a
broken collarbone and be able to
play, and the Owls believe a good
finish could give them a lot of mo-
mentum heading into the confer-
ence meet.

"Chris will be a huge help," Phillips
said. "It’s bound to happen if one of
these days that we’ll all go out to
come together and we’re going to
win a tournament. We’re not that far
oway. We all have to put together a few
thing’s right."
Women's tennis searches for answers

By Eric Raub

Tulane was really disappointing because I felt like the whole team had come together," freshman Annie Axsater said. "We really prepared well for the match, and then it was less disappointing."

The Owls won only one doubles and one singles match against the Green Wave. Rice's lone point came from sophomore Yasmin Fisher in a 6-7 (7-5), 7-6 (10-8) victory over Malek Cook at the No. 6 spot. By the time the match reached the third set, however, the Green Wave had already clinched the team win. Sophomore Judith Hageman won her first singles match of the season but had failed in a 3-6, 6-1, 6-0 loss.

Head coach Paul Hindes said Tulane's tenacity and refusal to make unforced errors made the difference in the match.

"Tulane was kind of a funny team," he said. "They were good retrievers. They kept hitting the back wall and making you chase it one more time and hit it back. Every time you thought it was over, it was like you lost a battle. It wears you down ment- tally."

The Owls find it hard to see what more they could have done to prepare for the match. Admittedly, the competition was strong -- Tulane has been ranked among the nation's top 50 teams for most of the season -- but the Owls believed they had enough talent to win if they played up to their potential.

"We came out and we were pumped," Fisher said. "We had a pretty good practice all week. It just didn't happen. We couldn't have done more.

This is the latest in a string of losses to higher-ranked opponents. The Owls, 8-7 on the year, have easily disposed of the inferior teams on their schedule but have yet to break through with a win over a team ranked above them.

Possibly the biggest challenge facing the team is the need to maintain a high level of confidence despite the losses. The toughest part of the Owls' schedule awaits them, beginning with a home match tomorrow against 22nd-ranked West- ern Athletic Conference foe Texas A&M University. The Owls have played a tough schedule, which should be one of their biggest assets heading into the stretch. It could also be one of their biggest liabilities if they let the sting of their recent losses eat away at their confidence."

Even when you lose they make you work so hard it toughens you up mentally," Hindes said. "I'm going to need that mental tough- ness with the next four or five matches coming up. We're a young team and we're certainly making young mistakes. If they'll just keep the faith they might surprise them- selves."

The other positive aspect about ending the season with challenging opponents is that a few good late-season wins can go a long way in erasing earlier disappointment and building momentum heading into the WAC Championships April 27-29.

"It's a group that doesn't want to lose," Blankenship said. "They're not liking this and they're trying to fig- ure out a way to do it. They're trying to figure out a way to get better."

The Owls are maintaining hope and say their next win is just around the corner. "It's going to happen," Fisher said. "Next one. It's like shooting baskets. Something's got to go in."

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Assistant coach

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**WAC STANDINGS**

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**Rice offense awakens over weekend**

Rice baseball Page 22 a unique time to play in center field.

"It's tough playing there because that field has got eccentricities. A lot of them," Graham said. "But you get there and work out the bugs before, so you should be alright."

We'll be ready with a big team hitting average.

TCU is the top offensive team in the WAC. But the Owls are a balanced club, as evidenced by how well the freshmen have earned run average. And one pitcher in particular has been making national headlines.

Senior right-hander Chris Bradshaw was literally unhittable last time out, when he dominated the University of Hawaii at Hills in a 9-0 no-hitter, the second in TCU history. He struck out 19 and allowed just three baserunners.

Bradshaw, named the National Pitcher of the Week, has been impressive all year long. He is 6-1 with a 2.54 ERA, and has a 4.47 strikeout-to-walk ratio. Bradshaw will likely face senior all-American Kenny Baugh in today's opener, which has been scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Love Rice, TCU looks to be playing its best baseball. The Owls are coming off a three-game sweep of Fresno State University last weekend in which they averaged nearly 10 runs and more than 13 hits per game.

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**Rice UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLAR PROGRAM (RUSP) (HONS470/471)**

RUSP is designed for juniors or seniors 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:

- Dan Johnson
- James L. Kinsey
- James Pomerantz

For further information, consult the RUSP web page:

http://www.ownlet.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.

