Gillis to step down in 2004

by Mark Berenson

President Malcolm Gillis announced he will resign effective June 30, 2004. He will then take a one-year leave and return to Rice as a university professor.

In his announcement Dec. 11, Gillis said that he had always planned to leave 1999-2002 is the most likely time of the search. He had been contacted about the search committee and is still unsure of his role in the selection process.

"The way it has worked in the past couple of years [at Rice] is that I get started, and I appoint the board members to participate in it," Barnett said.

Previous search committees have been composed of various groups, including faculty, alum and students. Barnett, whose term as board chair ends in 2005, said he intends to have the search committee chaired by a member of the board.

Gillis said recent search committees have included one undergraduate and one graduate student representative, selected by the board with the guidance of the Student Association and Graduate Student Association, respectively. However, the composition of the committee, like all aspects of the search, will be up to the discretion of the board.

SA President Matt Haynie said he has not been contacted about the search and committee and is still unsure of his role in the selection process. He chairs the Student Association and the Student Representative Council, in which the SA president is elected. He will be Feb. 21-26, and changeover will be March 17.

Haynie said Gillis told him that he would be contacting him about the search before I became president, that 10 to 12 years is the most likely time of the search. Gillis did not comment on the possibility of his role in the search.

The memories come crashing down

After being home to more than 56 years worth of Wessman, old Wess College was torn down starting Dec. 19. Wess House still remains.

Montano admits posing as student

by Daniel McDonald

Rodrigo Montano, a 24-year-old who posed as a Rice student during the beginning of the fall semester, pleaded Dec. 6 to the charge of theft of services.

He received 18 months probation with stipulations that he stay off the Rice University campus, write a letter of apology and acknowledgment to the university, pay restitution in the amount of $107.99 for the meals he ate at the North College Servrey and perform community service.

Before County Criminal Court at Law Judge Jim Anderson announced the sentence, he asked Montano to tell him what he did.

"His lawyer know that the more candid he was, the more appropriate his sentence would be," Anderson said. "So I have a full admission of guilt that he was on campus posing as a student, that he in fact was not a student, took student benefits, cheated on a few exams, hid his past.

He then had to perform community service.

Honor Council cases unresolved

by Rachel Rustin

The Honor Council case involving 15 students suspended for cheating on a Spring 2002 final remains unresolved.

The cases are still in the appeal process, which involved a new appeal to the Academic Dismissal Committee and the completion of hearings.

The story was picked up by other media sources during the summer, but it died out after a while.

The Council is reviewing the cases and will make a decision on whether to uphold the suspensions.

King for a day

You should have to problems recovering from the first week of classes, as there are no classes on Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Spend the weekend catching up on sleep, doing homework or taking random trips to downtown Houston.

But be sure to be back on campus by 4:30 p.m. on Monday for a candlelight vigil outside of the Rice Library followed by a memorial service in the Rice Memorial Chapel.
Resolving to do better

The 2003-04 academic year, which we are certain is the one you are looking forward to, promises to be a busy one. The administration is already planning for the future of the campus with new buildings and innovations. Here are some of the ideas we think should be considered:

• Make campus safety a priority. While issues such as parking and traffic are important, we believe the administration should take note of the following:
  - Keep what's green space, we like green space, and we hope to keep it around for a few years. The preservation of the space that is the Rice University Police Department and the relationship between the Rice University Police Department and students should not be ignored.
  - Make campus safety a priority.

• Plan for the future of the Campus Store. The Campus Store needs some help. Make it bigger, have it open during the weekend before classes, and list books for classes online before the semester starts. In addition, professors should work with the store to order their books early so they will be on the shelves when students return to classes.

• Care about the environment. Students are currently ensuring that plastic and aluminum are recycled on campus, but they should receive support from the university. And the university should be more mindful of its own environmental practices by limiting the use of disposable dishes in the college kitchens.

• Mind student schedules when setting office hours. Professors should consider their students' schedules when they set their office hours, and administrative offices should do the same. The Cashier's Office should allow students to pick up paychecks after 3 p.m., and the Registrar's Office should set noon deadlines. In addition, being aware of students' habits to procrastinate will allow such offices to have increased staff on duty during busy times.

• Have food available on campus late at night. Convenience food hours were shortened last semester due to hardships on the Subway staff. We understand those hardships and feel that housing should look into other ways to staff the store, including student workers. If having the store open late is deemed uneconomical, H&D should look into late-night food options that are more substantial than animal crackers.

• And most importantly, don't lie to the student body. We understand that we aren't going to like every policy the administration proposes, but what we like the least is being told one thing, only to have the circumstances change soon thereafter. We'd rather get all the bad news at once than get good news that only gets worse. Keep students informed about what goes on behind closed doors, and in private offices—we live here, we pay bills, and we want to know what's going on.

Distributing better credits

We understand that current standards are unfair for architecture and music students. Fewer classes in their majors count for distribution than classes in other majors, so it takes longer for music and art students to graduate. Such a restrictive and unimaginative core curriculum would make Rice a much less special place to be, while also watering down the Rice name. We think the university should consider their students' schedules when they set their core curriculum like those used at many of Rice's peer institutions. Of rules that works, there may be a push in the future to institute a unified system.

