The agreement takes effect Jan. 1 and runs through the 2003-04 school year. KTRU will broadcast all 27 women's basketball games, one baseball game per week until classes end (for a total of 10), and 12 regular-season baseball games after classes end. In addition to the one game per week, the Athletics Department will decide three additional baseball games that will be aired before classes end. In addition, KTRU will broadcast all post-season baseball and women's basketball games.

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The elimination of the airing of men's basketball, which will now be broadcast exclusively on commercial radio, the cut in games comes from baseball, which will go from 38 regular-season games broadcast on KTRU to 25. Currently, football and men's basketball games are commercially broadcast.

In addition to airing games, the agreement stipulates that KTRU will web broadcast any games the Athletics Department wishes to be covered.

The agreement includes the broadcast of three games per week, except for when the Athletics Department requests to broadcast more games. KTRU submitted proposals to the KFC regarding what they felt was the appropriate level of athletics on KTRU. Athletics President Robby Morgan requested a continuation of the three-four policy until July 1, 2004, and KTRU requested that 40 regular season games be broadcast, with the agreement in effect through July 1, 2006. KTRU's plan was more satisfied with the length of the agreement.

However, KTRU President Aine Krieger said the agreement was not very satisfied with the length of the agreement. Krieger, a WIWSP sophomore, said the Athletics Department wanted the agreement to expire in 2004, when its commercial radio broadcast contract will end with Clear Channel.

"If the subsequent commercial agreement entailed fewer games, Krieger suspects Athletics would want more games on KTRU. However, Krieger said she felt this consideration was irrelevant. 'KTRU has a limit of athletics that it can take,' Krieger said. 'We felt that if 98 games is the maximum that we can take at KTRU in a year.'"
Making a plan, proving a point

The group of students who met at Willy’s Statue last Friday did better than protest — they discussed, they proceeded toward establishing a tradition of peaceful compromise.

Everyone acknowledges that KTRU wishes the deal involved broadcasting fewer games and the Athletics Department wishes it included broadcasting more games. There are also third parties which may not be pleased with the plan. However, the KFC worked out a compromise between the two parties' original proposals — neither party got everything they wanted.

While this deal may change when it is renegotiated in a year and a half, hopefully the cooperative spirit will continue for years to come.

Reparations can be more than just money

To the editor,

Brad Lega’s column correctly acknowledges legal difficulties in seeking reparations for slavery on behalf of ancestors (“Anna, ancient Rome reveal value of common law,” April 5). However, political opposition to reparations continues today for many African Americans and other minorities in lower economic classes.

Numerous reports highlight rates of cancer and reproductive disorders linked to toxic waste disposed on their land, in part due to the lack of state regulations on reservations and reservations in legislatures.

Hispanic and now Arab-American immigrants living in fear of deportation or discrimination are also denied equal protection under the law.

Well programs hardly provide “reparations” but punish the poor for saving money, whereas corporate welfare, which costs taxpayers far more, reimburses expenses to large companies, thus rewarding the rich.

In Texas, welfare recipients (60 percent Hispanic and over 25 percent African American) are financially discouraged from investing in education, daycare, cars or homes, perpetuating vicious cycles of ignorance and poverty.

Reparations not easily assessed or mandated by governments are more appropriately provided voluntarily through the private sector. Examples of charitable means of creating equity include homeownership programs through Habitat for Humanity and free business training through Microinsurance USA, which invests small loans in low-income neighborhoods.

Voluntary efforts in poorer communities have proven effective in addressing economic oppression still plaguing African American and other minorities. Where the law fails to provide remedies enforceable by courts, reparations for damages carried in the spirit can still come from the heart.

Emily Nguyen
Baker ’05

Insurance increase is ‘one more mistake’

To the editor:

It seems to me that the university is trying to extract money from as many possible and impossible resources, and one of them is health insurance.

I thought I would switch to Rice’s health plan after the proposed $500 health plan reimbursement for the 2002-3 academic year, but this dream faded away after I glanced through the proposed health plan fines.

The proposed $500 increase for the so-called “Plan A” leads to an approximately $200 increase for health insurance even after taking the proposed $500 graduate student subsidy into account.

Here is what I have to say to the Student Health Insurance Committee: It pays to shop around! Most likely, I will be able to find more reasonable insurance and will not go for the Rice health plan. If the Student Health Insurance Committee thinks that students will pay whatever it proposes, then they are committing one more mistake in addition to grating parking lots and hoarding money against the endowment.

Kostya Konstantinov Tsvaygboym
Chemistry department

Squirrels make funny, inclusive Backpage

To the editor:

I really enjoyed the Backpage article on squirrels (“Bush, Gillis and back squirrels in clash of civilizations”) in the April 19 issue. It captured the essence of Rice quarks that really are funny, and I found myself not only recommending it to my friends, but insisting that they read it immediately.

I appreciate the addition of inclusive humor in this section.

Katherine Ross
President
I'm part of the problem

Bridges of communication should be blown up

Communication in principle is highly oversold. I think, theoretically, communication is the best way to address things better.

Communication in real-life relationships makes us more aware of everyone's expectations in the workplace makes everyone happier and more productive. Many all have sung the praises of interpersonal communications.

For starters, let's talk. If you don't care who's happy or unhappy as long as the job gets done. Just because you work with someone doesn't mean you have a relationship with them. Besides, you can't talk about their feelings, things get messy. If everyone in an office went around telling everyone how they felt about things, or, even worse, how other people in the office felt about things, it would be virtually certain that no work would get done.

This is what the people on soap operas do. They all rant out loud about how they feel. Communication with people we do not have a relationship with is not instantaneous, either.

