Gillis completes most appeals

Five students' sentences reduced, one changed to not in violation, two verdicts upheld

by Rachel Rustin

President Malcolm Gillis reduced sanctions in five of the 11 appeals he received after last semester's Honor Council hearings found 11 students in violation of the Honor Code. The students were found in violation of the code on the take-home, open-book, open-note final for Physics 203: Atmosphere, Weather and Climate. The students — a majority of whom are varsity athletes — received a two-semester suspension, except for one student who received an indefinite suspension because of previous Honor Code violations. Of the 11 appeals, four were completed, according to a statement by Gillis. Of the 11 students whose appeals have been completed, two received no change in sanctions, one was found to be not in violation, five received reduced sanctions, and three were given the option to have their Honor Council cases hearing. According to Gillis' statement, the students' cooperation in five of the cases was the reason for reducing sentences. The abstracts of the Honor Council cases state that the students were not deemed cooperative during the Honor Council hearings. Gillis' statement also includes the See HONOR, Page 9

Enrollment Dean McFarland fired

by Daniel McDonald

Barry McFarland, former dean for Enrollment Administration and Rice employee for nine years, has fired a complaint with the Texas Equal Employment Opportunity Commission following this semester's last month.

McFarland's last day at work was Dec. 20. He said Vice President for Enrollment Ann Wright gave him an explanation as to why he was fired.

"I was called in, given a termination notice, and no reason was given," he said. Wright said that she could not comment on why McFarland was dismissed. McFarland said he is seeking a legal remedy because university procedures were not followed.

"I guess the issue is that Ann Wright did not follow the university procedure for writing me up," he said. "There was not a write-up, it was just that you're out of here.

Wright said McFarland was treated fairly, and no discrimination occurred.

"He does have the prerogative to fire, but nothing improper was done," she said. "All university procedures were followed and we're sorry that he disagrees with that.

Vice President for Public Affairs Terry Shepherd declined to comment.

McFarland said his attorney could not get a straight answer for the reason McFarland was fired. McFarland said the Texas EEOC is going to review his case, and he will consider what his next step of action will be after they have made a final determination.

McFarland said although he would not come back to Rice under the current circumstances, he might consider returning if circumstances changed.

McFarland was also the Senior Associate Director of Admission, and will be replaced by outgoing Director William McKeever.

Red Storm Rising

Lovett College junior Mark Watabe works on the facade for Lovett Casino Night which is Feb. 1. The theme is "Back in the USSR," and the facade will be the Kremlin.

Student Activities reopens search for assistant director

by Jenny Rees

Director of Student Activities Hector Masden has plans to hire Beer-like and Orientation Week. And that's just her second job.

The first search for a new assistant director of Student Activities ended in December with the top two candidates rejecting the job offer, leaving Masden without an assistant director for the second semester. Masden will conduct another search this semester.

The positions became available in July when Masden, then assistant director, replaced outgoing Director Monica Haddix, who was hired in July 1999 as assistant director of the Student Center and became director of Student Activities in July 2000. Masden was hired as assistant director of Student Activities in June 2000.

The assistant director oversees O-Week planning, advises Rice Programming Council, coordinates club registration, plans the Fall Activities Fair, chairs the President's Programming Fund Committee and helps advise the students planning Beer-like and the Impact Rice Retreat.

Masden and a committee conducted a search for a new assistant director beginning in September. The search committee included student representatives from O-Week, Impact, Rice, the Student Association and varsity clubs. On-campus interviews with three candidates were held in early December, and offers were made in late December. Masden said.

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Paying for a hero

Former astronaut Charles Bolden Jr. speaks at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day memorial service at the Rice Memorial Chapel on Monday. The service and a candlelight vigil were sponsored by the Black Student Association.

SA names 10 to athlete relations committee

by Mark Berenson

The 10 members of the newly created Student Association Ad Hoc Committee on the Relation Between Athletics and Non-Athletes were announced Wednesday.

The committee will determine whether the relationship between athletes and non-athletes needs to be improved. If so, the committee will make recommendations to the organizations on campus on how to ease tensions between athletes and non-athletes.

The committee is chaired by Will Rice College SA Senator Derrick Matthews. The members of the committee are: Marri College senior Vance Bridges, a manager of the men's basketball team; Rice College junior Bryan Deblock, Marri junior Dylan Headrick, the Thresher assistant sports editor; Lovett College senior Amber Morgan, captain of the golf team; Baker College freshman Amanda Obermeyer, a goalkeeper on the women's soccer team; WIU Rice sophomore Anna Reave, a distance runner on the women's track and field team; Rice junior Ryan Simmons, a wide receiver on the football team; and Nel Richardson, College junior Jamie Story, who was co-chair of the SA Sports and Health Committee last year.

Twenty-two students applied to be on the committee. Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Services Julie Grogg and Electrical Engineering Professor Bill Wilson have agreed to assist the committee if the committee requests.

Shopping's over

Today is the deadline to add classes without a fee. The deadline to add a class or to drop a class without a fee is Feb. 7. Students should also check their enrollment on SISWeb to ensure its accuracy.

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Finding the problem

The Student Association Committee on Athletic/Non-Athletic Relations has been tasked with addressing the concerns of athletes and non-athletes at Rice. (See Page, Story, Page 1.) But the makeup of the group will mean that they will have to proactively seek out the average non-athlete's opinion.

Of the 10 people on the committee, five are varsity athletes and four of the non-athletes have strong athletic connections, such as being a team manager. We hope this imbalance will not make real progress toward a solution to the athlete/non-athlete problem difficult.

We are confident the committee will be effective if it focuses on boldly addressing the issues that athletes and non-athletes really care about — such as groups on campus need to step up to work toward narrowing the divide.

For example, we hope the committee will examine the system of athletic academic advising. This system often assigns athletes cannot handle the same classes as ordinary students, and it makes a great number of athletes from undertaking many of the academic challenges that Rice can offer. The committee should examine studies about such "perks" for varsity athletes as preferential tutoring (tutoring is more restricted for regularly admitted students).

