ID holders turned away from Greenspan, Putin speeches

by Mark Berenson
Thursday Edition Staff

Hundreds of students attempting to attend this week's speeches by Alan Greenspan and Vladimir Putin were unable to gain admission. Some students who had tickets left without seats, as did others who had waited on standby for hours prior to the event.


Both speeches were held at Stude Concert Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall, which seated about 770 people for each speech. Facilities manager Mark Morris said the event was made possible by Webcast and on-campus closed-circuit TV. Overflow rooms at Baker Hall, with seating for 200 standby tickets, were also provided. W.O. King, the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy administrator, said 309 tickets were available for Rice students, staff and faculty for the speech by Russian President Vladimir Putin, held Wednesday at noon (See Story, Page 7). In addition, 20 standby tickets were available.

Tickets were available Nov. 5, and King said they were all reserved by the morning of Nov. 7. Some students who attempted to attend Putin's speech said no one with a standby ticket got in, and around 30 to 40 people with regular tickets were able to get in.

Wosu College freshman Carolyn Sylvia, who got a ticket last week, said she arrived at Alice Pratt Brown at about 11:20 a.m. and was told she would not be allowed into Stude Hall because more members of the Russian press showed up than expected. Seating opened at 10:30 a.m., and all audience members were told they needed to be in their seats by 11:30 a.m.

King said he was not sure what happened. Baker Institute Director Edward Djerejian said 300 tickets were made available for Putin's speech, which was held Wednesday at noon. He said the other students had to wait in line for regular-tickets were unable to get in.

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Houston Police Department officers secure the area by the intramural fields where helicopters transporting Russian President Vladimir Putin landed Wednesday.

Buses late after formal

by Lindsey Gilbert

At Monday's SA meeting, SA President Jamie Lisagor and Gavin Parks presented three possibilities for re-scheduling the day of classes missed due to the observance.

The first option proposed holding classes on Sept. 2, Labor Day, the second option on Oct. 15, the second day of fall break, and the third option on Dec. 9, the Monday of "dead week," the period between the end of classes and exams. According to a straw poll taken at

Move into the Allen Center

Migration without an exit ends today at 5 p.m. Afterwards, to sign-up for self-scheduled exams next week. Forms are available at the Registrar's Office and are due the Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Getting out of town

Rice shuttle buses will be operating to and from Hobby Airport for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thankfully gone

There will be no issue of the Rice Thresher for the next week due to Thanksgiving break. We will be enjoying turkey dinner and our insulation. We encourage you to do the same.

Happy Thanksgiving!

More students studying abroad in spring

by Kevin Graham

More Rice students plan to study abroad next semester but fewer international students are applying to come here compared to last year, said study abroad advisers and Admission Office employees said.

Study Abroad Advisor Vicki Seidel-West said 15 percent more students plan to study abroad next semester than last spring despite projections that the Sept. 11 attacks would decrease the number of Rice students studying in other countries.

“Not to say that the events of Sept. 11 and their after-effects are not being taken lightly,” Seidel-West said. “Rather, Rice’s processes for ensuring the safety of our students abroad have been in place well before the Sept. 11恐怖事件.”

Shuttle service to the Space Center ran fairly smoothly. Rice Program Counselor Linda Hamsaid, said, but buses returning students to Rice ran into delays. A wave of students left promptly after the shuttle, some arriving at 2:30 a.m. The next shuttle did not arrive at NASA until 3:30 a.m. with the final shuttle following at 3:45.

At least 100 students, including Baker College freshman Annie Halsey, were stranded outside the Space Center for over an hour and a half waiting for a return shuttle. "I didn’t really anticipate leaving [NASA] at two because there were so many people leaving at the same time," Halsey said. "But I thought maybe 2:30 since the shuttles were supposed to run every half hour." Halsey and Tawseirr said the shuttle made low, contributing to the shuttle confusion.

Although the contract covered the loss of between 5 and 7 m., Melita and Tawseirr said the bus would not be covered.

Happy Thanksgiving!
I'm part of the problem

Anthrax might just make us die laughing

If levels of discomfort can be measured by amounts of laughter, anthrax has really got us squirming in our seats.

Almost every time I check my mail, I hear at least one crack about anthrax. The rhetoric routinely grosses us out with the notion that someone has anthrax. It's as bad as: "Oh!" And every time, someone laughs or rolls their eyes. My favorite: "But they're nonperishable. They can't be hurt or dangerous."

We can't forget about forwarded e-mails like this: "Dear newsletter reader, announcing a temporary closure of Texas A&M, due to the Dallas Cowboys players. Players found an undelivered white powder on the ground which was later ruled to be the goal line. All these jokes are accompanied by laughter previously reserved for post-Columbine gun control school shootings. Such jokes are funny, but they're not funny because they make a situation seem less threatening."

So, why do we laugh? Sometimes an inappropriate, humorous approach can make us laugh. If something is serious, a tongue-in-cheek approach can make it appear more manageable and less threatening.