For starters, let's talk. All you need to talk. Nothing of the sort ever follows the phrase "We need to talk."
Teaching awards announced

by David Berry

Political Science Professor John Ambler and English Professor Dennis Huston, were among around 25 professors who won prestigious teaching awards earlier this month.

Ambler is the 2001-02 recipient of the $6,000 George R. Brown Prize for Excellence in Teaching. Rice's most prestigious teaching award. Six other Rice professors are winners of George F. Brown Awards for Superior Teaching, each worth $2,000 (See Box).

Brown Award winners were chosen by the graduating classes of 1997 and 2000, who voted earlier this year on which professors they found most impressive and influential during their time at Rice.

When asked about his teaching success at Rice, Ambler responded by praising his students.

"I came here in 1964 expecting to stay there for four years, but I'm here 38 some years later, and that has a lot to do with the students," Ambler said.

Ambler called Rice students "very smart."

"For the most part they are very interested in getting an education," Ambler said.

"There is nothing worse when you are in a classroom where there is a mutual feeling that neither the professor nor the students want to be there."

Ambler has recently been taught an introductory course in comparative politics, a 200-level class entitled "Western European Democracy" as an advanced seminar in comparative public policy.

"I would bet many of the former students who voted for me went through the whole sequence," he said.

Although Dennis Huston, a professor of English, is too young to be Brown award because he has won the maximum of six, he too received a prestigious teaching award earlier this month.

A ten-member academic committee that honors the most outstanding professors in Texas universities and colleges named Huston the recipient of the prestigious $5,000 Piper Professor Award.

Huston was named Carnegie Foundation National Professor of the Year in 1990. He is currently on sabbatical but will resume teaching next fall.

Huston could not be reached for comment, but his enthusiasm for the classroom is well known in the Rice community. In the past, Huston has held batteries at 7:00 a.m. to limit the enrollment in his classes on Shakespeare film and drama.

In addition, Computer Science Professor Ken Karp and Chemistry Professor Rick Smalley were named university professors last week, an honor that allows them to teach in any department of the university. The professors are the second and third university professors at Rice. The first title was conferred to James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy Senior Fellow Neil Lane upon his return to Rice in 2000 after serving as director of the National Science Foundation and as President Clinton's chief science and technology adviser.

AWARD WINNERS

George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching:

- Steve Cox, Computational and Applied Mathematics
- Chandler Davidson, Sociology
- Terrence Doody, English
- Michael Gustin, Biochemistry
- Max Heit, Psychology
- John Zammita, History

Rice University named Carnegie Professor Dennis Huston (top) and Computer Science Professor Ken Karp (bottom) to Rice's 2001-02 George R. Brown Prizes for Excellence in Teaching.

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FORENSICS MOVES TO HUMANITIES

By Steven Trenholm

Forensics moved to Humanities in March. The move was designed to make the program more accessible and to streamline operations.

Under the new system, a student wishing to join the Forensics Society must submit an application to the office of the Director of Student Life. The application will be reviewed by the Forensics Advisory Board, and a decision will be made on whether to allow the student to join the society.

The move is expected to increase participation in the program, as students will have easier access to the facilities and resources available in Humanities.

The Forensics Society is one of several student organizations that have moved to new locations on campus this year. Others include the Student Government Association, which moved to the Link last fall, and the Student Senate, which moved to the Thompson Center in January.

The new location for Forensics is a temporary one, as the society is in the process of planning a new building specifically for the program. The new building is expected to be completed in two years.

The move also includes changes to the way fees are collected. Fees will now be collected on a quarterly basis, instead of the previous annual basis.

The new system is expected to be more efficient and to better meet the needs of the students who participate in the program.

The Forensics Society is one of the many organizations that have benefited from the new system. Others include the Student Senate, the Student Government Association, and the athletics department.

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Protesting pollution

Jones College sophomore Alex Klpp takes part in the Rice Environmental Club's Smog Jog last Friday along Main Street. The purpose of the event was to bring attention to Houston's poor air quality.

"But we are not going to be all happy, just because the nature of our programs are very different. They have a product to sell, and KTRU isn't like that."

— Amie Knieper
KTRU station manager

KTRU (from Page...)

Knieper said she could understand the rational behind the number of games KTRU would broadcast. Knieper said that Title IX, which guarantees gender equality in academia, requires all the women's basketball team's games to be broadcast since all of the men's basketball games are broadcast commercially.

Knieper said the reasoning behind broadcasting the women's basketball games made KTRU more amenable to the idea.

"KTRU can understand the feeling of being the underdog and being unrecognized as a sport," Knieper said. "I think we can embrace being the only outlet of women's basketball.

Wilson, an electrical and computer engineering professor, said he felt Athletics found full commitment towards women's basketball an important issue.

"It is a very good program that deserves to be covered," Wilson said. "We have a product to sell, and the KFC has asked for the bare minimum amount of games instead of at least trying to compromise."

Wilson said he felt it was a fair compromise that showed the viability of the KFC.

"The process worked," Wilson said. "This is the second time we've opened it, and it's worked both times.

Under the guidelines set in place after the shut-down, the Athletics Department, KTRU, or any faculty/staff member or student can appeal to the SA.

"KTRU asked for the bare minimum amount of games instead of at least trying to compromise, I just found that to be very disingenuous."

— Scott Ellis
Rice Baseball radio announcer

However SA President Matt Haynie said he supported the KFC's decision.

"I respect the decision of the KFC and am glad to see that the procedures put in place after the shut-down worked to come up with a policy that both sides are happy with," Haynie said.