And we really hope they won't spend more than five minutes trying to determine if there is a problem. Trust us, there is.

By seeking to engage tough issues, and by soliciting opinions with which they may not agree, the committee can overcome its imbalance and can make Rice more harmonious.

Thanking timely

Rice could not survive without its administrative staff, and we think a concert of appreciation is a great idea. We just didn't like the timing. A concert of appreciation was held in Stude Hall from 1 to 3 p.m., the day after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, when everyone was coming back from a three-day weekend and probably was a little behind on the week's work anyway. In addition, the concert prevents a great number of students from entertaining many of the academic challenges that Rice can offer. If the concert had been held during the second week of school, and it would have been nice if the Campus Store had been open for students still buying books. But, the store was closed, and, in addition, Delivery Services did not make a 3 p.m. delivery more.

More than 600 administrative staff attended the event and as many as 800 people were given the option. Rice University Police Department personnel were there but remained on call.

If the concert had been held a few weeks later, and not after a holiday, the impact probably would not have been felt. We applaud the gesture of thanks to the people who make Rice work, but hope the administration will consider such a solution in the future.
Guest column

**Abnormal Obermeyer**

**Rice needs a little faith in the scholar-athlete**

I assure you that my request for a bloc of varsity athletes to demand that their scholarship agreements be reworded to exclude athletic performance as a requirement was not one born of anger but rather a desire to create meaningful change. I am concerned about the current state of varsity athletics and the culture that surrounds them. I am not alone in this sentiment; there are others who share my concerns and are working towards a solution.

Varsity athletics are often viewed as the crown jewel of collegiate life, yet they come at a cost. The pressure to perform athletically can be overwhelming, leading to a high rate of burnout and a lack of focus on academic excellence. This is particularly evident in the case of Rice University, where the athletic program is known for its rigorous standards and high expectations.

I believe that there is a need for a paradigm shift in the way we think about varsity athletics. Instead of viewing them as a means to an end, we should consider them as a platform for personal growth and development. This can be achieved by ensuring that varsity athletes have access to comprehensive support services, including academic advisors and mental health professionals.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MOVIE: From Page 2

Cgang of New York is the "worst movie of the year." It is not a review of Leonardo DiCaprio myself, but I quite frankly think that it was just the opposite. It was, in my opinion, not just a masterpiece, but a film that has gone overboard with its action and humor. In particular in the case of Daniel Day-Lewis, along with Cameron Diaz, both of whom were nominated for Golden Globes, it is not so much the story of the American history, few of us knew existed. The depiction of the draft pacts was in particular shocking and revealing.

In a battle scene in the beginning may have been a trifle exaggerated, but to me it was the message that America was born in blood and that it is not easy. Perhaps the only real flaw of the movie was its comic title. It almost turned into a comedy, which I know is not the movie before I even saw it. Of the ten movies on your "good list," I could only count five that I have seen. When I go to AMC, I expect to be entertained, not just educated. At least try to cover some things. By the way, Waterworld, I felt bad. 

David Dickson

Rice's homophobia fault of administration

To the editor:

Coach Hatfield is just another cover-up, clothing his prejudice in biblical garb. Anti-Semites and segregationists did the same. Homophobia relies on similar theological justification and is just as immoral.

But the administration is more to blame. Dr. Haug has been trained adequately, he would have known better. As an administrator, this is more evidence of how little care sexual orientation issues have received despite requests to improve. I have communicated with Vice President for Public Affairs, Terry Shepard since he came to Rice. The S.A. System is not designed to do, but it still failed to do so. The S.A. System is not designed to do, but it still failed to do so. The S.A. System is not designed to do, but it still failed to do so. The S.A. System is not designed to do, but it still failed to do so.

Amber Overmyer a Baker college freshman is a member of the S.A. soccer team.

Michael Leggett

Guest column

The SA Senate is part of the solution

The SA must follow up and make sure that our questions are met with answers and our requests met with results. The SA must be proactive in solving these issues and must be fixed. The Senate should have a run-ning list of what topics have come up this year and label them as open or closed with related links, notes and documents. It should be easy to learn what policy has resulted. The S.A. can use the web to more proactively communicate with the student body. By increasing communication, the senate would gain respect by showing the student body they are prepared to keep them aware.

It will take time to improve the senate, but that should not sway us from solving the problem. Major adjustments are needed to educate the student body as to what the senate is designed to do, but it cannot stop there. The senate must prove it can be done. The college presidents must unite with the college senate and make the SA Senate the superior representative body it was designed to be. The members of the SA Senate are part of the problem, but more importantly, they are part of the solution.

They must lead in using the system to benefit the students to solve problems, while working toward a senate that effectively and accurately acts as the student representatives and leaders.

Michael Leggett is a Waco College senior.
**F&E technician dies**

Facilities and Engineering HVAC IT Technician Charles Walker died last month of heart problems. He was 52.

Friends and colleagues remembered Walker as a dedicated employee with a great sense of humor.

HVC Superintendent of Maintenance Madison said the fact that Walker was at Rice was a result of his character.

"He started as a temp employee four years ago doing manual labor, and then a position became open, which he got because of his hard work as a temp employee," Madison said.

Madison said Walker was soon transferred to the Air Conditioning Department.

"He came in as a core cleaner, and I saw his initiative, work ethic and desire to learn, and I promoted him to HVAC," he said.

However Madison said Walker's desire to learn hadn't stopped in the eight years he worked in the Air Conditioning Department. He was taking classes at Houston Community College that would have led to his promotion to HVAC III, the highest air conditioning technician position at Rice.

HVC III Technician John Gonzalez said Walker was one of the most likable people he had ever met, which he said was obvious at his funeral service.

Gonzalez said Walker regularly posted photos and videos of Rice athletics on the Rice Athletics website. "I think it's kind of a problem of the grapevine," Gonzalez said.