Admissions practices violate spirit of law

Letters to the editor should be sent via e-mail to thesresher@rice.edu. Letters must be received by 3 p.m. on the Monday prior to a Friday publication date.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chronic' column airs unfounded views

To the editor:

Nathan Black's column in the Houston Chronicle (A1, Dec. 10) on cheating by varsity athletes at Rice University not only reflects his own shortsightedness, but also speaks poorly for the university as a whole, due to an appalling lack of integrity that often leads to such high esteem.

In his article, he mentions that Rice's policies and principles should be a great deal closer to those of the N.F.L. or need to be updated. He also refers to a case involving the football team that occurred last fall. While these are both valid points, he has not considered the fact that music and architecture students have relatively heavy course loads that might contribute to their own decisions to cheat.

Instead of taking away some of this forced diversification, the administration should increase the number of classes that count toward distribution. For example, first-year foreign language classes, if counted as Group I, would benefit the many music majors who take foreign languages for the sake of their music majors. Fewer classes in their majors count for distribution than classes in other majors, so it takes longer for music and architecture students. Fewer classes in their majors count for distribution than classes in other majors, so it takes longer for music and architecture students. Fewer classes in their majors count for distribution than classes in other majors, so it takes longer for music and architecture students. Fewer classes in their majors count for distribution than classes in other majors, so it takes longer for music and architecture students. Fewer classes in their majors count for distribution than classes in other majors, so it takes longer for music and architecture students.

Yes, facts have also shown that a majority of those who cheat at Rice have been known to wear blue jeans, so therefore Rice should rid itself of wearers of blue jeans. I can understand Black's concern that cheating should not be tolerated on any level, but also speaks poorly for the university as a whole, due to an appalling lack of intactness at an academic institution, however, that concern would be better served if the directed to President Malcolm Gillis. The New York Times, "Chiseling Symphonies for Race, College Strikes for Diversity," Dec. 10 that Rice admissions officers have organized an elaborate system of deceitful practices in order to cheat on the federal court decision that outlawed discrimination by race and ethnicity in Texas.

"But like other colleges, Rice says it remains fiercely committed to having a diverse student body, so in the years since, it has developed creative, even sly ways to meet that goal and still obey the court. Thus the admissions committee, with an undisguised wink, has encouraged applicants to discuss 'cultural traditions' in their essays, asked if they spoke English as a second language and taken note, albeit silently, of those identified as blacks or black student associations. You have to drop a lot of language associated with affirmative action...Rice has developed a whole new vocabulary— including the overarching goal of achieving—'cultural richness'-to replace the former—'I am embarrassed by such a gross violation of the spirit of Rice's Honor Code: How about you?'

Stephen Nee

Hanszen Junior

P.S.

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To the editor:

As a Rice alumna, I was always proud that my alma mater was one of the few universities with an Honor Code. I am impressed to see from the recent punishments that it is still taken seriously at Rice, even at the expense of athletic competitiveness. Hence, my dismay and disgust when I read in The New York Times, "Chiseling Symphonies for Race, College Strikes for Diversity," Dec. 10 that Rice admissions officers have organized an elaborate system of deceitful practices in order to cheat in the federal court decision that outlawed discrimination by race and ethnicity in Texas.

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Yes, Nathan, I can think of a few ordinary students who strike me the same way. And yes, Nathan, "in accordance, asymmetry is a terrible thing indeed." If you were drawn to Rice by its adherence to integrity, I suggest you try to exercise some of it yourself.

Stephen Nee

Hanszen Junior

P.S.
Tattling not on heart of Honor Code

Recently 18 students, mostly upperclassmen, spoke to the Rice Council for cheating ("Tattling not on heart of Honor Code," Dec. 10). Should we thus question the atmosphere of athletics at Rice No?

Don’t be a disposable Harvard. A student of Rice can judge himself, alone, and according to his conscience. We are not afraid to admit, and we are all informed about, deceptive acts committed by extracurricular ac-

Ian Hu

All the Honor Code does is give the student body the illusion of propriety and honor, dressed up in its pretty phrases.

Falan Mouton

There is a place on campus for almost everyone to feel affirmed. But are we gaining diversity at the expense of our convictions?

The Rice Thresher
Montano gets 18 months parole

MONTANO: from Page 1
that he had used the money to pay
his tuition and that he was a valid
student.”

‘It was a high-publicity
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— Randy Roll
Rodrigo Montano’s attorney

Both Anderson and Roll said they
do not think Montano is psychologically
unstable or in need of counsel-
ing. Vice President for Public Affairs

Terry Shepard said he thinks the
punishment is inadequate.

“The university is satisfied
with the outcome because it established
the fact that we could protect
our students and that you can’t do some-
thing like this without conse-
quences,” Shepard said.

The length of the probation
Montano received is longer than
normal for someone who commits
such an offense, Roll said.

“It was a high-publicity case and
a large, influential university in town,
and he suffered more than most people
would for the exact same
thing,” he said. “The judge said he
did that because [Montano] hurt
all of us — his attorney, his mother
and to the court — for such a long
time.”

The charge was a Class B
misdemeanor, which carries a maximum
punishment of six months in jail and
a $2,000 fine.

Roll said he does not know if
there is a time frame set for Montano
to submit his letter of acknowledg-
ment and apology to Rice.

Matusow seeks greater student involvement
in Baker Institute research and events

by Olivia Allison

Allen Matusow, who will be as-
soicate director for academic pro-
grams at the Baker Institute for the
next three years, is already close to
achieving one of his original goals for
the job: increasing student in-
volved.