Haynie said KTRU has no intentions of appealing to the SA.

Wilson said he expected no problems with the implementation of the policy, despite potential opposition.

"I know for sure that the KTRU management has bought into it, but there are always going to be people with different points of view," Wilson said.

Knieper said that in addition to broadcasting athletic events, KTRU was looking into the possibility of having a weekly half-hour sports show that could feature sports that are not broadcast, such as track and field.
Students encourage gradual implementation of parking changes

PARKING, from Page 1
Leggett said last Friday's meeting wasn't the only rally planned. Another gathering at Willy's statue is scheduled for today, and Leggett said he will continue to publicize the student proposal until the board meeting is May.

The first resolution tackled by the student proposal is in the university's parking budget.

According to members of the Parking Committee, one reason for their proposal is to address the $3 million parking budget deficit, which will increase by $3 million next year due to expenses associated with the new parking program. The student proposal outlines a parking budget that does not include costs associated with the new garage.

"Why do we want to gate our campus furthermore and, we think, make it more closed off to all?"

— Michael Leggett
Wissahickon College senior

"We don't think the students should be saddled with that under the Jones School, not necessary for the Jones School, but that students shouldn't have to walk in even in the nighttime," Leggett said. "This shouldn't happen on Willy's, that shouldn't happen on the university generally for the visitors." In addition, the student proposal suggests an alternative fee structure for on-campus parking.

The student proposal offers two proposed parking fees of $1.50 an hour for close-in lots and $8.75 an hour in the East Stadium Lot, with free parking in the West Stadium Lot and a maximum fee of $7 per day.

Student fees would be $53 for the parking garage, $290 for all lots east of the Student School of Music except for the North Lot, $150 for close-in lots (the North Lot, Jack Hess Court Lot, School of Continuing Studies' North and Greenbriar Building lot), $90 for the East Stadium Lot and $45 for the West Stadium Lot.

The student proposal does not include fees for visitor parking.

"At some point fifty years from now, we may need to charge visitors, but what we're saying is we don't know that," Leggett said. "We don't have any clear logic as to why that has to happen." Leggett said he does agree, however, with the Parking Committee's proposal to raise fees for students.

"We think there is a budgetary problem, and as long as this isn't abused, as long as they don't jack [fess] up every year 30 percent, we think that's reasonable," Leggett said. "We're willing to pay our fair share.

The student proposal also addresses the location of visitor parking.

Leggett said he agrees with the Parking Committee's plan to consolidate visitor parking in easier confusion.

"They want to better consolidate the visitors and make what they call a way-finding system," Leggett said. "We think this is a good idea, to consolidate the spots and put up a lot better signage that says where the visitor parking is.

Under the Parking Committee proposal, lots in the East Stadium, as well as most faculty and staff lots, would be gated and protected by a proximity card system. Faculty, staff and students would enter the lot by swiping a card in front of a reader at the entrance.

Visitor parking would be consolidated in a few lots accessible by credit card. Visitors could also park in the new parking garage under the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management building

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"We think that $53 is reasonable," Leggett said. "Although few showed up, we have been prepared. It was what we expected. Why do we want to go down a path that may be awkward?"

"I'm all for just slowly implementing this in stages instead of doing it all at once," Leggett said. "It's working.

The semester's almost over, but we want to stay a member, you have the option to renew for just $24 a month.

There are other ways of doing it that would have been proposed. Why do we want to go down a path that may be awkward?"

"I think the idea of delaying it is a good one," Leggett said. "We're willing to pay our fair share." Leggett said he does not think fees should be used to ensure that those who park on campus park in their assigned lots.

"There are other ways of doing it than what we've proposed," Leggett said. "Why do we want to dedicate our campus furthermore and, we think, make it more closed off to all?"

"I think our idea is to have our ideas put in writing," Leggett said. "I think $53 is reasonable," Leggett said. "We're all worried about it.

"We should understand that there's a lot of considerations going into the visitor parking, who are they who are paying," Leggett said. "We just don't see in it writing, if the member's there, we don't see why it's not in writing."
Learning beyond the classroom

A Turing machine (above), a type of machine that can allow someone to understand any language, is demonstrated Tuesday in Fearnworth Pavilion in the Ley Student Center. A person views the Doctors Without Borders exhibit (below) at the Rice Expo, held in the Rice Stadium parking lot Saturday.

Preparations underway for commencement with Cosby

by Mark Berenson

Preparations for Rice’s 89th Commencement on May 11 are rapidly coming to an end.

The commencement ceremony is scheduled for 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the academic quad. Entertainer Bill Cosby will be giving the commencement address.

Assistant Director of University Events Lauren Lane said the University is not expecting much extra demand because of Cosby’s high profile nature, and security will not be heightened from previous years.

Secretary to the President Judith DuVall said part of the reason there would be little extra demand is because Rice does not publicize its commencement speaker.

“We just keep it within the campus, and then it spreads around their friends, then fine,” DuVall said. “But we never notify the Houston Chronicle, KTRH, or the Chronicle of Higher Education as to who our speakers are.”

Lane said she has heard false rumors of needing a ticket to sit in the quad.

“There are plenty of seats,” Lane said. “Lots of seats go unused because they are in the sun.”

Lane said more seats would be set up to ensure enough capacity.

In addition, video viewing of commencement will be available in Sewall Hall 301 for those who prefer to attend.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at Autry Court. Because of the limited seating capacity of Autry Court, each graduate will be provided with two tickets to the ceremony.

Lane said students could pick up the tickets and their regalia at the Campus Store during the week prior to commencement.