**Men's lacrosse routes Southwest**

by Jake Rebon

The seniors on the men's club lacrosse team went out with a bang in their last home game Saturday.

All four seniors on the team scored, and the Owls finally made the long journey home after breaking a 14-game win streak.

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Is There an MBA in Your Future?

As a Rice senior or recent Rice grad, you may have an interest in pursuing a Masters in Business Administration in a few years. We’d like to invite you to a special on campus event which will be helpful to your future considerations.

Learn:
-- why students quit great jobs to pursue MBA's
-- what the admissions process is like
-- the MBA curriculum
-- job prospects at graduation

Introductory Overview
Wednesday, April 4, 2001
6:30 PM
McMurty Auditorium
Duncan Hall

Here’s your chance to find out about one of the true “up and coming” business schools in the United States: the Jones School at Rice. You’ll hear why Jones already ranks in the top 10 in 5 different categories, and of the exciting plans for our new state of the art building to be completed in the summer of 2002. You’ll also get to chat with a panel of Rice grads who decided to return to Rice for business school. Also, find out how deferred admission programs at the Jones School can assure qualified applicants a spot in the MBA Class of 2005 before they even graduate.

Seating in McMurty is limited, we ask that all attendees RSVP via email to Roberta Kelley Henderson, kelleyr@rice.edu, by no later than April 2, 2001. We look forward to seeing you on April 4th!
Beer-Bike ExtravaganzaPalooza!

In these months preceding Beer-Bike, you’ve been subjected to article after Thrasher article about how drunk the beer-trailer can be, how your college can’t consistently fill its water ballons with grease drippings, and about how you’re no longer allowed to say words like “cock.” Of course, the usual bevy of onlookers, “bitch”, “fuck”, “suck”, “tit”, “ Anal”, “dick”, “douche bag”, “prick”, “jackass”, “monkey”, “penis”, “vagina”, “vas deferens”, “eat”, “phlegm”, “masturbation”, “pragmatic”, “doggy style”, “dirty whore”, and “poop.”

Well, you’ve heard the end of it. In a last-minute meeting, the college and campus Beer-Bike coordinators added a few more changes designed to make Beer-Bike a safer, more fun event for everyone. Having spent eight and a half hours debating the allowable size of beer in the parade, the result of the group, as expressed by campus coordinator Daniel Attaway, was “Ah, fuck it.”

The following additional rules and tournament bracket are the result of that fateful meeting.

**Exciting new Beer-Bike rules**

1. **Will Rice** vs. **GSA** (4)

   For the first time in recent history, the Graduate Student Association will be fielding a team of bikers and chuggers who are not dog-sixed drunk. Despite their best efforts, though, beer will still be below the level of the experienced but overworn Will Rice College men’s team. Early reports indicate that the GSA team is planning to enter a roundabout missile in lieu of their 10th biker, which will result in their immediate disqualification.

2. **Brontel** vs. **Incarnate Word** (4)

   Having beaten Baker College’s team in the play-in match last week, newcomer Incarnate Word Academy seems to be the most underrated team in the pool. Despite their inclusion, Incarnate Word is Catholic high school for girls, we expect them to be strong contenders for the championship. Their strengths, based on education, school spirit and cartoon paddlers will give them the skills they need to face any opponent at any time. Their few round opponents, Brontel, is suffering from an existential crisis. Baker College’s fanaticism is now in toxication, leaving only Brown.

   Will Rice by at least two full laps.

   Hanssen (2) vs. **Wiess** (3)

   Although these teams are more or less evenly matched, Hammen’s freshman had the worst opponent—biker-knockdown (10%) percentage in the league during pre-Beer-Bike water-balloon-throwing trials. Their aim was true an abysmal 2.3 percent of the time, suggesting that Wiess may be able to use at least eight out of 10 intended bikers. We expect this match to close but our prediction is for Wiess to finish out the Final Four.

**CHAMPIONSHIP**

Will Rice vs. **Incarnate Word**

We predict that Will Rice, basking from the Beer-Bike and Incarnate Word, predicated champion of the Beer-Bike Region, will come head-to-head in the championship. This will produce a classic match up of the most overrated and the most underexposed.

One in a right match, and we expect WRC to put up a good fight. But Will Rice will win in the end, and the short of the victory that their college identity should desperately depends on.

True, the DFA Falcons have never participated in the Beer-Bike event. But from what we hear, these Catholic schoolboys are good at chugging.

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