Matusow, a history professor,
attributes his success in this area
since taking the position in July to
the help of the newly formed Baker
Institute Student Forum, a group
that aims to provide more opportu-
nities for students to interact with
the James A. Baker III Institute for
Public Policy. He said he also hopes
to increase faculty involvement in
Baker Institute research and policy
programs.

“We’re trying to get faculty with
policy interests involved, and one of
my goals is to promote more faculty
involvement,” Matusow said.

Matusow replaced Political Sci-
ence Professor Richard Stoll, who
had the position since 1994. Stoll is
now the associate dean of social sci-
ences.

Baker Institute Director Edward
Djerejian said he chose Matusow,
who has been at Rice since 1992, for
the position because he has been
a respected member of the university
at various levels, pointing specifi-
cally to Matusow’s 14-year term as
dean of humanities.

“The associate director for aca-
demic programs is the second most
important position in the whole
Baker Institute,” Djerejian said.

“Therefore, I was looking for a
very experienced, knowledgeable, com-
potent and respected professor at
Rice, and I was very lucky not only to
identify Dr. Matusow as my prime
candidate but also that he accepted
the job.”

As the associate director for aca-
demic programs, Matusow coordi-
nates and schedules speaking events
with various projects and judges their
ideal audiences. He works closely
with the newly formed Baker Insti-
tute Student Forum and the profes-
sors collaborating on projects with
the Baker Institute.

Djerejian has already been
impressed with Matusow’s advice on
research, programs and policy
issues, in addition to Matusow’s
mediation between the Baker Insti-
tute and the greater university com-

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West Lot modifications begin

by Mark Berenson

Work on gating the West Lot began over winter break and is supposed to be completed by March. One of the first phases of the work is restructuring some spaces — continued this week.

Some students reported that cars were parked in the old spaces, the lines of which were still partially visible, while other cars were parked in the new spaces, which are at a different angle.

"It seems they did a terrible job letting people know where to park," said Rice College sophomore Tyler Branyan. "You see cars parked in the old diagonal spots, and then right next to them they'll be parked in the new vertical spaces, and it's just a mess.

During the first week of classes, some parts of the lot were closed to facilitate the work, which delayed projections for restriping and reconfiguring some spaces, as aisles were interrupted by gating.

"As of now, there's standing water, and there will be four separate lots: a close-in lot for faculty, staff and visitors next to Alice Pratt Brown Hall, a large commuter lot behind the faculty, staff and visitor lot, a resident student lot and a commuter lot next to the rugby field," said first-year student Jonathan Binford.

Binford said part of the perimeter around the large lot would be made of single bollards and chains, which would enable additional points of entry and exit for special events.

The rest of the perimeter around the large commuter lot and the perimeter of the close-in lot would be of single bollards, similar to those used in the North Lot.

The perimeter of the resident student lot will have horizontal bollards along the extension of Laboratory Road, while the other edges of the lot will be marked by an overlapping pattern of two layers of wheel stops. Wheel stops are the concrete blocks that stop a car from pulling too far into a parking space.

A similar method will be used to mark the perimeter of the commuter student lot next to the rugby field.

Binford said the process of gating the West Lot, which was originally supposed to be completed by the start of this semester, was taking longer than he desired.

"It's taking a lot longer than I wanted, but that's the way things work," Binford said.

Gillis will remain at Rice to teach

Malcolm Gillis will take the 2004-05 school year off before returning to teach.

Kim Kendall (Humble '97) and Sarah Price (Lear Chemicals Pro- ducer Richard Smalley.

NORICE UNIVERSITY The following items were reported to the University Police for the period Dec. 2 - Jan. 14.

POLICE BLOTTER

Residential Colleges

Howard College  Dec. 17 Bicycle stolen from South Colleges area.

Will Rice College  Dec. 19 Callerrer reported a subject seen taking bicycle from rack. Officers arrested subject in the parking lot. The owner of the bicycle was contacted, and the theft was confirmed. Subject transported to Harris County Jail.

Will Rice College  Dec. 19 Report taken on stolen bicycle. Case considered closed because of involvement with another incident.

Baker College  Jan. 13 Laptop computer, Nintendo system, 12 games and ethernet card stolen during winter break.

Academic Buildings

Nayyar Hall  Dec. 4 Keyboard stolen.

Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management Building

Jesse H. Jones  Jan. 2 Digital camera stolen from Room 310.

Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management Building

Jesse H. Jones  Jan. 13 Three new laptop computers stolen. They were last seen Jan. 10.

Other Buildings

Graduate Apartments

Graduate Apartments  Dec. 5 Computer and other equipment stolen from first-floor computer lab.

Graduate Apartments  Dec. 18 Purse with airline tickets and $30 stolen or lost.

Gymnasium  Dec. 22 Female subject arrested for public intoxication and resisting arrest. Subject transported to Harris County Jail.

Lott Hall  Jan. 14 Vehicle stopped for traveling the wrong way on one-way street. Driver was intoxicated. The vehicle was towed, and the driver was released to a responsible party.

Parking Lots

Hess Court Lot  Dec. 5 Burglary of a motor vehicle parked in the section of the lot adjacent to the Rice Media Center.

West Lot  Jan. 3 Radio stolen from a vehicle.

Greenbriar Lot  Jan. 8 Burglary of a motor vehicle.