In theory, anthrax pranks shouldn't be funny, because they really frighten people and waste time. They also pose the risk of desensitizing people to the seriousness of the situation.

That's why we're not laughing. We're laughing because it's not real. We're laughing because it's not real.

Carly Kocurek

The Rice emperors wear no clothes

Courses in life skills, not wealth acquisition

Rice is scoring up its academic credibility. The Rice Council has just tightened its penalty schedule, the Registrar's Office has prepared a new online course registration system, and the Committee on Examination and Standing has given notice that it "didn't feel like it" will no longer be accepted as an excuse for a late course drop.

But these efforts will soon be brushed aside by a fresh threat that the administration has not anticipated: the course credit they make an alarming situation less threatening.

Sure, they're a little scary, not to mention intimidating, irresponsible, and cruel. But some of these pranks are not just not funny. Go ahead — laugh a little. Just because we're at war doesn't mean everything has to stop. But on the other hand, we shouldn't be laughing at a little less threatening.

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Rice University might be a better place if it let students have fun, take a break from their studies, and laugh a little. Why do we laugh? It's because the pause for reflection, the opportunity to make light of things, and the chance to laugh are important. But we're Americans. We like to laugh. It's part of our culture. It's what makes us human. We laugh through the tough times. At the height of Cold War, when everyone was afraid of Soviet missiles, we laughed. In the face of abortion clinic bombings, we got a good laugh. And thank goodness we have "MAD TV" and "Saturday Night Live" reminding us how ludicrous things are.

Something about practical jokes tries toettes dangerous once you can help people laugh. It opened a letter with a white powder. I'd treat it like it was real. But I'm a college student, and I don't think that as an individual I'd be the effective target for attack. Most likely, it would be some foreign entity that wouldn't make it through our systems. Nobody's seen some powder called "anthrax" in Lincoln, Neb. "Cruising around with vanity plates that read AIN'T IRAQ" and incorporating the holidays into our day, our Christmas theming, and so on. It's pretty funny.

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America’s reaction to Sept. 11 inexcusable

Everyone in the United States was shocked and left befuddled by the videotaped attacks on New York and the Pentagon. The terrorism and its consequences are mass murder; the number of dead and wounded is staggering. The world is reeling from the grim realization that, for all the good that we thought we knew, terror attacks can be committed against us in our own backyard.

What’s wrong with this picture?

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On Nov. 6, Houston voters passed Proposition 2 by a narrow margin of 52 percent, awarding the city charter deep "health care and other employment benefits to same-sex domestic partners of city employees," because of the passage of Proposition 2, the city charter supposedly protects the sanctity of "traditional marriage" from the "evil" of gay couples. It shouldn’t surprise me, but it does. Just pass the civil unions law.

"We’ve heard this ‘threat to the sanctity of marriage’ rhetoric before. People shouldn’t choose the least worse evil; it’s a threat to the sanctity of marriage. Blacks shouldn’t have to wait for it. It’s a threat to the sanctity of marriage. Women should be treated like their husbands, it’s a threat to the sanctity of marriage. Let us ask you something: Many people of opposite sexes can get married and handle the issue is to take place or if those responsible for the terrorist acts are to be brought to justice in an orderly way.

...War not only increases the moral burdens we must bear, but in contradistinction, it is the most important instrument of American strategy. The United States is the world’s largest and most powerful armed force. It is the only country capable of projecting power in all parts of the world. The United States has the military strength to protect its interests and those of its allies. The United States has the economic power to influence the world economy. The United States has the intellectual and cultural power to shape the world’s perceptions. The United States has the political power to shape the world’s future.

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“Proposition 2 was a clear violation of the law. The Texas Constitution prohibits the state from passing any law that would discriminate against a class of people on the basis of their sexual orientation. The city charter provides for the city council to adopt and amend the city’s employment policies. The city council has the power to adopt and amend the city’s employment policies.”

Guarant Merriam

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If you are opposed to homosexuals...being afforded all of the rights and privileges that heterosexuals have, then you are, by definition, a bigot.

...there’s no reason to comment on the election results or world outside of the Rice campus in the weekly staff editorial.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cardio room opens

The new cardiovascular workout room at the Recreation Center opened Nov. 6th with "tirs" machines, including treadmills and exercise bikes.

Prior to the addition of the new machines, the Rec. Center offered three treadmills and four exercise bikes in the weight room.

Located across from the operations desk and adjacent to the men's locker room, the cardio room was converted from a squash court. The $72,000 project began in March 2001 with funding from the Office of Student Affairs.

"The cardio room was pricey, but we at Autry saw a need," Assistant Dean Michael Hammond said.

Assistant Fitness Director Felicia Silverman said the additions were "a cardiovascular room for students."

The room now has been the most-used workout facility at the Rec Center, with peak hours between 4:30 and 9:00 p.m.