Graduates should order regalia as soon as possible if they have not already done so, Lane said. They should also confirm with the Registrar’s Office that their name is listed in the program in the manner in which they prefer.

The following items were reported to the University Police for the period April 17-23.

Academic Buildings

Anderson Hall

April 23

Bicycle tires stolen from a secured bike.

Parking Lots

Abercrombie Lot

April 17

Vehicle boot stolen.

Allen Center/Cohen House Lot

April 17

Vehicle boot stolen.

West Stadium Lot

April 18

Vehicle stolen.

Facilities and Engineering Lot

April 18

Car reported damaged, and no information was left.

Other Areas

College Way

April 18

Female subject found passed out in Allen Center/Cohen House Lot. Subject was arrested for public intoxication and transported to Harris County Jail. Vehicle was towed.

Entrance No. 12

April 22

Vehicle was struck while parked in lot, and no information was left.

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Student panel engages in dialogue on Arab-Israeli conflict

by Skyler Schell

Six students participated in a panel discussion on the Arab-Israeli conflict. The panel, entitled "Dialogue Despite Conflict: Student Perspectives on Israel and Palestine," was organized by ADVANCE and attended by about 200 students attending the one-and-a-half-hour discussion.

The Social Student Coordinator Sabrina Dugul introduced the panel and said that she was particularly interested in understanding the role that human rights and peaceful resistance play in the resolution of the conflict.

In his opening remarks, Dugul welcomed the students to the discussion and said that the panel would address the political, social, and economic aspects of the conflict. He said that the panel would focus on the need for a peaceful resolution and the role that students can play in promoting understanding and dialogue.

The first panelist was Abraham, a senior at the University of Texas at Austin. Abraham is a Palestinian citizen of Israel and the United States. He said that while Arafat professes interest in peace even while funding terrorism, he said that in destroying the PA, Israel needs to follow, and that Israel needs to work toward compliance with the resolution. He said that the United States is very biased toward Israel and noted that 25 percent of U.S. foreign aid—more than that allocated for the entire continent of Africa—is given to Israel.

Abraham disagreed and said that Resolution 242 included a number of yet unmet conditions that must be reached before Israel withdraw from the territories. International organizations cannot solve the problem, he said. Instead, a solution must come from within. "It's really an issue of trust," she said. "I just want us to be able to fly on both sides without direct ties to the Middle East conflict." Abraham added that she thought the fundamental issue in the conflict was the occupation, which he views as a violation of basic human and civil rights.

In his final question, Byrd asked the panelists to describe their vision for the region, and they responded.

Abraham said that for any progress to occur, both leaders would have to be willing to defeat each other. He said that "the spirit of what all the panelists have said is unproductive." Abraham also said that the basic human rights to the Palestinian people have not been fulfilled. Abraham disagreed, saying that the Israeli army does actually target civilians when deciding who to kill. He said that the basic human rights to the Palestinian people have not been fulfilled. Abraham disagreed, saying that the Israeli army does actually target civilians when deciding who to kill.

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So if not the Virgin, what features of paradise attracts you? Is it the beauty, the garden cuminos and beautyful carpeted Kordan promises? Of course not! It is the glory, the chance to make my family proud by avenging the grieving of innocents slaughtered by Israelis in Jerusalem! And my family's loss will not go unrewarded. A martyr is allotted 70 places in paradise for her loved ones! Sounds like a bargain! Okay, but if it's not your choice, why are you doing it? What will you do with your 72 virgins? Save them for my little orphans! He's interning for Hamas.

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LEATHER AND MORE

Media Center retrospective to focus on Charlotte Rampling

Sarah Ahrens
FOR THE THRESHER

"It's a film about what?" This was my only coherent exclamation as I researched the actress Charlotte Rampling for her retrospective at Rice Media Center, beginning May 3.


Intrigued, I rented the film. I was right — it is oddly funny — and for a film about love affairs with animals, it has nothing to do with sexuality at all. Rampling, it goes without saying, has never been shy of taking on challenging, offbeat and often downright controversial roles.

The first time I encountered the British/European actress, I was flipping through one of those issues of Vogue that consounds to celebrate beauty of every kind. It was an article on "extreme beauty" (whatever that means), and the accompanying black and white photographs were free of one of the most beautiful, beguiling, older women I had ever seen. My opinion on beauty is basically that it's a game of dandling back and forward between too much and too little exposure and expression.

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One of the first moments I recall is the scene in The Night Porter, with Rampling wearing a white dress, as if she were throwing sand. Her presence was palpable, and she has never wavered. For her, the individual title characters and the beauty of Rampling's performances have a certain confidence that was written across her face.

The Night Porter, is said to have written it after an interview she conducted with a Nazi concentration camp survivor who lived in Sarajevo. It is a film about love affairs with animals, it has nothing to do with bestiality. For more information, call (713) 522-8443 for reservations. Through May 25.

Kentridge exhibit explores apartheid with fused media

Elizabeth Decker
THEOLOGY "K captains"

Confronted with the complex historical and political realities of South Africa in transition, artist William Kentridge looks for answers through art, and the results are breathtaking.

The exhibit, at the Contemporary Arts Museum through June 2, is the first major American retrospective of Kentridge's work, and this is the only place to see it in the Southwest. An animated film, more than 50 drawings and two video installations, Kentridge's art reflects a fusion of his work with the style of drawing Kentridge uses.