Lott Lot  Jan. 9 Student was observed lifting a gate arm to gain entry to the lot. Repairs to the gate were made by a Transportation Department staff member, and the subject will be referred to University Court.

Abenroomb Lot  Jan. 13 Burglary of a motor vehicle.

Other Areas

Rice University  Jan. 2 Subject filed a complaint on a bus, driver; subject felt uncomfortable because the driver asked personal questions. Transportation office was notified, and bus driver will be counseled.

Entrance 3

Jan. 9 Non-Rice subject arrived at bus stop for failure to identify. Subject was released with a verbal reminder.

NEED PHYSICAL ACCESS

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Entrance 3  Jan. 15 Non-Rice subject entered at bus stop for failure to identify. Subject was released with a verbal reminder.

Thresher, Rice University
John Hutchinson was named master of Brown College in December.

Hutchinsons named Brown masters
by Jenny Bees
THE THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Shortening his commute to work, John Hutchinson will move back on campus.

Paula and John Hutchinson were selected as the new masters of Brown College. They will begin their term in late July, replacing Albert Pope and Kathrin Brunner, who have been Brown masters since 1998.

John Hutchinson is a chemistry professor and the assistant vice president for Student Affairs. He will resign his position as Director of Academic Advising to focus on being Brown master. Paula Hutchinson is an attorney with McDade, Fogler, and Maine. Their daughters Emma and Ashlyn are 14 and 22.

John Hutchinson was hired as an assistant professor of Chemistry in 1992. He has taught Chemistry 121 and 122 since 1988, except while on sabbatical. In 1994, the Hutchinsons became masters at Wiess College, and they continued as Wiess masters until 2001, a two-year term extension to provide continuity for Wiess as the new building was built, John Hutchinson said.

Julie Grossman, a Brown senior, approached Hutchinson to ask him to consider applying for the position at Brown in October. Grossman co-chaired the committee along with sophomores Molly Horstman and Kaleen Tham.

"We got a lot of comments from students that really liked Hutch, but we thought his position in Student Affairs might create a conflict, since the master is supposed to represent the college to the administration," Grossman said. "But Dr. Camacho explained to us that there wouldn't be a conflict, so I went and talked to Hutch.

The search committee made its decision during final exams in December, Grossman said. The committee announced its decision at lunch Dec. 11 and held a study break that evening where Brown students met the Hutchinsons.

"The Brown students have welcomed the Hutchinsons warmly," Brown President Stan Xu said. "A large number of students attended the study break to meet the Hutchinsons and seemed pleased by the decision.

There was some concern since the Hutchinsons have already been masters at Wiess, but it was not a major factor in the decision, Grossman said.

"The Hutchinsons know that Brown is a very different community from Wiess and that their experience here on the North side of campus will not be the same," she said.

College masters who have become masters at other colleges in the past have remained honorary associates at their first colleges, Paula Hutchinson said.

"We want very much to remain honorary associates at Wiess," Paula Hutchinson said. "We have a lot of people that we know and love at Wiess and that doesn't change. But because our main allegiance will be to Brown now."

Pope, G.S. Wortham Professor of Architecture, Brunner, an architect, and their daughter Amanda, plan to remain Brown associates, housing freshmen groups during Orientation Week and attending cultural activities at Brown, Brunner said.

"I think the Hutchinsons will be great masters," Brunner said. "They are open-minded, and they'll be friends and family for the Brown students."
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Changes to distribution requirements considered

by Lindsey Gilbert

The University Standing Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum may recommend a new set of distribution requirements by the end of this month. At its Dec. 4 meeting, the CUC addressed concerns that distribution requirements fall unevenly on some students, particularly music and architecture majors. The committee said the curriculum is in flux, ranging from radical overhaul to little or no change.

Among the plans considered was a proposal to create a new distribution group specifically for music and architecture classes, a proposal from Professor Eugene Levy and the Dean's Council to reduce required distribution hours for all students, and a proposal from Interim Dean Music Architecture Scholenschein.

No definitive conclusion was reached at the meeting. CUC Chair Jim Pomerantz said. Another CUC meeting is not yet scheduled, but Pomerantz said the committee should have a recommendation before spring break.

Scholenschein said distribution requirements have changed too often over the past three years and new students hope to see relief for students and the faculty代表 the knowledge, skills and habits of thought that are necessary for the successful completion of their curriculum and part of our intention is to have them in a broad base of education while obtaining architecture.

Architecture students are required to take two classes outside the architecture school and fulfill nine or more hours of distribution. The changes, which applied only to Shepherd School students, reduced distribution requirements for music majors from 36 to 24 hours — two classes in each distribution group and two in groups of the student's choosing. Levy and the Dean's Council inserted the language without the approval of the faculty, which usually approve all curriculum changes.

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Honor Council Chair Joan Shreffler said, "For example, at the last time this committee evaluated the system, Honor Council deliberations, including Shreffler's, are confidential and hence off the record during the voting process. "We're going to be looking at the processes that are involved in the Honor Council deliberations, as well as the attitude that people have about the honor system and how we might enhance that," Sass said.

The committee is set to begin meeting in the next few weeks. "I am looking forward to the suggestions that would potentially come out of this committee," Shreffler, a 10th-year member of the committee, said. "While I feel like the system is working as it is, an objective evaluation in all ways welcome.