Interim Shepherd School dean appointed

Professor of Musicology Anne Schnoebelen will become interim dean of the Shepherd School of Music upon confirmation of current Dean Michael Hammond's nomination for chair of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Hammond, dean of the Shepherd School since 1986, will serve as the eighth chair of the NEA if the U.S. Senate confirms his nomination. Schnoebelen, who was appointed by Process Eugene Levy and President Malcolm Gillis, will fill the position until a new dean is chosen.

Schnoebelen has been a faculty member at the Shepherd School since 1974. She served as interim dean in the 1970s and has acted as chair of the musicology department and director of graduate studies.

"I think a number of faculty mentioned to the provost that she would be a good person and I certainly thought so," Hammond said. "She's been here since the beginning of the (Shepherd) school and has been a very important person in the school all of these years.

"Schnoebelen is currently on sabbatical, researching 17th-century Italian sacred music. She said she has been cataloging printed sources of this type of music for many years, but becoming dean will delay her research.

"I'm sure it will postpone it for a while, and I'll catch up with it later on after I finish the deanship," Schnoebelen said.

"I'm excited to be able to do it because she's just a year from retirement, and she's on sabbatical this year," Hammond said. "But she's very devoted to the school and was willing to do all of that, which is a lucky thing because she's the best person by far for the job.

Next semester a committee will be formed to conduct a national and international search for a new dean. Both Hammond and Schnoebelen said the process can be lengthy, and Schnoebelen estimates that she will hold the deanship for at least one year.

"I was among the original faculty of the Shepherd School, and I'm very much devoted to it," Schnoebelen said. "It seemed that I would be the logical person, I suppose, to serve as the interim dean since I love the school so well.

Hammond said he does not know when he will take his new position, but he thinks he will be at Rice at least until the end of the semester.

— Liora Dannan
The next meeting will be held Monday in Willy’s Pub in the Student Center at 10 p.m.

In last week’s feature photo “He’s got the gumbas,” Jones Graduate School of Management Research Analyst Todd Mazer’s (Sd ’01) title was incorrect. The event was sponsored by the Rice Program Council.

Also in the Nov. 9 issue, the Page 7 jump headlining “Faculty Council to consider canceling classes Sept. 11” should have stated that University Council would be considering canceling classes (See Story, Page 1).

This Thresher regrets the errors.

Security issues affect capacity, venue

"Some thing happened on Sept. 11, because it sensitized the youth of America that policy matters."

— Edward Djerejian

Baker Institute director

Djerejian denied reports that Shell Oil, a large donor to the Baker Institute, had received a large number of tickets, saying Shell had re- turned “something like two or six tickets to Putin’s speech.”

"Many students complained that the availability of tickets for the Putin event was not well publicized.

"I thought I announced a couple of weeks before that the Baker Institute had to complement their academic study and that of hearing some of the world’s leaders to our students," Sylvan said.

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Despite distant venue, formal's attendance up

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company had agreed to make trips for the students. A representative from "A" First Class, which is the shuttle service, confirmed this agreement and cited unappreciable peak departures as the main reason for the holdup.

"When we got ready to go, everybody didn’t come out at the same time, and that was where the problems came in," the spokesperson said.

In addition, drivers returning to the space center for the final two packages reported 15 to 20 minutes due to highway construction. Derrick Matthews, a Will Rice College freshman, said we missed the expressway to eliminate the delays and too many stranded students that too much traffic was causing.

"They didn’t ask us what way things were going on at all," Matthews said. "We got outside at 2:10 and there were no shuttle relationships. They didn’t even know if there was another one coming."

Mehra said she made an appointment about 2:45 affirming that more shuttles were on route, but the shuttle drivers said they would be back at Rice in 10 minutes.

Several anxious students called the University Police. AFP President Angela Mehta said she received a phone call from a police dispatcher at 3 a.m. the following day, saying that there were going to keep coming until everybody had been on the move. She contacted Hanszen College’s senior class representative and explained there were non-space center to the Space Center transportation problems. Some reported confusion due to incorrect directions on the back of the expressway tickets.

"I was going to follow the directions on the ticket," Hanszen freshman Elizabeth Fomby said. "Luckily, I thought of asking for assistance from the shuttle service, and they gave me directions on the ticket, but it wasn’t as clear as it could’ve been."

According to AFP Treasure Devine, a Will Rice freshman, it is too early to determine the effects of Eternanza, a music event scheduled for Wednesday.

"I think it will be similar to the events last year, where we brought in bands, and almost a couple hundred dollars, Devine said. "But I’m not sure if we’ll have the same amount of people as last year."

Mehra said that the students were pleased with the success of this year’s event. She noted that it was a lot of fun because it was a lot easier to get there, and there was a lot of traffic.