The core of the exhibit is a series of eight short films made between 1989 and 1999 that are animated films of the adventures of Soho Eckstein and his alter ego, Felix Teitelbaum, in the transitioning apartheid and post-apartheid world of South Africa. On the surface, the series is a narrative of a love triangle, running loosely through the films, with more prominence some times than others. We meet Soho, the dark-suited industrialist, and Felix, the dreamer. There is a sense of exposure reflected in the nakedness of dreamy charcoal drawings. There is a sense of exposure reflected in the nakedness of dreamy charcoal drawings.
Many people envision all gays or bisexuals as conforming to a set of rules, like members of a secret fraternal order.

Jessica Stein gets involved in a relationship that seemingly goes against her sexual orientation, but what's really happening is that she's exploring aspects of her sexuality that she hasn't considered before. Does that mean Jesus is "real"? A lesbian who has just been in denial all her life? Not necessarily. It also doesn't mean that everyone's sexuality doesn't fall neatly into discrete categories like "gay," "lesbian," or "straight." There are intermediate points on the continuum.

So, why is it that people find complex, sensitive films like Chasing Amy and Kissing Jessica Stein more objectionable than the films that portray one-dimensional gay stereotypes like Boogie Nights and American Beauty? One reason, I think, is that homosexuality and bisexuality are incidental details in the latter movies, whereas a film that's actually about a well-rounded gay character demands that audiences spend an extended time considering notions about sexuality that don't precisely match their own.

The fundamental problem, in other words, is that many people, regardless of their own sexuality, envision all gays or bisexuals as being the same — as conforming to set of "rules," like members of a secret fraternal order. The truth is, of course, that no one can ever hope to completely understand anyone's sexuality, let alone sexual identity in general. We can take the first step toward that understanding, but we can't expect them to be anything more.
The album kicks off with "Le Le Le," despite opening with synthesized vocals, stripped down instrumentation, the track quickly swells, picking up pace as the singer hauls sobadic. "Where's all your passion gone girl if it ain't gone famous?"

The vocals as all the tracks are half-drowned. A drop more out of the sea and they'll be unplugable and unplausible, but care, they care. One of the best things about Hot Hot Heat has to have the use of keyboard-bangers (rather seen in a piano sound, if the keyboardist is not actually using a piano). The band's sound overall is heavily influenced on drums and guitar, but the whole piano work, particularly on "5 Times Out of 100," adds an unexpected sound and a melodic layer.

Another strong point is the album's dynamic contrast — sometimes, the music is even quiet. None of the tracks quite reach the raw rock 'n' roll energy of the first track. However, this is a credit to the quartet. Rather than wallow in the formulaic, they've created solid variations on a theme. These tracks don't slip mindlessly into the canons of angel-ridden indie-rock. They're fun — people could dance to these — some even call it "indie-pop"! The lyrics aren't a little far from upbeat, but care? Feeling bad has rarely sounded this enjoyable.

My one gripe with the album is the basic fact that it's an EP. The five tracks amount to only around 17 minutes of music, and with a full-length album expected soon, the fan on a budget might be inclined to wait.

— Cory Foyce

L'ÉCLAT DU CIEL
ETAIT INSOUTENABLE

Allan & Recordings
Rating: *****

Godspeed! You Black Emperor! is a collective nine-member Canadian rock band that creates epic, powerful music. Their lengthy track builds to an immense rock. You strip away the full, fast music of adding the rhythm of the instruments and find a simple, melodic song, you are left with高中。

Firstly (presumably harshly), one of the best of the ever-growing number of Godspeed! side projects, involves almost solely Mike Moya, one of Godspeed!'s keyboardists. Other members of Godspeed! Deanwood on drums and Norsajah Johnson on cello back up his tracks.

L'Etat du ciel etait insoutenable is the first of these tracks. Like most Godspeed! material, it builds to an epic, epic rock. Godspeed! creates 20-minute arrangements involving fairly similar elements, but the songs sound and sound all over everywhere.

Regardless of the mood is kept constant throughout the album, with backing wall of guitar and bass in the background. The music and vocals are explosive enough, though, that this hour-long album never gets boring or repetitive.

The material L'Etat du ciel etait insoutenable is that it's immediately grabbing it. The minute-long instrumental of guitar feedback that built the work together, but rather the explosive, folk-noir songs. The first of these songs is "Lime which picks up right where the previous title track instrumental left off. Moya's vocals are rhythmic on this catchy song, building up to sound explosions after both verses, and eventually the track climactically ends with a slowing guitar riff. The Godspeed!-like three-minute instrumental of "City of Gold" isوارد by hard drumming, symbols and strings.

The album then hits its second, second tracks of guitar-vocal sections ("I can transform myself into any one I want") and high-pitched squealing

reminiscent of the band's "Silver Planes," which involves minimalist drones and Moya's reverberating voice barely squawking out the words. "And the hole in the wall leads us down to the sea."

The album's most powerful track is the folky "Lucy's Sad" where the simple, catchy guitar riff and strings drive the song as Moya's half-snarled voice builds up to the crescendo and eventually the track climactically ends with a slowing guitar riff.

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Rampling tackles risky roles

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Men to race at home, women at Iowa

In Focus: Track & Field

Last week: The women got to the NCAA Team Championship meet and both squads competed in the MS, SSC Relays in Waco, Calif.

What made the difference: Erin Brand, Adam Davis and Ryan Harlan all provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in their respective events.

Next up: The men host their final warm-up meet at the Rice/SoxSoccer Stadium, field events begin at 2 p.m. and running at 6 p.m. The women travel to Des Moines, Iowa for the Drake Relays.

It's given us a chance to focus on academics in this final week of classes.

Warren was also pleased to be running at home.

This is the best situation to have," Warren said. "It is the best opportunity to do what we need to do (to qualify) for the NCAA events.