The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed:

- Any undergraduates planning to graduate in 2004 that are interested in serving on the President's 2004 Commencement Speaker Committee, which recommends possible commencement speakers to President Malcolm Gillis, should send an e-mail to SA President Matt Payne at sa@rice.edu by today. The e-mail should include name, college major, and a paragraph saying why you would be a good person for the committee.

- The Senate approved Will Rice College 4th-year student Derrick Matthews as Will Rice College senator of the Rice Student Senate. Matthews replaces wireless college junior 308B, who is studying abroad.

- Haynie discusses with the senate the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Relationship Between Athletics and Non-Athletes at Rice. The committee will look at the current situation and decide if there is a problem. The committee will come up with ideas to give voice to non-athletes at Rice, including the Rice University Athletics Committee and Student for Athletic Spirit and Support. The committee will be chaired by Matthews and will report its findings to the Senate on or before March 10. The senate approved the formation of the committee and Matthews as chairman.

- SA Director of Technology Skype Schell updated the senate on the status of the SA Web site. Schell discussed the status of the SA Web site, which has added Web site functions, including surveys. The new site will be added to the current Web site, which includes student agendas and minutes and committee reports. Anyone with suggestions on content for the SA Web site should send an e-mail to Schell at wsk@rice.edu.

- SA Academic Committee chair致富 Hawkins and Joe Elias handed out surveys to senators about whether students would like 100-level language courses to count for Group I distribution. Students were asked to see the surveys available at the colleges.

- SA Elections Chair Alan Pham spoke about possible election reform. The possibilities include having two rounds of elections; one for those students who are current and another for all other campus-wide positions. A second possibility would be to move all elected positions to the first ballot. Discussion on the possible changes included whether the changes would increase voter turnout or lead to changes in the people who run for positions. In non-binding straw poll, a majority preferred the two-round system, even consolidating both elections into one. Changes may go into effect for this spring's elections.

- Haynie passed out possible by-law changes to the SA Constitution. Changes include having the position of the Assistant Director for Student Activities in the by-laws. Any interested in a copy of the proposed by-law changes can send an e-mail to sa@rice.edu.

The next meeting will be Jan. 27 at 10 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion in the Student Center.

Dr. Jack Carpenter, 65, who taught English composition at the University for 36 years, is the 12th president of Rice University. Dr. Carpenter, who received his Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, was named Rice's 12th president after the search committee's 20-member search committee presented its recommendation to the university's Board of Regents, which approved Carpenter as the university's 12th president.

Carpenter, who served as the dean of the University's College of Humanities and Social Sciences for the past five years, will succeed Dr. William H. Sewell, who has served as the university's president for the past 10 years. Carpenter will take office on July 1, 2003.

The search committee, which was comprised of faculty, students, and alumni, began its search process in September 2002 and interviewed a total of 14 candidates from across the United States. Carpenter was selected as the university's 12th president after a series of interviews with the search committee, and a series of meetings with the university's Board of Regents.

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Committees will evaluate Athletics

by Mark Berson

The nature of the Athletics Department and how its members interact with non-athletes will be evaluated by two committees.

A subcommittee of the Rice University Athletic Committee, a university standing committee, will conduct a review of the Athletics Department at the request of the Student Association.

The newly elected SA Ad Hoc Committee on the Relation Between Athletics and Non-Athletes will look at whether the relationship between athletes and non-athletes needs to be improved. If so, the committee will make recommendations to other groups on campus.

The committee will be chaired by Will Rice College SA Senator Derrick Matthews, who said the committee is accepting applications for members until Tuesday.

The work of both committees comes as part of the continuing effort to address head football coach Ken Hatfield's comments about homosexuality in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The Nov. 1 Chronicle article reported that Hatfield said he would probably think hard about removing a player he knew was gay. Following the statement, the faculty passed a resolution regarding Hatfield's comments, and the SA passed a resolution calling for Hatfield to make a statement and for the administration to conduct a review of the Athletics Department. Local and national media covered Hatfield's comments and the reaction of university groups.

In December, President Malcolm Gillies instructed RAC to conduct an evaluation of athletics, satisfying a request in the Rice 4 SA resolution. The resolution called for "an evaluation by the university of practices in the Athletics Department that may discriminate against homosexual athletes or foster an environment of intolerance."

RUA Chair Robin Sickles said he met with Gillis Monday and had a RUA meeting Tuesday at which he discussed the new subcommittee, which he will chair, that will conduct the evaluation.

Sickles, an economics professor, said the subcommittee will first work with student leaders in Rice's gay and lesbian community to see what could be done to improve the campus environment.

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Sickles said the committee will then meet with members of athletics to see if there are areas in which athletics conflicts with the recommendations of student leaders in Rice's gay and lesbian community.

Sickles said he anticipated the subcommittee will complete its work this semester and that the model it set could be used in other areas of the university.

"The process may well be a blueprint that may be used elsewhere on campus," Sickles said. "Once we put it together, it may also be used for the colleges and faculty."

SA President Matt Haynie said he formed the ad hoc committee to address a wide range of issues.

"A lot of the issues of last semester involved the relation between athletes and non-athletes," Haynie, a Will Rice senior, said. "And there were lots of things that happened at the end of the semester that made it pretty clear that it needed to be done as soon as possible."

Matthews said the committee planned to formulate ideas and give those ideas to other organizations, including RUA and Students for Academic Spirit and Support, rather than take any action itself.