"I think that it was a lot better than last year," Mehta said. "We had less problems and more shuttles."
Greenspan discusses energy, ethics and studying economics

by Shye Schell
THE TIMES
tuesday Nov. 13

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan urged Rice students to be ethical in business and life during his speech about the future of our nation's energy policy Tuesday.

Greenspan, who has served as chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System since 1987, and delivered the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy's Enron Prize Tuesday night in Stude Concert Hall.

"With rapid scientific advances, it is not inconceivable that technological breakthroughs will allow unconventional energy sources to play a larger role in meeting our demand for energy than in currently the case," he said.

Greenspan ended his speech with a summary of his policy thoughts and his conception of the future of our country's energy sources.

"As always, national security and environmental concerns need to be addressed in setting policy," he said. "But those concerns should be addressed in a manner that is in the greatest extent possible, does not distort or stifle the meaningful functioning of our markets."

Baker Institute Director Edward Djerejian then read a number of questions submitted by the audience.

One question asked Greenspan what advice he would give students entering the current job market.

Instead of discussing ways for students to cope with a tightened market, Greenspan talked about the business values necessary for all times.

"If you give the same advice to people whether you were in a tight potential labor market or one which is less promising," he said. "I don't know what's best for the young students coming out today. Clearly, it's a lot less impressive than say couple years ago, but it's not important. I'll take you a little longer to get a job, but that's all it is--it's a little longer."

He advised students to ethic business practices, work in creating areas and not manipulate others to gain success.

"The best chance you have of making a big success in this world is to decide that what you're going to do it ethically," he said. "What you're going to fail is not necessarily that if you're ethical you're going to succeed, but the probability that you will is significantly greater."

The final audience question came from a student who wanted to know what Greenspan's job entailed and how he decided to follow a career in economics.

Greenspan said he began as a professional musician but became interested in economics during his youth visits between bands. He said after he stumbled upon the economics text by chance, he became fascinated by the subject and kept searching for more literature.

"I finally found out that really was looking forward to not playing during the sets but going to the bookstore breaks [to read about economics]," Greenspan said. "And I said, 'If I'm doing this, I'm in the wrong business.'"

And that was the best economic move or judgment I have ever made," he said.

The Baker Institute awarded Greenspan the Enron Prize. Past recipients include U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, former South African President Nelson Mandela, Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze and U.S. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

"We feel that Greenspan, having been for many years both of the Federal Reserve system, has played such a critical role in the stabilization and growth of the U.S. economy and has been perceived as perhaps the single most important individual in terms of economic policy of the last few years," Djerejian said.

Some audience members complained that not enough students were admitted to the event (see Story, Page 1). However, many students who did attend spoke positively about Greenspan's talk.

Hansen College freshman Wadie Malouf said he appreciated the ethics discussion but felt Greenspan's remarks could have leaned more on the current job situation.

"They were kind of guarded in terms of if they didn't talk much about the actual job market. He kind of talked more about in general how to be a good employee," Malouf said.

Hansen sophomore Blake Sanders disagreed.

"I found his last comments to the students, about what to do picking out into the economy, to be very helpful," Sanders said. "I was just an impressionable thing to hear, and I felt that I was quite young, and I think that I was also valuable for students, especially."
Putin advocates closer U.S.-Russian relationship

by Olivia Allison

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"Russia continues to be a reliable and predictable partner as a supplier of raw oil and other natural resources," Putin said. "Putin concluded his speech by observing that the Islamic republics of Afghanistan and the anti-ballistic missile defense and the current situation in Afghanistan." Putin said during most of his speech. Putin said although NATO was created to combat the Soviet Union, he saw no reason why Russia should not cooperate with the organization.

"The North Atlantic Treaty was signed by 12 European countries in 1949 to create an organization with the ability to protect its members against aggression from communist countries. In 1991, former communist countries Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic joined NATO.

Putin said Russia's concern was to be included in decision-making before it considered helping NATO in Afghanistan.

"If we succeed in finding a mechanism that will enable us to involve Russia in decision-making, then we will find qualitative and quantitative changes in dealing with the Northern Alliance," Putin said.

Audience members applauded Putin's statement that he stood behind an announcement, which he and President George W. Bush issued Tuesday, that Russia would match U.S. cutbacks of nuclear weapons.

"But we have thousands of warheads that can destroy many major powers many times over, and the U.S., like Russia, is capable of being engaged in using weapons of mass destruction, simultaneously with other nuclear powers," Putin said. "But even a madman would not think of such a scenario... If we work together, we can make the world a much safer place to live.

In response to the final question about reform to increase privatized land in Russia, Putin said the issue was emotional as well as legal. He said Russians worried that quickly privatized land could become concentrated in the hands of a few powerful figures, who would use the land to help Russia's economy.

"Have really one way that is the way toward market-oriented reform, and we will pursue this road," Putin said. "But taking into account historical conditions, we will proceed very carefully.