"He was my partner in the wrestling tournament," Gonzalez said. "We got second place last year, and this year he had promised me we were going to win it. He was out there practicing all of the time for that — the tournament is big for him.

Madison said Walker was light-hearted.

"He was always the joker of the shop, always laughing, talking and keeping people in an upbeat mood," Madison said.

Walker is survived by his mother, sister, three daughters, a step-son and four grandchildren.

— Mark Benzson

**Poetry Slam tonight**

Poetry has become more than something read in English classes. The Sanctuary will be hosting its second poetry slam today at 7:30 p.m. in Will's Pub. The winners of the slam will represent Rice at the Association of College Unions International regional tournament.

The eight participants for tonight, who have been preselected, are: Hassan College Junior Stephen Boe, Facilities and Engineering Project Coordinator Nickery Byrd, F&E Custodian Stephen Flanders, Loew College sophomore Alice Huang, Lowet freshman Yigit Menguc, Baker sophomore Alan Fruin, Lowet sophomore Adriana Ramirez, Harris freshman Roy Valdez and Baker College junior Rassul Zarinfar.

Marvel College senior Vance Bridges, one of the organizers of the event, said poetry slams are intercollegiate competitive poetry events.

"Participants are judged by members of the audience, so this means not only is the content of the poem important, but the presentation and delivery is almost equally as important," Bridges said.

Baker College Junior Rassul Zarinfar, who competed in the Sanctuary's first poetry slam in October, described the event as a lyrical testing match.

"I've got poets going up, and judges picking randomly from the audience," Zarinfar said. "The whole point is randomness, which is to avoid the stuffy academicness of poetry."

Bridges said one of the characteristics of a poetry slam is audience participation.

"It is necessarily call and response, but if a guy does a poem, some people will cheer if they like it and some people will boo if they don't," Bridges said. "If a judge gives a score too low, then the audience members will too. That's the cool part, every member of the audience is part of the event."
The completed building is Michael Graves' original design, she said. He applied to gathering places such as churches, Pope said. "We're uncomfortable with things like that that might happen, so we required a student would be," Ditman said. "They were there (watching television). Was that appropriate? No, we don't think so."

Ditman said he believed the workers were not Rice employees but were independent contractors, and that their responsibilities were at the time. Ditman said he recognized the workers, but recognized the workers, but did not find their presence around the North Colleges due to ongoing construction.

Both Ditman and Friedberg said they were unsure that Nandi had recognized the workers that day, and that recognition does not necessarily flag the workers as Rice employees. "We have contractors still walking around at the same time as Rice employees," Friedberg said.

Ditman said any disciplinary action would depend on the status of the individuals in question — whether they are Rice employees or contractors — and what their responsibilities were at the time. "Both Facilities and Housing take that very seriously their responsibility to the students," he said.

While he was upset by the incident, Nandi said he had sent some employees of independent contractors to the workers involved on the Martel project.

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Bike thieves caught

by Lora Danas

Rice University Police Department officers arrested two men Wednesday night after a student reported seeing the men attempting to steal bicycles from the bicycle rack next to the Student Center.

The men were taken to Harris County Jail on charges of possession of a criminal instrument, a pair of boltcutters.

A student who placed the call said he walked past two men working on one of the bikes and watched them for a while before going inside, where he continued to watch the men from a stairwell window.

The student said one of the men took out the boltcutters and started trying to cut bolts free, so he called RUPD at 10:14 p.m.

"Right before the [police] showed up, one of them spotted me at the window, and they walked into the student center," the student said.

Officer Clemente Rodriguez said he arrived at 10:16 p.m. to see two men, who matched the description from the student's report, leaving from the circle drive door of the Student Center. Rodriguez said the men saw him and decided to go out the exit onto Laboratory Road.

Rodriguez stopped the men in front of the bathrooms and found they had boltcutters.

"They tried to avoid me, but they still had the tool with them in a right-hand pocket, and they matched the description," Rodriguez said.

One of the men claimed during the arrest the boltcutters were actually a tool for fixing bicycles.

The men were taken to the RUPD station and were positively identified by the student who reported seeing them outside the Student Center. Rodriguez said RUPD officers are trying to contact the owners of two of the bikes, which were registered, to have them file charges against the men. If the bike owners cannot be reached, the men will still be charged for possession of a criminal instrument.

The men were described as being in their early 20s. One had a University of Houston identification card and the other had a University of Texas identification card. Both men's identification cards indicated Houston addresses, but Rodriguez said he thought one of the men was an international student.

Rodriguez said while bicycle theft is not a huge problem on campus, bicycles remain prime targets. He said, "Bicycle registration and student awareness are key for avoiding the problem."

"[The suspects] tried to avoid me, but they still had the tool with them in a right-hand pocket, and they matched the description."

— Clemente Rodriguez
RUPD officer

Resolving to follow through

Graduate Student Nata Hoven (Sid '03) talks to Recreation Center Assistant Director for Fitness Makyba Lyons on Wednesday at the Fitness Assessment Center Open House that featured information about personal trainers.

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A CHANGE IN PUNISHMENT

The Thresher asked students, "What are your thoughts on President Gillis' reducing a majority of the punishments in the Honor Council cases involving athletes?"

Maryam Keith
Lovett senior
"If they cheated, they should take the full penalty, and they shouldn't make exceptions. They shouldn't take away one semester [of a] suspension, plus it was an open-notes, open-book test. They shouldn't be lenient."

Laura Healey
Wll Rice freshman
Vansty swimmer
"As long as they are getting some sort of punishment, I really don't feel like it's any of my business. I'm kind of upset at the amount of information that was released. I'm not concerned about the details — I think the administration will take care of it."

Brett Murphy
Marist junior
"I don't think we should be so hard on these athletes because they have a very difficult counseled, and they have to balance a lot of things. I think what really is happening here is a witch hunt to try to get athletes. People here don't really like athletes, and they don't respect them."