Matthews said the committee will accomplish most of its work through committee discussion and will not seek much outside input.

"It is going to be more student driven," Matthews, a sophomore, said. "We might talk to administrators or staff members who may help us, but this is not something they can really help us with. It's a student relations problem, and we know how students relations work more than anyone else."

Haynie said this committee had broad goals.

"Anything that can done to improve the environment for a student at Rice is an important thing for the Student Association to work on," Harvis, a senior, said. "Improving the relationship between athletes and non-athletes is a positive thing in that it can really help us with. It's a student relations problem, and we know how students relations work more than anyone else."

Matthews said the committee will finish its work before the semester ends and that he is planning to report back to the senate before mid-term recess, which begins March 10.

Any student interested in serving on the committee should send an e-mail to sapres@rice.edu with his or her name, major, college, year, sports affiliation (if any), and a brief summary of how he or she would make a positive contribution to the committee.

Dancing out the semester
A dancer performs at Hacer's La Posada, a traditional Mexican holiday celebrated Dec. 7 in the Grud Hall in the Rice Memorial Center.

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Affirmative action case may impact Rice admissions

by David Berry

Admissions at Rice will be affected by the Supreme Court’s rulings in two cases involving affirmative action in University of Michigan admissions. Vice President for Enrollment Anne White said.

The Supreme Court agreed Dec. 2 to hear the cases, which are docked in the last 10 years and have captured the attention of higher education, political and media circles.

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Rice is the only university of its kind that is forbidden from affirmative action, unlike the University of Michigan, which is the only university of its kind that is forbidden from affirmative action," White said. "No matter what, there will be more consistency to the law."

The Times article explains how Rice admission officers give preference to applicants who have overcome disadvantaged backgrounds and how they encourage minority students to write about their cultural traditions.

Increased minority recruiting efforts have also contributed to student diversity at Rice, White said.

"A great cost in money and manpower, we have encouraged qualified minority applicants to apply, which is a battle, because the odyssey out there, that the public holds, is that Rice, being a selective institution, is too expensive," White said. The Times article also mentions the success of rice students, as they are more likely to be awarded financial aid for minorities.

A third possibility is the court could simply rule that Michigan’s affirmative action programs are illegal and further refine its decision in order to meet the University of Michigan’s affirmative action requirements. Such a ruling could require Michigan to change its policies but not strictly race-based scholarships, as is the case at Rice.

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**Hollywood proves capacity for depth with 2002 films**

Jonathan Schuman  
**THE ROYAL THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF**

When we look back on 2002 twenty years from now, what will we remember? Will it be the collapse of the technology stocks? Will it be the inevitable threat of war? Well, if you are a cinema geek like I am, you will probably remember Ronnie Zellweger swooning on a piano in a vacant Bronx Hart in Chicago. This was just one of the year’s memorable movie moments. The following is my top 10 list of the year’s finest offerings.

**Far From Heaven**

This is the perfect film. Director Todd Haynes’ powerhouse throwback to the great Douglas Sirk melodrama of the 1950s in touching, moving and unforgettable. Julianne Moore’s performance as a conflicted suburban housewife is the year’s finest, while Dennis Quaid, Dennis Haysbert and Patricia Clarkson round out the superb ensemble cast. Essential moment: Catherine Zeta-Jones nearly steals the movie musical is back!

**Minority Report**

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**The Pianist**

Roman Polanski’s wrenching, emotionally draining Holocaust drama is as powerful and effective as Ingmar Bergman’s classic, Schindler’s List. The film captures the Jewish experience in Poland from 1939 to 1945 through the eyes of a talented pianist played by Adrien Brody. Through a tale of survival and the triumph of spirit, Polandis assimilates syrupy emotions and preachy schmaltz. Essential moment: An Stopsinski discovers a withered, starved Brody lying in the attic of an abandoned hospital, and instead of turning him in, leaves him his coat for the winter.

**Chicago**

The movie musical is back! Moulin Rouge started this revolution, but Bob Marshall’s film adaptation of the Bob Fosse Broadway show will bring back the center for good. Renee Zellweger breaks her good-girl image as Roxie Hart, acrobatic, amoral and hungry in Mertzs. Catherine Zeta-Jones nearly steals the show as Rose’s fellow prison inmate, but Zellweger’s Monsoon Wedding.

**Monsoon Wedding**

With Monsoon Wedding, director Mira Nair achieved the near impossible. Featuring a cast that speaks English, Hindi and Punjabi, Nair creates a story so human and universal that it transcends cultural boundaries. Her storyline is reminiscent of vintage Robert Altman; she juggles the multiple characters and plot lines with pace and ease. Essential moment: It’s hard to single out one of Nair’s tightly woven scenes, but the final moments of the wedding—the culmination of meticulous preparation—are sincere and lovely.

**The Hours**

Though Nicole Kidman is woe-fully miscast as author Virginia Woolf (The Deep End’s character, Orlando, would have been a much better choice), this film is about three women’s unfilled lives is still deeply moving and heartbreaking. Julianne Moore’s segment about a suicidal ’50s housewife is particularly powerful. Essential moment: After hugging her husband’s birthday cake, Laura Brown (Moore) is visited by her attractive neighbor Kitty. The sexual tension between the two is evident in the conversation. The scene culminates with Laura making a full blow pass at the unassuming Kitty.