Putin said his voice changes — is a worthwhile hearing experience," Lane said. "Especially coming from what you're watching his mannerisms closely with your own eyes and not through a television set — the way he talks, how his voice changes — is a worthwhile experience," Lane said.

"I think Putin's speech was an important event. Just seeing him in person was illuminating because it is much less an academic talk than it was a PR talk," he said. Putin's presence on campus made world events seem close.

"When it's nearby and it becomes tangible in a sense, you really feel like you're connecting with history and international politics," he said. Other students, including some who received tickets before the event, could not get a seat at the event, Lane said.

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"We may see the international numbers grow a little bit," Browning said. "It is early. The mail usually picks up after Thanksgiving." If international applications do decline, Browning said a way to increase applications would be by networking with international counselors abroad.

Browning said the new International Universities Bremis is modeled after Rice, might also be helpful in increasing enrollment. "We hope that the relationship we have with EUB will help to create a map of a Rice presence in Europe," Browning said.

Browning attributed part of the decline in applications to fear of increased difficulty in obtaining a visa for the United States. Some international students may face problems when they try to renew their student visas. The U.S. Department of State is reevaluating how it grants nonimmigrant visas, Director of International Students and Scholars, Adria Baker said.

Baker said Congress passed a law creating an online system to track international students and scholars through the Immigration and Naturalization Service in 1996. However, the system was not established because of delays and revisions to the law.

Baker said she assumes the tracking process will begin soon, even though the United States has not specified the nature of its new policy.

The system would require universities to report the enrollment status of international students to the government — for example, whether an international student dropped below full-time status or withdrew from the university. "We assume this process will be underway soon, as opposed to continued past delays and revisions we were seeing," Baker said.

Baker said Rice's rules for international students will only change if U.S. laws are changed. Although no legislation has been created concerning international students, federal investigators have contacted over 200 colleges across the nation to collect information about students from Middle Eastern countries, according to an article in The New York Times Monday.

Student information that can be released to the government includes their application for admission, high school transcript and previous college transcript or Advanced Placement test scores, Registrar Jerry Montag said.

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International students

International early decision applications fell by 56 percent to 11 applications from last year's 22, Dean for Undergraduate Enrollment, Julie Browning said. She said it is too early to determine if there will be a decrease in international applicants since all interim and regular decision applications have not yet been received.

"Of course, we can't predict how things will play out in the international war on terrorism, so we will continue to stay on top of the matter," Seefeldt-West said. "We hope that the relationship we have with EUB will help to create a map of a Rice presence in Europe," Browning said.

"Not only can they read the Department of Homeland Security, but they can probably read the situation of the country, we would give this information out. Given the situation of the country, we would give this information to international students if they made such a request," Baker said.

Brown College freshman Sevakan Nagisetty, a student from India, said he does not think releasing general information is unfair to international students, but the United States should avoid monitoring students.

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Soccer falls to Hawaii
Rice ranked second among first-year programs

The Owls' senior midfielder Sarah Yoder said, "And now we know what we need to work on, so we'll come back and be a stronger team next season."

The Owls won the regular-season meeting with Hawaii, defeating the Rainbow Wahine 3-2 in overtime. Rice has routed Boise State over four of its last five games.

"We need to work on defending our corner kicks, which became the game's deciding factor — both Hawaii goals were scored off headers of corner kicks," Yoder said. "We could only defend the corner kicks, this game would have turned out much different."

However, disappointing the finish was, for the Owls, this was an incredible inaugural season by all accounts. SoccerBuzz.com ranked the Owls second among the nation's first-year NCAA Division I programs, behind only Brigham Young University, which has had a varsity team for 16 years but competed in Division I for the first time this year.

The Owls also placed three members on all-WAC teams, as Yoder, senior goalkeeper Amanda Gar- rison and freshman defender Caitlin Carr are all-WAC. Houston was named WAC Coach of the Year, and the Owls could place fourth in the last year's WAC tournament.

"We had so many deserving players on this team," Huston said. "We're very proud of the girls. It's a great showing for a first-year team."

The Owls are concerned less about ranking history, however, than about beating an opponent that has defeated them the past two seasons. Last year's game, played in front of the largest crowd in Sun Bowl history, ended in particularly ugly fashion for the Owls as the Miners clinched a share of the Western Athletic Conference title.

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THE FIELD
The fourth-seeded Owls begin play in the WAC tournament today, with the winner earning an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Here’s a brief look at each team in the field.

Record: 20-8 (8-4)
Outlook: The Spartans are a disciplined and patient team. They have the homecourt advantage — they went 9-2 at home, with one of the losses a five-setter against San Jose State. Hawaii, San Jose State also makes SMU, however — a similar setup to our team — they’re systematic, they come out with the upper hand.

San Jose State
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Outlook: The Spartans are a young team with no seniors. They have the homecourt advantage — they were 2-2 at home, including sweeping Fresno State. The Owls have overpowered their opponents with their two outside hitters, senior middle blocker Brina Cook and senior middle blocker Courtney Smith. The Owls have the homecourt advantage — they went 2-2 against the five WAC teams from the West, and 4-0 against the East.