Sahar Baghadi
Lovett junior
"The fact that we reduced it for a class where a lot of people cheated isn't really projecting a good image. I think it's kind of saying that if a lot of people cheat, it's not so bad."

Emily Serrano
Saher senior
"I think that's appropriate for what they did. I don't know how long they should be suspended, but a suspension is warranted, given what they did."

Marcus Pearlman
Wll Rice senior
"I'm all for less punishment. They won't cheat again whether it's a two-semester or one-semester suspension. We should just let them go on with their lives."

Akilah Mance
Jones sophomore
"The initial penalty seemed kind of harsh. Once they review it and looked at it in greater detail, they get a lesser punishment, which lets them get back to their life and get back to being focused and doing what they need to do to finish up."

Related cases referred back to Honor Council

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fact that new information was dis-
covered regarding potential viola-
tions by other students and was re-
tered to the Honor Council.

"Many hours were spent reviewing the records and the materials submitted."

— Malcolm Gillis
President

The semester-long suspensions were taken retroactively, so students receiving suspensions lose credit for last semester.

Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance Jason Gray said the sus-
pensions do not raise eligibility is-
sues for varsity athletes. "Say an athlete participates in a competition in the fall, and then they are retroactively suspended for that fall semester, there are no consequences in terms of forfei-
ture of games or eligibility because at the time they were eligible," Gray said.

Faculty Liaison to the Honor Council Joel Wolfe said Honor Coun-
cil members are concerned about the final round of the appeals.

"In the coming weeks, the ap-
ppeals process will be discussed by members of Faculty Council, the masters committee and others con-
cerned about the integrity of the Honor Code," Wolfe said.

Gillis' statement included the fol-
lowing.

"The appeals sent to the President's Office were handled ac-
cording to the Constitution and By-
Laws of the Honor System, and many hours were spent reviewing the record and the materials submitted."
In 1993, Guinier became the first black female nominated to head the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department. Clinton withdrew the nomination without a confirmation hearing after conservative stonewalling by the anti-busing Northern Virginia Citizens Alliance. In 1995, she turned down her appointment to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. Guinier had agreed in several law articles and columns that a majority-backed system of voting ranked minorities and that majority-backed systems also protected minority voting.

Guinier said the regulation she espoused during this time as a "quota" was unfounded. "You could probably not find the word 'quota' in anything I had written," she said.

Guinier became the first black woman to receive tenure at Harvard Law School in 1998 and has since used the platform to support public discourse about race, class, and gender in American society.

Treisman's experience prompted him to rethink what Guinier called "his 'talking and talking' approach and led him to encourage group and collaborative efforts in class.

"I want to talk about how the disadvantaged can enlarge democracy for us all." — Lani Guinier

* Harvard Law professor

In comparing race and gender, Treisman discovered that while Chinese-American students tended to study alone, Guinier said. After learning these results, Treisman organized after-class, collaborative study groups for his black students, providing free food and enlisting the aid of students who had done well in past calculus classes.

"By the end of the year the African-American students were among the highest-scoring calculus students in the class," Guinier said.

"Something positive can definitely be derived from understanding race," Ratner said. "It is something that matters. But the issues debated are so complex that I think we can only be considered a beginning point."

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President's Lecture speaker explains importance of race issues

by David Berry

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— Ben Ratner

Hanszen College junior

Guinier said Americans tend to see race only as an indicator of status rather than as a potential impediment to meaningful conversation and creative solution. "What I want to talk about is what she said can only be considered a beginning point."

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  - Contact: Student Service Operations (x529-6071) for more information.

- **Friends of Young Minds (FOYM)**
  - Contact: Jack Dawson (4th grade leader) at jackd@rice.edu.

- **English-as-a-Second-Language Tutoring Program**
  - Contact: Todd Tomson (ttomson@rice.edu) or visit www.ruf.rice.edu/~habitat.

- **Humanitarian Medical Outreach**
  - Contact: Hanna Garth (hgarth@rice.edu) for more information.

- **Rice Outreach Mentoring Program (ROMP)**
  - Contact: Rachel Dickerson (eacheson@rice.edu) to sign up or for more information.

### Student Service Organizations

#### One-on-One Tutoring
- Volunteers spend a few hours each week tutors and mentoring at-risk school children (3rd-5th grade). Volunteers must be on campus Monday at 4:30 pm and expected to be here all semester. If you liked Project Pumpkin, you’ll love this opportunity.

#### Outreach Tutoring
- Working with HATCH, this group provides tutoring and mentoring to academically challenged children in the Greater Houston community. The group meets on the Rice Circle Drive on Mondays and Tuesdays at 3:30 pm. They carpool to the Barrio Student Center and return to Rice by 6:00 pm. Volunteers are expected to participate in at least two other tutoring sites that you’ve never been to before or go back to one of your favorites. Contact: Erika Acheson (eacheson@rice.edu) or Ed Pietsch (eipietsch@rice.edu).

#### Houston Arboretum
- A group of students carpool to the Houston Arboretum every other Saturday to help maintain the trails of this nature preserve. If you thought Houston didn’t have any nature, you’ve never been to the Arboretum. Come as often as you can but expect to get dirty. Contact: Donna Garra (hgarra@rice.edu) or for more information.

### Events

- **Step Ahead**
  - Register on-line at www.rice.edu/stepahead. The program accomplishes these goals by providing a five-day service experience for new students in Houston while engaging in community service in addition to attending presentations and cultural events.

- **Project Pumpkin**
  - Volunteers spend a few hours each week playing with the children and helping them practice reading and math. The group meets for six weeks at 3:30 pm. This is a weekly commitment. Contact: Laura Dulan (dulanl@rice.edu)

- **Ser Ninos Tutoring**
  - Volunteers tutor for two hours each week in a rural AIDS awareness and prevention program. Contact: Hanna Garth (hgarth@rice.edu) for more information.