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THE RICE THRESHER ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Everyone talks about the arts. Charming novels, life-affirming movies and groundbreaking music. But we suspect that most of us spend more time reading the Sunday comics than walking through a respectable museum.

The continuing pop craze and the proliferation of reality television shows converged with good old-fashioned tabloid journalism to offer some high-quality trash. But vapid product was not the only source of more-than-slightly mortifying entertainment addictions.

The increasing marginalization of smoking, the irresistible pull of the addictive nature of “executive whores,” the proliferation of reality television, and the addictive nature of “executive whores” and ground-breaking music.

We decided to confess our secret arts and entertainment sins. Perhaps some of these are recognizable, or perhaps we’ll just lead our readers down a path of temptation.

Remember, the first step to recovery is admitting you have a problem.

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Not only is it about superheroes, but it’s also about teenage superheroes. But Clark Kent is just so durned cute — plus it’s on the WB, which is a guilty pleasure in itself.

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Ten things we’d like to see end in 2003

1. ANNE GEDDES’ PHOTOGRAPHS. Stop dressing the babies up like string beans, carrots, bears, fairies and other fanciful creatures. Their young, wrinkly faces are not to be exploited.

2. J. Lo’s music career. Jenny from the Block: evicted.

3. CHRISTINA AGUILERA’S CLOTHING, OR rather, her lack of it.


5. AVRIL LAVIGNE. ‘The Best of Beavis and Butt-Head’

6. ‘SpongeBob Squarepants’

7. THE REAL WORLD. In a sea of reality television, the thrill is gone.

8. CLEAR CHANNEL ENTERTAINMENT. They own all the radio stations in some towns, and they synchronize their commercial breaks. They also own venues and will bully artists into using them in exchange for airtime. Obviously, they are evil.

9. SEQUELS TO DISNEY MOVIES. Some things end “...and then they lived happily ever after” for a reason.

10. POLITICAL AUTOBIOGRAPHIES. ...and then I learned how to suck up to people and my career soared.

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**Women's track returns ready to run**

by Dylan Hedrick

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**Weekly Sports Schedule**

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"If we can get a return to those performances, then we will all be doing all our hard work at the training center,” Keene said.
Owls travel to Boise, UTEP in search of WAC road win

by Rhian Wagle

The men's basketball team faces two important road tests this week, as it attempts to break a losing streak and re-establish itself in conference play.

**IN FOCUS: MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Record: 9-4
WAC record: 5-2 (7th)

Last week: The Owls beat UT-Pan American 85-79 on the road before losing to Boise State 94-77 Saturday.

What made the difference: Rice came from behind with a strong second half against UTEP but saw its shooting fall off in a second-half collapse against Tulsa.

Up next: The Owls face Boise State on the road last night and travel to UTEP for tomorrow night's game.

Head coach Willis Wilson said he wants to see determination toward steady improvement for his team as the Owls try to establish themselves as title contenders in the WAC.

"We don't have to build a foundation," Wilson said. "We have to improve by yards or feet. We've got to improve by inches." — Willie Wilson

Head men's basketball coach Head coach Willis Wilson said he doesn't want to see a repeat of last week's second-half collapse against Tulsa.

"(Smith) has had back spasms for the last couple games," Wilson said. "He's a guy we need in our lineup. He gives us depth off the bench. More importantly, he sets the tone and allows the other guys to play and do what they do best."— Willian Wilson

Owls try to establish momentum and get comfortable with playing as title contenders in the WAC. Wilson said the Owls will have to improve by inches to get some momentum and get a foundation. They need to set out last night's game against Boise State.

Rice's depth and balance have allowed the Owls to win the WAC championship. Head coach Wilson said they are two very competitive teams.

"Rice is a great team," Wilson said. "We've got to improve by inches." — Head coach Willis Wilson

The Owls faced Boise State University in Idaho last night and will take on the University of Texas-El Paso tomorrow. The two road games are opportunities for the Owls to gain confidence and momentum on the road, where they have traditionally struggled.

Freshman forward Jamaal More looks up from the floor after collecting a loose ball in Rice's 82-45 win over Lamar. More was awarded a scholarship at the last minute and wasieu for tomorrow’s game after Smith missed Saturday’s matchups against the Golden Hurricane, the favorites to win the WAC championship. He also set out last night’s game against Boise State.

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Rice's depth has also been hurt by the decision of freshman forward Alex Spotts to withdraw from school, citing personal reasons.

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Rice's conference record is 2-2, and as a group they're going to buy into the things that we need to improve on," Wilson said. "We don't have to build a foundation. We don't have to improve by yards or feet. We've got to improve by inches." — Head coach Willis Wilson

Wilson hopes to have junior point guard Rashid Smith available for tomorrow's game after Smith missed Saturday's matchups against the Golden Hurricane, the favorites to win the WAC championship. He also set out last night’s game against Boise State.

"I think two road games against two decent teams in our league is really going to be a good stepping stone for us," senior guard Omar-Sch Mance said. "We get a chance to get some momentum and get some wins on the road and get back on track." — Senior guard Omar-Sch Mance

After a back-and-forth first half and Tulsa that featured exceptional shooting from both teams and 11 lead changes, Tulsa took over in the second half. The Golden Hurricane took the lead with 13 minutes, 42 seconds remaining in the game before pulling away, shooting 54.7 percent from the field compared to Rice's 31.3 percent. For Tulsa, its second-half shooting made all the difference.