Last week, the men traveled to Batesville, La. to compete in the Louisiana State University Team Championship meet.

Freshman Scott Loftin placed third in the 1,500-meter run last week with a time of 4:19.14, while teammate Heath117 also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 800-meter run.

The Owls' 1,500-meter relay crew of sophomores Anthony Polito, Adam Davis and Ben Wiggins, and junior Erik Mazzu ran its best outdoor time of 3:32.90 to place third in the event. Wiggins also comped in the 800-meter dash, finishing second in 1:53.59. Davis and Perring participated in the 400-meter dash finishing in second and fifth places with times of 48.44 and 51.52, respectively.

Davis' time is a preliminary qualifying time for the NCAA Championships. Harlan ran a time of 50.34, while senior Jeremy Lashiff finished in 51.43.

Jernon won his heat in the 400 meters after coming back from racing in the 1,500.

"It was a good win and set a personal best. Overall I give the team a B-minus rating for this week," Harlan said.

Another highlight was junior Brian Harlan running an NCAA Championship preliminary qualifying time of 8.90. Harlan ran a time of 12.96 in the finals to place second. Harlan also notched a fifth place showing in the shot put with a distance of 50 feet. 1/2 inches. He also finished third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 8.90.

"We've got a good group of people," Harlan said. "We did well last year and are looking for good performances again this year.

Senior Erin Brand said she hopes to compete well in Iowa.

"Originally my time in the 1,500 didn't qualify for the Drake Relays," Brand said. "But the sprint third baseman. However, I think I was able to get in late.

The women's team split their squad to maximize their training for com-

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Freshmen pitch Owls past A&M

by Jonathan Yeldue

Olsen Field in College Station is one of college baseball's most dominant traditions. This gem of a ballpark routinely hosts several thousand fans per game, many of them dressed in burnt orange shirts, yelling Aggie fans aching to get inside a pitcher's box.

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Cloud 9’s reign at sectionals ends

by Chris Larson

The most significant ultimate team finished third in a three-team field at last weekend’s sectional tournament in Austin, ending Cloud 9’s five-year reign as sectional champions. Missing several of the key players, including senior captains Kevin Keller and Steve Abrahams, Rice fell 15-7 to host the University of Texas and A&M University before rebounding to defeat UT’s “B” team 15-10 to third place in the tournament.

Against UT and A&M, which are ranked 28th and 24th respectively, Rice’s defense kept the game close throughout, but this weekend all but one returning player will be able to play. If we are able to take the intensity that we had last weekend into regionals, I would go with Rice as the best team in the region. Rice is ranked just 107th overall and ninth among South Region teams, but the players believe that rankings don’t tell the story of Rice’s overall strength.

“Rice has competed at full strength in the vast majority of its tournaments. And having faced the region’s top two teams last weekend, Cloud 9 won’t be intimidated,” Rice’s place in the regional tournament tomorrow and in later Round Rock, Tex., where Rice will look to reclaim its regional title, which it won in 2000 and came in fifth in its six years to the national tournament, which will be held May 24-26 in Spokane, Wash.

The South Region receives just one bid to the national tournament, so Cloud 9 must win the tournament to see its season continue. Rice is ranked just 107th overall and ninth among South Region teams, but the players believe that rankings don’t tell the story of Rice’s overall strength.

“We are looking forward to regionals because after sectionals we feel that we could be competitive with the other Texas teams,” Rice said. We have been plucked by injuries to our key players, but this weekend all of our returning players will be able to play. If we can take the intensity that we had last weekend into regionals, I would go with Rice as the best team in the region and making it to nationals.”

Cloud 9 junior Ray Yee lays out for the disc during the sectional tournament last weekend in Austin.

Humber selected to try out for Team USA

Peachtree City resident Humber is among a select group of just 19 collegiate players invited to try out for the national Provincial Team, coached by University of Louisville head coach Dave Lynch. The tryouts will be held in Tucson, Ariz., June 22.

Humber, a right-hander from Carthage, is a 1B for the Owls this year, mostly as the starting pitcher. He is tied for 11th in the conference in wins, 18th with 11.1 strikeouts per nine innings pitched and 31st in ERA at 2.27.

Rice Sports Information

Top L.A. guard signs with Lady Owls

The Lady Owls added another weapon to their potent lineup Wednesday by signing four-time California Interscholastic Federation Northern Section Player of the Year Cunningham to a national letter-of-intent. Cunningham, a 5’10 guard from Los Angeles, scored 1,347 career points, Roycefeld and Latrice Elder as the Lady Owls signed her for her skill and competitiveness.

“Annter’s versatile, hard-working, and she has the height and drive to create offensively and defensively. We’re excited about having her in the program,” Rice said. We’ve been sold out to the program.”

Cunningham led Pilgrim High School to a 2002 CIF-SS Division IIIA championship and the state finals. She was also named Heritage League Most Valuable Player and the Los Angeles Times Central City Player of the Year. Cunningham was also named McDonald’s All-American status during her senior season.

“We’re excited about Annter,” McKinney said. “We think she’s kind of an unknown in some degrees to a lot of people, and we think we found one that can come in here and do some good next year.”

Rice Sports Information

Water polo wraps up year with 3rd place

The women’s club water polo team was a model of consistency this season, finishing third in last weekend's Texas Division Championships and repeating as the state champion. The Owls earned the third seed based on regular season results.

Rice entered the tournament with a 6-4 record, having defeated Baylor University and Trinity University each twice while suffering two losses to both the University of Texas and Texas A&M University, which earned the division’s top two respective seeds for the Championship.

Early on, it looked like the streak would continue, as A&M handed Rice an 11-7 loss Saturday after blowing the game open with several fastbreak goals early in the second quarter.