### Community Service and Literacy Resource Library

- The Community Service and Literacy Resource Library is a resource for the student who wants to volunteer sporadically. E-mail Student Service Operations at x529-6071 for more information.

### Announcements

- **URGENT**: The College of Arts and Science has an open position for a part-time, temporary, non-beneficiary employee. Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter via the Human Resources website.

### Service Site Information

- **Urban Immersion Student Coordinator**
  - Chappell (klchapp@rice.edu) for more information.

- **Junior Achievement**
  - JAI introduces basic business and economic issues to students at Rice. The group meets for six weeks at 3:30 pm. Contact: Alice Huang (axhuang@rice.edu) or visit www.ruf.rice.edu/~esletp.

- **Humanitarian Medical Outreach**
  - The group goes to Haiti once a year to facilitate the long-term improvement of international health care through educational outreach. Rice students collect computer equipment, sort and package it, and ship it to developing nations, primarily the healthcare and medical treatment in needy communities.

- **Friends of Young Minds (FOYM)**
  - FOYM volunteers run a rural AIDS awareness and prevention program. Contact: Hanna Garth (hgarth@rice.edu) for more information.

- **Roommates Tutoring**
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### Campus Resources

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- **Course Catalog**
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- **Student Handbook**
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### Other Resources

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### Important Dates

- **Spring 2003**
  - Important dates include:
    - January 24: Application deadline for Rice Outreach Mentoring Program
    - February 3: Volunteer Fair
    - March 3: HATCH orientation session
    - April 1: deadline for civic engagement service learning project
    - April 4: deadline for Civic Engagement Project

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THE THRESHER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

EDITORS' picks
tomorrow

DIALOGUE TO END RACISM
DivasWorks hosts "DIALOGUE: RACIAL," a discussion presented by the Center for the Healing of Racialism. The free event is an excellent opportunity to check out activism, the retrospective of the work of William Pope, L., "the freestanding black artist in America," on display in the visual arts gallery.

Free, DivasWorks ArtHouse, 1117 East Freeway. Go to www.divasworks.com for details.

sunday

SOUNDING GROUND
The Pauline Oliveros Foundation of Houston presents Sounding Ground #5, an evening featuring live and recorded music, with an artist's reception for clats:com's portrayal of Lucia.

Lucia (Laura Claycomb) pleads with Edgard (Vinson Cole) to keep their love secret.

For more information or to check out eRacism, Free, DiverseWorks, please visit www.houstongrandopera.org.

TV idol proves herself again with 'The Bonnie Hunt Show'

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Stalling’s career change
something to sing about

Earl Kocurek
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Most people’s music ambitions fade with age. Most garage bands transform into disparate groups of nine-to-fifteeners by the time they graduate college. Max Stalling has done things backwards.

one of the ways

Max Stalling
Rating: x
(out of five)

Stalling, a Texas A&M alumnus, worked for Frito Lay until last February. I won’t hold this against him. For one thing, Stalling uses his age to his advantage, and for another, his music is good.

His third album, One of the Ways, is filled primarily with sweet Texas country-folk songs. Stalling’s music is of the type that makes me wish my North Texas high school years were more stereotypically Texas in nature — that I had swum in stock tanks, had him on my back looking at the stars, had gone to homecoming with boys in cowboy boots, etc.

"Ain’t Falling in Love (with You Tonight)," a bar-closing number about wanting to go home alone, kicks off the album. Though it and the following track, "Something to Say," are solid, it took track three to make me fall in love with the album. Beautiful, mellow and nostalgic, "The Beatles & The Thunder" plays with the French lyrics of the Beatles’ "Michelle" to charming effect. "Lying here at 3 AM in another beautiful song, while "The Pila Song" tells a cowboy story about learning to look before you leap.

Stalling’s lyrics are far from dark, but they aren’t saccharine either. With a sound likely inspired by old-fashioned church hymns, "Lay My Burdens Down" tells the optimistic tale of a narrator who leaves his troubles behind and resolves "I’ll be home when I have found a smile." Of course, like all good Texas singer-songwriters, Stalling has included the obligatory location song, "Probably Corsicana."

Stalling’s lyrics fare far from dark, but they aren’t saccharine either. Some songs, like the album’s title track, have a quicker pace, but for me, Stalling’s voice and musical style work best with the lightly swaying lullaby sounds exhibited on "The Beatles & The Thunder" and "From Dancing to a Waltz." Overall, One of the Ways is a mellow, beautiful album of Texas country (not-disguising pop-country) — a bewitching listen for fans of country, folk and acoustic-flutist sounds.

Latest HGO diva steals stage in ‘Lucia di Lammermoor’

VILLAINS, From Page 8
	times-lose warmth in the extremely high range, but accuracy is out a question.

The audience has something to go absolutely mad for in Claycomb’s portrayal of Lucia.

Christine Jones’ set design seemed self-consciously minimal, with the crudely painted craggy metal backdrop serving as both a Scottish highlands landscape and castle walls.

The HGO orchestra settled into the accompanimental Donizetti style under Patrick Summers’ direction, with excellent flute and harp solos, although the percussion and woodwinds seemed occasionally sluggish. Summers segued the tempi between the stage and the pit effectively.

This season is the HGO’s “Year of the Diva,” and Laura Claycomb steals the stage. For Donizetti and bel canto, it doesn’t get much better than this.

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**IN FOCUS:**

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Record:** 11-4

**WAC record:** 3-2 (Tied 3rd)

**Last week:** The Owls went 2-0 on the road, scoring in all five games for the first time ever.

**What made the difference:** The Owls scored 166 points, the most in a week since 2001.

**Up next:** Rice hosted SMU and face Louisiana Tech tomorrow night at Autry Court.

The Owls claimed their first-ever 2-0 road trip with two strong second-half performances, led by the WAC Player of the Week guard Mike Wilks. **Sophomore guard** Mike Wilks scored 20 points against both teams, but Beckford made up ground on two of the United States' top sprinters — Maurice Green, a 2000 Olympic Games gold medalist, and world record holder in the 100-meter dash.