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The Owls, however, were the one East team to knock off Fresno State, sweeping the Bulldogs 3-0 Oct. 7. Rice has won three straight over Fresno State after sweeping the Bulldogs last season.

If we’re playing stable, the way we played them last time we played against Fresno, we’ll beat them just as easily as we did in the past,” Smith said. “But the difference between this team this year and the teams of the past is that we are coming out and we did win that match. We still stick with it and beat them at the point where they are our team.

The Owls will face fifth-seeded SMU, who was ranked first-team all-WAC and beat them, no matter what the score. They pull out all the stops.

The Bulldogs are led by senior middle blocker Shauna McQuaid, who was named first-team all-WAC. Junior outside hitter Christy Burnett and freshman setter Whitney Armon were named second-team all-WAC. The Owls hope to put the clamp on McQuaid and Burnett as well as they did in the last meeting between the teams, when McQuaid had just 11 kills and seven errors and Burnett was held to five kills and four errors.

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Unless fewer seeded teams score upsets, Rice will have to beat three teams from the WAC to take the conference title. The WAC’s top three teams, Hawaii, the University of Nevada and San Jose State University, are the three teams that should be more of a challenge.

But the Owls maintain their growth significantly since their matches against the trio and believe their ability to fend off a first-ever conference title, as well as they did in the last meeting between the teams, when McQuaid had just 11 kills and seven errors and Burnett was held to five kills and four errors.

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I just one victory away from securing this week against UTEP," Hatfield, one of the two bowl games with home games in their senior year. The Owls are going to focus on our stadium. They had a great game and the Owls may be an attractive team to fill the slot. Hatfield insists that it's too early to think about the different bowl scenarios. "I tell everyone that's it's too early to worry about it," Hatfield said. "We have to play in our way and just play in our way and play good the next two weeks — and into the two weeks — then I think we could worry about it."

"If we're always thinking about that, we have no control over things that go on behind closed doors. The only thing we have control over is to be a team that's good, that's exciting. That would be a team — if we finish out the season good and get invited to a bowl — that would be wonderful and a good opponent for someone in a postseason game. That's all we can control right now."

One thing that is certain is that tomorrow's home game will be the final one for 25 seniors. In the midst of their most successful season to date, they have a chance to compete in a bowl game, which some seniors admit the fact that this will be their last home game has not hit them yet. "I don't know how I'll feel knowing that I'll be walking off the field for the last time," senior linebacker Jamie Tyler said. "We're playing our last two games, and we hope these last two games, I know that as a team we look forward to finishing this type of season this year."

The Owls have scored 653 yards, including 498 on the ground, the first time this season in their history they're allowed to do it. "It was good to see Vincent Hawkins have the kind of day he had because he's such an all-around player and he plays hard all the time," head coach Ken Hatfield said.

Vincent Hawkins rushed for touchdowns, including his nine-yard run back Nick Berry and freshman running back Vincent Hawkins and freshman running back Ed Berry, who rushed for the first touchdowns of their Rice careers. Hawkins led all Owls with 145 yards on the ground, the first time this season in his career he's matched triple digits. "I thought we played extremely well," Hatfield said. "We didn't let them take the ball and scored right away. We didn't let them do the things that we needed to do. Our receivers just made some terrific catches. It was a great day for our first two."

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"I will be disappointed if we are not in postseason play."  

Such are men’s basketball head coach Willis Wilson’s expectations for the 2001-02 season. Strong words for a team that hasn’t competed in the National Invitation Tournament since 1987 and has been absent from the NCAA tournament since 1970. Yet Wilson was calm and confident as he addressed members of the media Nov. 9.  

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Wilson and Erik Cooper, Wilson and this year’s team are still not straying away from lofty expectations.

After ending their season at 14-16 with a loss to Fresno State University in the quarterfinals of last year’s Western Athletic Conference tournament, the Owls pledged they would go further this year.

"After the WAC tournament last year, we set it as a goal to go to the postseasen, " junior guard Omar-Seli Mance said.

If the Owls are going to make the postseason, they will have to find some offense to replace Wilks and Cooper. Wilks was second in the team in scoring last season, averaging 20.1 points per game, and Cooper chipped in over 13 points per game. Both players were recently drafted into the National Basketball Developmental League, the minor league affiliated with the National Basketball Association.

The responsibility falls to the backcourt starting five — Mance, senior center T.J. McKrieth and sophomore Rashid Smith — to lead the team on offense. Tyndell has demonstrated the most potential to score of the group, starting every game last season and averaging 10.5 points per game. He tallied a three-pointer in 28 of the team’s 30 games, failing to do so only in the team’s season-ending loss to Fresno State. Wilson expects Tyndell to be employed in almost any position on the court this year, more often at small forward.