The Owls next game against top-seeded UT began similarly, with the Longhorns tallying a few quick goals but were met with some adjustments and was able to stay close the entire game, falling by a final score of 9-6.

In the third quarter of the A&M game, they scored four goals in a short period of time, just because we didn’t get back in defense and we missed on the right side,” senior Julia Kelly Benfield said. “This happened to start out during the UT game, but senior coach Rick Lankau called a time out on season as he saw it and we didn’t let it happen anymore after that.”

UT went on to defeat A&M 7-4 to earn the division’s bid to the national championship May 30 in Atlanta. Rice, in its second straight year playing in the women’s league, improved on its fourth-place finish last year by defeating Baylor University 73-4 in the third place game, marking the third straight time Rice has defeated Baylor by at least four goals.

“I was really proud of how our team performed this week end,” said Benfield. “Our ability to play smart made us competitive with the bigger teams— University of Texas— and that made a big difference throughout the tournament.”

The young Owls return all five first teamers (senior coach Rick Lankau called a time out as soon as the team lined up for the state championship game as a sign of respect) and believe a division title is a realistic goal, especially if they can add to their team roster so that they can make substitutions during tournaments — every Owl had to play the entire game each match last weekend.

“We have no one graduate, and we should pick up a couple of freshmen and we have two transfer students who will be returning home after studying abroad,” Benfield said. “It’s hard for us to play a water polo game without subs, much less here. I really think we can beat everyone in the Texas Division and we’ve only got two years when we get some more subs.”

— Chris Larson

Men’s hoops signs J.R. Harrison to a national letter-of-intent

Men’s basketball head coach Chris Larson completed his latest recruiting class Monday by signing Texas A&M Player of the Year J.R. Harrison to a national letter-of-intent.

Harrison, a 6’6 forward from Gainesville, Texas is the fourth and final high school player to commit for the Owls this year. In addition to all-state and multiple all-district accolades, J.R. helped Gainesville High School defend its No. 1 State ranking by leading the team to the 2001 Texas 3A championship. He was named Most Valuable Player of the state championship game after scoring 16 points, grabbing 11 rebounds, dishing out six assists and blocking three shots. For the season Harrison led the Leopards to a 29-6 record while averaging 19 points, 8.6 rebounds and 2.3 blocks per game.

In addition to all-state and multiple all-state district accolades, Harrison was named the MVP of the state tournament as a junior in 2001 after leading Gainesville to the semifinals.

“Athleticism has been a hallmark in our recruiting efforts the last few years, and J.R. fits that mold.” Wilson said. “We’ve been looking for an athleticism to go inside and outside, and he’s another guy who can give us that.”

The Owls had tremendous success finding a player at the state’s 3A level last season. In his recruiting class a year ago, Wilson signed freshmen forward Mike Aiken, a senior guard who was named Texas Freshman All-American honorable mention as well as Western Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year. It is the second consecutive year the Owls have put together excellent recruiting classes.

“J.R. completes what I believe is an excellent recruiting class,” Wilson said. “By combining this class with that terrific class we had last year, we are definitely making major progress on the recruiting front for the program.”

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The Western Athletic Conference tournament takes center stage this weekend as the men's tennis team, ranked 39th in the country, heads to Tulsa in hopes of earning a bid to the NCAA tournament.

The conference is remarkably evenly matched, leaving the title open to any team that can put together a strong weekend.

No. 38 Southern Methodist University comes in as the favorite. The Mustangs, a team of solid individual players, will be hard to beat, as will the host, No. 42 University of Tulsa. Team morale is really high right now, junior Cody Jackson said. "It's just going to be a matter of having a few matches go our way."

The Owls said they have already displayed the talent needed to win the WAC title.

"We have the same team now that beat No. 17 Texas A&M University Feb. 28," senior Prakash Venkataraman said. "There's no real reason not to win. It's just a matter of going to Tulsa and getting a win."

The Owls performed well in their last matches of the regular season, splitting matches with No. 15 University of Texas and Lamar University Saturday. The day began with back and forth action against a heavily favored UT.

UT took the doubles point because Rice could only manage one doubles win, an 8-2 decision in favor of Jackson and sophomore William Barker, who was later named WAC Player of the Week.

Texas Jean Simon then defaulted at the No. 1 spot while trailing Barker 4-1, evening the team score. After that, the match was a dogfight, with Rice sophomore Vuk Rajevac and senior Fabien Giraud winning the 4th and 5th spots, both in three sets.

The Longhorns were able to take the No. 2 and 3 matches in straight sets, leaving Jackson on the court in the decisive match.

Down a break in the third set, Jackson came back to push the set into a tiebreaker while battling cramps, according to head coach Ron Smarr, but a missed shot early left Jackson down 4-2 in the tiebreak, and it was enough breaking room for the Longhorns to win and barely escape the upset, taking a 4-3 win.

"Cody just played balls out," Venkataraman said. "It was the best effort I've seen out on the court."

Rice faced Lamar in their second dual match of the day, head coach Ron Smarr rearranging the lineup to put Rice back out in front.

After junior Matthias Mallawa had no default at No. 2, senior Rafael Royo scored the first point and junior Ramon Guerra won in straight sets to put Rice back out in front.

The Owls swept through the doubles, taking all three matches and the early lead. Lamar fought back, however, to win the No. 5 and 6 positions in three long sets.

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by John Turpin
THRESHER STAFF

The conference is remarkably evenly matched, leaving the title open to any team that can put together a strong weekend.