**Chris Wilks** told them to ... watch how we warm up and see how the professionals handle themselves.

While the men's team faced a world-class senior Allison Beckford has an impressive second-place showing in the high jump at 2.59 meters, and junior Ruthann Gairdner measured 8.85 meters in the shot put and 8.85 meters in the discus in high school. She was a little nervous, but we are all trying to help her. **Junior guard** Mike Wilks earned the conference's first three-place finish this season.

**The freshman seniors and guards to prevent Meeking from scoring more than 50, Wilson said. "But I think the truth of the matter is the 50-point output is a result of the job we did on the defensive side. Our players really believe that when our defense is good, our offense is really good."**

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"If we can go and steal two like we haven't done at least since I've been here," Gillespie said. "Our philosophy is we've got to win here at home and steal one on the road. So if we can go and steal two like that on the road, it helps us out and gives us a better cushion."**

The Owls ended the season with a 15-5 overall record and will play Louisiana Tech tomorrow night at Autry Court. Rice hopes to keep rolling against the Owls.

"It was Rice's first such weekly award since current Atlanta Hawks guard Mike Wilks (8th WAC) earned the award on Jan. 8, 2001."**

"I think it's a great honor," head coach Willie Wilson said. "I think the truth of the matter is the 50-point output is a result of the job we did on the defensive side. Our players really believe that when our defense is good, our offense is really good."**

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**Women's track stars shine brightly in indoor season opener**

by Dylan Hedrick

Among a star-studded field of competitors running at the Leonel Hill Memorial track last weekend, the women's track and field team had a strong second-half performances, — Mance had a season-high 24 points, and McKrieth scored all 17 of his points in the second half.**

"In track [winning a road game in a row] is really important because otherwise, we aren't going to become anything. Here's what I've done these last two years to win a lot all at home and steal one on the road. So if we can go and steal two like that on the road, it helps us out and gives us a better cushion."**

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Another road event was the 110-meter hurdles, where Ananda Pellerin crossed eighth in 14.28.42. **Rice continues its indoor training with an appearance at the WAC Championships, which start Feb. 27.**

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Tennis breezes to early dual match victories

by Amanda Cahn

While the rest of the school was enjoying an extended weekend due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, the men's tennis team was hard at work on the court.

The 56th ranked Owls won their first two dual matches of the season Monday, breezing to twin 6-1 victories over the University of Nebraska and the University of New Orleans at the Downtown Club in Houston.

Rice had little trouble in singles play in its first match of the year, as 14th-ranked freshman Robert Searle, No. 49 freshman Richard Barker, No. 49 junior William Barker, freshman Tony Haerle and seniors Matthias Mathaes and Cody Jackson, and all won their matches.

While Searle, playing first singles, was extended to tiebreakers in both sets, the Cornhuskers' best success came in taking the doubles point, although Nebraska was fortunate to avoid the Owls' best pair, the Barker twins, who were resting after the busy weekend.

"The team played pretty well this weekend," Searle said. "Expected to be ranked so high," Searle said. "Expected to be ranked, but not that high. It is only the preseason though, and I try not to think about it so that it doesn't hinder my play."

But Rice did well in its weekend tournament, advancing players to three of the four finals. The Barker twins, the country's top-ranked doubles pair, had an easy time in the doubles "A" final, defeating fifth-ranked Lester Cook and Ante Maricic of Texas A&M University 8-2.

In the singles "A" bracket, Baylor's Matias Martin upset both Searle and William Barker on his way to the title. Jackson reached the singles "B" final, but lost to TCU's No. 54 Rainel Alcino in straight sets.

It was a long weekend, and Searle had to endure a third set that ran to 8-8 — similar on a smaller scale to Andy Roddick's memorable 21-19 fifth-set victory in the Australian Open quarterfinal Wednesday.

"Personally, I played well and for quite along time," Searle said. "(But) in the week, we had two days off and we needed the rest."

The Owls will return to newly-renovated Jake Hess Tennis Stadium Feb. 1 to face No. 54 Texas Tech and Athlete Christian University.

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Men's track opens tomorrow at UH

by Dylan Hedrick

The men's indoor track and field team will be the first starting gun of the 2003 season as they compete in the Houston Indoor Opener at the University of Houston.

With the beginning of a new season, the Owls hope to average last year's second-place finish behind the University of Houston. In their 2002 indoor season, Rice cut All-American status after placing fourth in the long jump at the NCAA championships with a personal best long jump of 23 feet, 3 1/4 inches.

"This is one of the oldest and hardest working teams," Ocker said. "I just want to be productive for the team scoring points in my jumping events. (Qualifying for the NCAA Indoor Championships) is our first goal and I think that can get there in the long jump and the high jump."

Another American jumper returning is Vaughn Whyte, ranked third nationally last year with a leap of 2 3/4.

"With the help of jumpers like Vaughn and Ockers; we are looking to take the conference championships," head coach Jon Warren said. "We also have sophomore Jason Powell, who is looking better than he has ever looked, as well as senior Ryan Harman in the high jump."

Powell returns for his second year at Rice after finishing fourth at the WAC Championships in the long jump with a mark of 25.06. Harman, who last year placed second in the high jump and set school and meet records with 6.08 points at the WAC championships, returns for another attempt at the national field this season. Senior Tommy Oleksy, who will team with juniors Adam Davis and Eric Spear, had 11 points each. Oleksy added six assists, moving into second place on Rice's career assist list.

"I'm definitely excited to have the opportunity to break the record," Warren said. "I'm really looking forward to getting this track back on track and into the (NCAA) tournament."

"I feel like I do what's necessary to get us to the tournament, then I should be able to break the record in the process," Oleksy said.

Rice also fell behind against Boise State, trailing late in the first half but a 29-2 run spanning half to end the game. The Owls scored 26 points in two games, which earned her Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors.