Our big guys are so much better as a group than we were at the start of last year."  

— Willis Wilson  

Head men’s basketball coach

Mance will join Tyndell in the backcourt at the shooting guard position. Last season, Mance started at point guard by default after McKenzie’s injury and earned a starting role at the shooting guard spot. Freshman guard Brock Gillespie, a McDonald’s All-America nominee out of Clarksville, Tenn., will also see time at the point guard spot, and freshman shooting guard Jason McKrieth, who led Schenectady High School in a 28.1 record and was the most valuable player of the Class A New York public school state tournament, should contribute immediately as a shooting guard.

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"We possess a level maturity that I haven’t seen in a freshman in this program in a long time," Wilson said. "We’re just in and most likely be our best athlete.

The Owls are a very big team. The 6-foot-11 McKenzie  

Rice struggled offensively at times last season — Rice had 11 scoreless droughts of over five minutes last year — and skeptics say the Owls will be paralyzed by the loss of Wilks and Cooper. The Owls are quick to point out, however, that many other scorers were out of action or slowed by injuries, and now they look forward to running a more multidimensional offense.

"This year, instead of looking to Mike or Coop, we are going to depend on each other and make each other better in every facet of the game," Mance said.

And although last season’s game was just as exhibition game, scoring 104 points in 10 minutes of a team with nowhere to turn for offense.

"We’re not really pressured — it’s just go out there and play," Mance said.

Everyone on the team is capable of scoring and there’s going to be someone every night who can step up and score.

A group of young but talented athletes fill out the Owls backcourt. Junior Michael Walton and sophomore Rashid Smith are expected to share time at the point this season. Freshman guard Brock Gillespie, a McDonald’s All-America nominee out of Clarksville, Tenn., will also see time at the point guard spot, and freshman shooting guard Jason McKrieth, who led Schenectady High School in a 28.1 record and was the most valuable player of the Class A New York public school state tournament, should contribute immediately as a shooting guard.

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"We possess a level maturity that I haven’t seen in a freshman in this program in a long time," Wilson said. "We’re just in and most likely be our best athlete.

The Owls are a very big team. The 6-foot-11 McKenzie  

Rice struggled offensively at times last season — Rice had 11 scoreless droughts of over five minutes last year — and skeptics say the Owls will be paralyzed by the loss of Wilks and Cooper. The Owls are quick to point out, however, that many other scorers were out of action or slowed by injuries, and now they look forward to running a more multidimensional offense.

"This year, instead of looking to Mike or Coop, we are going to depend on each other and make each other better in every facet of the game," Mance said.

And although last season’s game was just as an exhibition game, scoring 104 points in 10 minutes of a team with nowhere to turn for offense.

"We’re not really pressured — it’s just go out there and play," Mance said.

Everyone on the team is capable of scoring and there’s going to be someone every night who can step up and score.
Rice tips off season tonight vs. Navy

by Jonathan Yardley

Admittedly, preseason exhibition games are not the real thing. But if shooting statistics are any indication, the Rice men’s basketball team is in good shape heading into its early-season schedule.

The Owls shot over 49 percent from the field in their 104-73 win over Branch West Basketball Academy. Morgan is part of an experienced frontcourt that will be one of Rice’s biggest strengths this season.

Junior center Ferron Morgan grabs a rebound in Rice’s 104-73 exhibition win Sunday over Branch West Basketball Academy. Morgan is part of an experienced frontcourt that will be one of Rice’s biggest strengths this season.

Offense shines in win

Mance scores 19 to lead balanced Owl attack

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Cross country falters at regionals

Boyd says swimmers can do better

Fresno St. favored in competitive WAC

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WAC courses picked Rice to finish ninth in the preseason poll. Pot relays, with each team's record from last season (a tiebreaker for two points is worth nine points, a second place for nine points, etc.).

Fresno State (20-1) 81

San Jose State (20-7) 78

Texas Tech (20-8) 69

SMU (18-12) 66

Texas A&M (18-14) 60

Louisiana Tech (18-13) 56

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Players get dangerously crafty with ‘Liaisons’

Natalia Alvandi

The Rice Thresher

Sex is neither an expression of love nor an outlet of physical desire for La Marquise de Merteuil and her paws, La Vicomte de Valmont. The characters in the Rice Players’ current production of Les Liaisons Dangereuses are seen as simply a means to a seductive and abortive end: victory.

Although this play isn’t a showstopper, it’s a pleasant, well-directed thrill. The play’s fertile, satirical, and biting wit make this production shine. The cast is remarkable. It’s a show that plays with form, language, and invention while leaving a great deal of room for interpretation.

Valmont (Lovett College junior Yanai Taji, left) seduces Madame de Tourvel (James College junior Annie Bournier) in Les Liaisons Dangereuses.