No. 38 Southern Methodist University comes in as the favorite. The Mustangs, a team of solid individual players, will be hard to beat, as will the host, No. 42 University of Tulsa. Team morale is really high right now, junior Cody Jackson said. "It's just going to be a matter of having a few matches go our way."

The Owls said they have already displayed the talent needed to win the WAC title.

"We have the same team now that beat No. 17 Texas A&M University Feb. 28," senior Prakash Venkataraman said. "There's no real reason not to win. It's just a matter of going to Tulsa and getting a win."

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Fearless Owls ready to score upsets

by Wei-Han Tan

If confidence is half the battle, the Owls' tennis team should have no problem winning the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

For the first time in recent history, the Owls truly believe they can win the WAC tournament held today through Sunday in Tulsa, Okla.

"I am really confident because I know where we stand. We recognize that we will be the underdogs, but honestly I believe we are the ones who need to worry," sophomore Annie Erika Villalobos said. "Earlier this season we lost matches that could have gone our way to three of the seeded teams. We have grown so much since then. It is very realistic for everything to be different.

Also realistic is the team's goal of taking early momentum by winning the doubles point.

"We're focusing intensely on the doubles-point because we need it for our team to win," senior Judith Hagendorf said. "It's really gotten us going, and we're just ready to fall. We have a really good chance."

The Owls have won four of their last five matches, taking the doubles point in each victory.

"Staying positive in doubles-point is especially important," freshman Enika Villalobos said. "The key is being patient and not getting upset at matches or opportunities — just keep moving on."

Record improvements have been enhanced by the tremendous cohesion that was quickly established to Villalobos and freshman Mindy Ko.

"When I came here, I was not sure to see that there was no Intraswithin the team," Ko said. "I think that it's really made a difference in our ability to win matches."

The Owls have gotten through three long weeks, and head confidently into this weekend, but will be challenged by No. 32 Boise State University and the tournament host, No. 21 University of Tulsa.

"I think it's anybody's game. We've been playing really well lately," senior Natalie Brand said. "The biggest thing for us is team confidence. We're in a believing that we can win, we can take the whole thing, but if we go in believing that the seeding really matters, then we won't. It comes down to whoever shows up that day."

Sernit Judith Hagendorf, seen here dominating her Texas A&M-Corpus Christi opponent April 6, will seek to extend her domination winning streak this weekend when the Owls compete at the WAC Championships in Tulsa, Okla.

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In other events, junior Rebecca Perry reached a distance of 10 feet, 10 1/2 inches in the long jump and finished eighth in the triple jump, measuring 58.4. Sophomore Beth Hinshaw and Ally Daun finished second in the 200-meter run, clearing 11-11 3/4 and 11-3 3/4, respectively.

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### Friday, April 26

**ALL THAT** a student ART exhibit, goes on display today in the Rice Art Gallery. View works by the Art and Art History Department's graduating seniors through May 11.

The **BASEBALL** team prepares to slay Louisiana Tech University at 7 p.m. tonight and 2 p.m. tomorrow at Reckling Park.

At 8 p.m. the Shepherd School SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA performs in Stude Concert Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

### Saturday, April 27

The Houston International Film Festival takes place this weekend in the downtown theater district and the surrounding areas. This year's theme focuses on France, turning downtown into a FRENCH SPECTACLE complete with French cuisine and street performers. Tickets are $10. For more information call (713) 503-8038 or visit www Tìm.org.

The men's and women's **TRACK AND FIELD** teams host the Men's Western Athletic Conference outdoor track meet at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium, with the first event beginning at 2 p.m.

The **MEN'S GROUP** a confidential social and support group for gay, bisexual and questioning men of the Rice community, will get together to watch a **GAY FILM** at 3 p.m.

### Monday, April 29

**GET LUCKY** at the Gillis-Camacho study break. "Las Vegas Night," from 9 to 11:30 p.m. in the Rice Memorial Center and the Ley Student Center. There will be plenty of food and fun and perhaps a magician and also Elvis running about! Visit the link on the Rice homepage for more information about this exciting event.

### Tuesday, April 30

Christine German (Rice '82), associate editor and senior writer for Time magazine, presents "The Potential Threat of BIG-AND NUCLEAR TERRORISM: Is Media Coverage Hazardous to Our Health?" as part of the "Health and Welfare Policy" colloquium series. The talk is at 4 p.m. in the Kyle Morrow Room in Fondren Library.

David In-Jae Cho conducts a chamber music **CONCERT** at 6 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

### Wednesday, May 1

**FINAL EXAMINATIONS** for non-graduating students officially begin today and last through May 8.

Shepherd School of Music students give a chamber MUSIC PERFORMANCE at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

### Thursday, May 2

A **CHAMBER MUSIC RECITAL**, featuring Shepherd School of Music students begins at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

### Friday, May 10

The **BASEBALL** team takes on San Jose State University this weekend. Games are at 7 p.m. tonight, 2 p.m. tomorrow and 1 p.m. on Sunday at Reckling Park.

A **PRESIDENTIAL CONCERT** celebrates tomorrow's commencement. The Class of 2002 convocation begins at 7:45 p.m., followed by a concert at 8:30 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

### Calendar

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**Loving in Violence**

_A discussion of the love-war duality in Othello as referred to the Holocaust._

By M. Wladzak

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Rice abandons silly university idea in favor of money-making theme park

Have Asthma?

Men and women at least 15 years of age who have suffered from persistent asthma for at least 6 months are needed to participate in a clinical research study involving an investigational use of marketed drugs. Participants must be using a low-dose inhaled corticosteroid every day as well as a short-acting beta 2 agonist as needed.

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713-394-6125.