IN FOCUS: WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Record: 6-8
WAC record: 3-2 (Tied-3rd)

Last week: The Lady Owls won home games against Boise State and SMU.

What made the difference: WAC Player of the Week Janice Joyce and SMU last night and faces WAC favorite Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La. tomorrow.

Joyce scored a career-high 23 points against Boise State and also recorded her 756th victory over Boise State and upset. She is the highest scoring mark with 28 points Saturday in a 76-67 win over the University of Texas-El Paso.

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Swimmers headed to Dallas for three meets

by Debbie Miller

Even a new teammate couldn't fill the swim team to victory in a double dual meet Saturday at College Station. Texas A&M University ranked 2nd nationally, no trouble besting the Owls 175-90. Despite the Rice defeat of Australian sophomore Jane Keith, but Rice put up a tougher fight against Louisiana State University, losing 154-107.

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Sophomore swimmer

"I guess it is just something we can learn and grow from," sophomore Jenny Voight said.

Only junior Elaine Lee, who swam in the 200-yard butterfly, and senior Mandy Molnar, who swam the 50-yard freestyle, won their events. Lee also took fourth place in the 100-yard butterfly.

In the distance events, junior Jackie Corcoran and sophomore Aditi Bhatman finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Corcoran also finished 8th in the 500-yard freestyle.

Sophomore Lauren Hill finished second in the 200-yard breaststroke but still was not satisfied with the Owls' performance.

"It wasn't exactly what I expected," Hill said.

First-year head coach Seth Huston took measures to alleviate the effect of the losses, relaxing practice this week to bring his team closer together.

"As far as getting our spirits up, personally I need just one day to have fun and turn things around," sophomore Kiana Taheri said. "We played water polo today, and I had a lot of fun, so I know I will come back stronger tomorrow because of it. It just one person can do it, it affects the whole team."

The relaxed atmosphere should also help Keith settle in to the new surroundings. The junior teammate Toni Collihill, Keith hails from the Swan Hills Swim Club in Perth, Australia.

Keith is the first to swim competitively, with medals at the Australian Age Championships in both 2001 and 2002 and at the Pan Pacific Games in 2001. She was a semifinalist at the Australian Olympic Trials for the 2000 Sydney Games.

"I came to Rice because it was the best academically and has a fantastic team," Keith said.

Her arrival comes at an opportune time for the twelve-swimmer team, because sophomore Cortie Kirkwillis will miss the rest of the season while preparing for monomorphes.

Keith, the only swimmer on the squad who specializes in the backstroke, finished seventh in the 200-yard backstroke and eighth in the 200-yard individual medley.

"I haven't had a chance to get to know her since she has come at a busy time and at a weird point in the season after our training trip," freshman Laura Hoyd said. "But I do feel like she is already a big part of the team."

The Owls hope to recover quickly from their disappointing weekend performances, but they face WAC favorite No. 6 SMU in Dallas tonight at 7 p.m.

Rice's back-to-back schedule continues tomorrow with a 10 a.m. meet in Dallas against North Texas followed by a 7 p.m. meet in Fort Worth against TCU.

Savage skills

Stid Richardson senior Andrew Fupua makes a pass at the Savage 7 ultimate tournament in Baton Rouge, La., Saturday. Fupua competed for one of the Rice teams at the non-substitution tournament that saw one Rice squad qualify for the quarterfinals and another reach the semifinals.

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MEN'S TENNIS

NEW ORLEANS 1 RICE 6

Singles
1. Robert Searle (RU) d. Miguel Barrois (EC) 7-5, 6-4
2. Take Morita/Vuk Rajevac (RU) d. Oding/Rosse (ret.)
3. Robert Searle (RU) d. Florian Preissler (Neb.) 7-6, 4-6
4. Jullen De La Mettrie (UNO) d. Matthias Mathaes (TU) 6-1, 7-5
5. Cody Jackson (RU) d. Anthony De La Mettrie (UNO) 7-5, 6-4
6. Alejandro Barrios (RU) d. Anil Mathani (Neb.) 6-2, 6-0
7. W. Barker (RU) d. Andy Mathani (Neb.) 6-2, 7-6
8. W. Barker (RU) d. Pete Shaw (UT) 6-1, 6-0
9. Z. Barker (RU) d. Harry Shaw (UT) 6-1, 6-1
10. Z. Barker (RU) d. Mike Hath (UT) 6-1, 6-3

Doublers
1. Searle/Haerle (RU) d. Ryan Jay/Jose Rivera (Neb.) 7-5, 6-4
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BASEBALL

PRESEASON ALL-WAC TEAM

Peyton Jordan (NMU); Noah Martin (UT); Matt McCallister (NMU); Collin Wenzel (NMU); Collin White (NMU); Brooke Pimentel (NMU); John Venable (NMU); John Witenkam (NMU); Jordan协会会员 (NMU); John Witenkam (NMU)

BASEBALL AMERICA TOP 25

1. Georgia Tech
2. Stanford
3. Texas
4. Texas A&M
5. New Mexico State
6. Arizona State
7. Washington State
8. Arizona
9. Arizona State
10. Southern California
11. Rice
12. Utah State
13. Cal St.-Fresno
14. Miami (Fla.)
15. Rice
16. Long Beach State
17. Mississippi State
18. Arizona
19. South Carolina
20. Texas A&M
21. North Carolina
22. South Carolina
23. Virginia Commonwealth
FRIDAY

Hurry up to wait in line.

Saturday is the last day to add classes and to drop without a fee. Get on over to the Registrar's Office by 5 p.m. or else.

True: Coors
False: It's the most wonderful time of the year.

Slightly Better: The twins will open with "True, False, and Slightly Better," a large-scale installation by Phoebe Washburn. The exhibit, composed of cardboard boxes, will be on display until Feb. 21. An artist's talk will take place today at noon.

Just let me know when boinot is an official IM sport.