Grammar be damned in RDT’s unorthodox ‘Participle’

Melissa Bailey

The Rice Thresher

What’s your dysfunction? It’s a question that has been asked many times, but the answer is often left unanswered. In a world where language is becoming more and more complex, it’s important to understand the role that grammar plays in our daily lives.

The show ‘Les Liaisons Dangereuses’ is a perfect example of how grammar can be used as a tool to express oneself. In this play, the characters use language as a weapon to manipulate each other, and the audience.

There are high in this game of seduction. If he can get Tourvel to admit her love for him in writing, then he can have a night in bed with Merteuil. Needless to say, the treachery of both Valmont and Merteuil is enormous. And while the men wear fashionable clothes, the women are dressed less fashionably. The story occasionally jumps from one scene to another without much transition. However, the performances are excellent, and the actors give their best efforts in portraying the characters. The play is solid. Although the script drags in some places, the overall effect is a remarkable show. It’s a show that’s worth the time for anyone who appreciates good drama.
Amelie (Audrey Tautou) lets the audience know how many couples in Paris are having orgasms right now. She's funny, energetic and not too hard on the eyes. It's impossible to imagine a known actress or less talented unknowns filling the role as well as she does, although she'll rekindle the audience's enthusiasm of another Audrey. The one from the Rhenish family.

Amelie is strikingly similar to Reeni Lake, Raw in style and still unpolished. While the former isn't as kinetic as her German cousin, she has that same air of innocence that lends itself to perfect timing as well as an intimate cinematography and choppy editing. Amelie also boasts some impressive special effects that lend themselves to the almost fairy-tale atmosphere. But that's something new in Jeanne's.
Leaves the party at 3 a.m.

Friday, November 16

Learn about the mysterious inner workings of automobiles at a CAR REPAIR workshop and tour from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Ray Courtyard of the Rice Memorial Center.

At 7:35 p.m., head to Aubry Court to watch the men's BASKETBALL team officially begin the season versus Navy. This is also the night of Jungle Gym Jam, and free T-shirts will go to the first 500 students. Free Jamba Juice will also be given to the first 200 students.

SYZYGY presents a free performance with David Storbin on guitar and George Ovual playing percussion in Duncan Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall at 6 p.m.

Are you ready to listen? KTRU presents The Gloria Record, Elizabeth Elmore, and Aspera and the Liars tonight at 7 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the RMC.

The Rice Media Center is showing a sneak preview of SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK at 7:30 p.m. Pick up free passes beforehand at the Media Center.

Baker College's magical musical comedy PIPPIN runs at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday in the Baker Commons. Tickets are $4 for Row students and $5 general admission.

Better than Chef Hanfords! At 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday, the Rice Players production of LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES runs in Hamman Hall. Call 1-800-348-5238 to reserve tickets. $4 for Rice students, $5 for faculty/staff and $6 general admission.

Baker College PUB NIGHT is from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in Wily's Pub.

The Architectural Society of Rice wants your body for its BODY ART exhibition from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Interested? Send an email to Ian Garrett at igarrett@rice.edu with your name, e-mail address, phone number and intended medium.

Saturday, November 17

The men's side RUGBY team takes on Louisiana State University at 2 p.m. at the rugby field.

The football team tackles the University of Texas El Paso at 7 p.m. at Rice Stadium. Be there or be square, or Gillis-shaped if you like.

Rice Dance Theatre presents DANGLING PARTICIPLE at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Hjp Studio in the Recreation Center. Send an email to Julie Buehler at juibel@rice.edu for tickets ($4 for Rice affiliates, $7 general).

KTRU presents The Gloria Record, Dizzieck Emore, and Aspera and the Liars at 9 p.m. in the Lozott College basement. The CONCERT is free for Rice students and $8 for non-Rice people.

Get your Latin fix at DIGITAL UNDERGROUNDS. There will be free dancing lessons, food, music and lots of Latin dancing from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in Wily's Pub.

The Shepherd School Opera presents DIALOGUES OF THE CARMELITES tonight, Monday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Northam Opera Theatre in Alice Pratt Brown Hall. Admission is $5 for students and seniors and $7 general.

Tuesday, November 20

Houston city ELECTIONS runoff candidates for mayor and City Council speak about why they should hold office at a forum at 7 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the RMC.

The men's BASKETBALL team and Lamar University faceoff at 7:35 p.m. in Autry Court.

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In a move that pissed off pretty much everybody, President Malcolm Gillis vomited on Russian President Vladimir Putin after Putin injured, Gillis' shaking hand Wednesday. Apparently, Putin's strong grip俄罗斯 extended to the country's former candidate for economic rebuilding, as his meeting with Gillis (who was almost cool enough to rebuild the Russian economy) left the Rice administration with two broken fingers and a badly damaged self-esteem.

While a preliminary X-ray showed no significant damage to Gillis' right hand, a statement issued by Assis-
tant to the President Mark Schleis said Gillis will not be available to shake graduates' hands at commencement in May.

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