"Tulsa came out and played hard," senior guard Jason McKrieth said. "We are two very competitive basketball teams. We just missed some shots that normally go down." — Senior guard Jason McKrieth

Although the Tulsa loss brought Rice's conference record to 2-2, it has been a promising start for the Owls. After a five-game December winning streak that included a revenge victory over the University of Colorado, the Owls opened their WAC season Jan. 2 against the University of Nevada.

Rice appeared to be cruising to victory, secure in a 14-point second-half lead, but the Wolf Pack rallied with a 22-4 run to take the lead. Sophomore forward Michael Harris gave Rice a late lead, and senior center Brandon Evans poured in a career-high 14 points for a 79-75 victory.

"Every night someone different has got to step up to help us win it," Evans said. "It was just my night tonight." — Senior center Brandon Evans

Rice next faced one of its biggest challenges of the season — a Jan. 4 road game against conference co-leader Fresno State University. The Owls and Bulldogs played 45 minutes of intense offensive basketball, and Mance hit a dramatic three-pointer to give Rice a 76-69 lead with just over 10 seconds remaining.

Fresno State's Damon Jackson responded with a foul-line jumper, and Smith's last-second shot from the lane caromed off the back iron, allowing Fresno State to hold on for the win.

Rice responded well, overcoming a 12-point deficit against the University of Texas-Pan American for an 85-79 road win. Rice continued to lead the way, scoring 23 of Rice's 19 points in the second half. The senior leads the Owls with 16.3 points per game, and his second-half play helped earn the victory that brought Rice's overall record to 8-3, equaling the program's best start since 1999.

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Downtown Club hosts big weekend

By Amanda Cahin

The first matches of the new season may not be at the Duke Hoes Tennis Stadium, but the men’s tennis team will open in Houston with a tournament and a pair of dual matches at the indoor courts of The Downtown Club.

The tournament, which runs through Sunday, features 16 of the country’s top teams, including third-ranked Baylor Bear, No. 12 Texas A&M and No. 10 University of Texas.

The Owls are ranked 36th, and the competition gives Rice a chance to match up against some of the top teams they will compete against for bids to the NCAA tournament later this spring.

The competition also boasts several highly-ranked individuals, such as Jeremy Wurtzerman of Ohio State University, the seventh-ranked singles player in the country.

“This is definitely the best squad I’ve ever played on,” freshman Rob Searle said.

Searle was in junior Vinck Brothers’ shoes as he and his brother as the third English player on the team. Both brothers are outstanding in his American debut, catalyzing him to a No. 16 national singles rank.

“I think it’s do well in the singles, but we need to do well in the doubles,” Searle said. “I didn’t get as many doubles results as I wanted in the fall. I wasn’t playing doubles significantly in the last semester, so I hope to pick that up this semester.

The Barker twins certainly weren’t slacking in doubles in the fall, as the juniors won the doubles title at the ITA Indoor Collegiate Championships. They will carry the No. 1 doubles rankings into the spring season and are expected to make a big impact in dual-match doubles play. Only one point is awarded in doubles play going to the team that wins two of the three contests, but Richard Barker said, “We can only score points in the doubles point cannot be underesti- mated, both on the scoreboard and for the team’s morale.”

“The formal has improved toward singles,” he but it’s not,” Richard Barker said. “It’s so important to get our doubles point.”

The Downtown Club hosts big weekend

Rice opens its dual-match season Monday, also at the Downtown Club, with home matches against the University of Nebraska and the University of New Orleans.

The Owls will be playing a busy schedule for the next few weeks, with several matches per player each day, but it is in such competition that will prepare Rice for the season.

“Tulsa was a good prep match for our town club in the fall, because we were able to get used to the doubles and singles matches, and also because we were able to get used to the doubles and singles matches, and also because we were able to get used to the pressures of the doubles point,” Richard Barker said.

“You never know about doubles. If you win the doubles point, you’re ahead, and if you lose, you’re behind. It’s a good team.”

Richard Barker, with two years of experience at the collegiate level, is ranked 36th in the country, while his brother William Barker is 40th. Richard Barker said he has high expectations for the 2003 season.

“This is definitely the best squad I’ve ever played on,” Richard Barker said. “We’ll just see how the season goes and try to stay injury-free and focused.”

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Auditions for this year's Monologues are tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. at Lyle's in the Lovett Commons with a "Fire and Ice" party from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Tickets are $15 or show your Rice ID and get 50 percent off. No, really, what's with the giant brick wall in the front? Brown College is celebrating the opening of its new commons with a "Fire and Ice" party from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

SATURDAY

So you wanna be a rock superstar?

The Career Services Center is offering a "Test Yourself for Career Change" workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. After taking three personality tests, the instructors will show you how to use the test results to make thoughtful and educated decisions about your future job. The combined cost of the tests is $185. To register, call (713) 348-4803.

WEDNESDAY

Leaves and fish will be served

The Graduate Christian Fellowship Luncheon will be held today in Farnsworth Pavilion from noon to 1 p.m. Food and refreshments will be provided.

FRIDAY

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Malcolm Gillis, a business administration major, is running on a platform returning Rice to a Texas powerhouse.

The Rice Thresher asked various animate and inanimate objects Wednesday evening, "Who do you want to be the next president?"