Today is the final day to enter for the following intramural sports: coed basketball, college table tennis, college softball, inner tube water polo, softball and volleyball. Get down to the Rice Center today to do so.

Ideas that conquered the world


Nucuor stratagery

Today at 4 p.m. the Eighth Annual Harold E. Burisch Memorial Lecture will be held in the Sadie R. Smith Auditorium. Ernest Mootz from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will present his speech, "Nuclear Power: When You Find Yourself in a Hole, Stop Digging!"

Philosophy lecture

The philosophy department presents "Skeptical Strategies," a speech by Jonathan Vogel, professor of philosophy at Amherst College. Come to Rooms 119 of the Humanities building from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

One Fish, Two Fish

The Sanctuary presents a poetry slam tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Willy's Pub in the Rice Memorial Center. The four winners of this poetry slam will represent Rice at a national tournament. Tickets are $2 for students and $5 for space-available basis.

Iranian Film Festival

The 10th Annual Iranian Film Festival begins with screenings of The Times, a documentary about the challenges women in Iran face, and Under the City, a drama of family conflict. Both films are in Persian with English subtitles. The films begin at 7:00 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the Rice Media Center. Tickets are $5 with your student ID.

SATURDAY

Majors for minors

The Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra will provide an entertaining program for children of all ages. The show takes place at 11 a.m. in the Stude Concert Hall, for more information, call (713) 348-8000.

SUNDAY

Oakland: The only city where you can go to a football game dressed like a fan at a GWAR concert.

There will be a Super Bowl party today at 4:30 p.m. between Wives House and Baker College. Free vegetarian-friendly food will be served. The event is sponsored by various Christian organizations.

Men vs. Beasts

The men's basketball team will take on the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs in a WAC game. Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., and both are in Persian with English subtitles. Admission is $5 for students. For more information, call (713) 348-4862.

Swim meet

Center support the Rice swim team as they compete against the University of Houston. The event begins at 7 p.m. at the Rice Pool.

Or, you could stay home and watch "Bridezillas" on FOX.

Continuing the 10th Annual Iranian Film Festival, the Rice Media Center presents Shahrbanoo, a tale of hospitality and cultural exchange, and Women's Prize, a critique of a law and order society not far from our own. The films begin at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., and both are in Persian with English subtitles. Admission is $5 for students. For more information, call (713) 348-4862.

Shepherd School Recital

The Shepherd School of Music presents a guitar artist recital by Michael Gurt from Louisiana State University on the piano. The program includes works by Schumann, Brahms and Prokofiev and begins at 8 p.m. in the Duncan Recital Hall.

MONDAY

The Thresher Calendar is a strong proponent of recycling, just check out some of this week's jokes.

Rice Recycles is once again hosting two sessions of our Recycling Certification Program today from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and again on Thursday, Jan. 30 from 9 to 11 a.m. The events will take place in the lobby of the Modell building.

TUESDAY

Or you could just spend the next four years on the steps of Chem Loc.

The Career Services Center is holding a Collegiate Job Fair from 2 to 5 p.m. and a Summer Opportunities Fair from 7 to 9 p.m. The events, which feature companies offering full-time job opportunities or summer jobs and internships, will take place in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center.

THURSDAY

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team plays the University of Hawaii in a WAC game. Tipoff is at 7 p.m. at Autry Court.

100 days until you're just "that creepy 5th year down the hall."

The 100 Days Party will be held tonight from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. at the SPI nightlife downtown. Today marks the 100th day until graduation, so get on down to the Sallyport tonight to catch a shuttle. Bring your Rice ID. For more information, contact Jessica Pena at jpena@rice.edu.

FRIDAY

"Worst ... episode ... ever."

Today is the final day of pre-registration for Rice's annual gaming convention. OwlCon takes place Feb. 7-9 this year and features table-top and live-action role-playing games, miniatures games and events, historical miniatures, board games, card games, a dealers' room and more. For more information, check out http://www.rice.edu/owlcon.

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Hunnan: We have Sunny. If you want to see him again in almost one piece, we demand one dollar of Bavarian. We'll then throw from you a note, we will send him back with his left wing.

*APC BUDMEN

The Willy jack

Jan. 22 - I'm so happy that an institution such as Rice prides itself on the quality of its undergraduate education that I would have to wonder professors who are not fluent in English and thus prepare us for the day when all of our bosses will be Japanese or German.

May 6 - You know, the statue's been turned around before. A bunch of Angels died in 1977, only they turned it 360 degrees.

Top 10 lists galore!

Top 10 things to do in winter wandering around bored in Rayzor: 1. Plug towels with paper towels. 2. Switch name plates on pro's doors. 3. Change days on office hours slips. 4. Read cartoons on profs' doors. 5. Read and write correct captions on the poetry from Susan Wood's class. 6. Call the downstairs phone from the upstairs phone. 7. Take papers from the return boxes, erase grading marks and put them back in profs' mailboxes. 8. Call the downstairs phone from the upstairs phone. 9. Read and write rude comments on the poetry from Susan Wood's class. 10. Bring to hood and drinks and grill.

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88 The Willy jack

1996 Sexism hits its peak

Rice WOMEN ARE LIKE ...

- '84 APC strikes
- '88 The Willy jack
- '89 The F-word' debuts
- '90 They'll get the last one yet
- '91 They'll get the last one yet
- '92 They'll get the last one yet
- '93 They'll get the last one yet
- '94 They'll get the last one yet
- '95 They'll get the last one yet
- '96 Sexism hits its peak

All dates approximate.

Tips for the administration

1) While you're at it, why not raise the entire campus and build an exact replica of Harvard University to lure boy- band pursuits?

2) Change "one tree on campus for every student" to "100 square feet of concrete on campus for every student."

3) If you're trying to gain back the cost of the Humanities Building by charging us $5 to watch the opening ceremony, either until another $419,320 students don't view the ticket price is at $8,378.60 for each undergraduate.

BISH

The S&M era

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