The Rice University Police Department is searching for two black males who reportedly brandished a knife toward a Harnson College student and attempted to burglarize a motor vehicle around 10 p.m. Wednesday.

Officer Sandra Veliz, who responded to the call placed at 9:50 p.m. by a female Hanszen College student, said the student was about to open the door to leave the Will Rice College Commons when two black males walked by, and one of them smiled "with a kind of sly smile" and pulled out a switchblade.

"She said that they didn't try to open the door or grab her or talk to her or anything, but that as they were walking by, they pulled out their knife, looked in and kept walking," Veliz said.

The student got scared and ran back into the commons and called the police, Veliz said.

Veliz said the student told her one of the men had crossed and ran away on a walkway with stripes on his sides, and the other man, who she didn't see well, was wearing a cap. The student said both men were between 5 feet 6 inches and 6 feet tall.

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"These are the lucky ones."

Assistant Director of Public Affairs Kiley Athanasiou helps two international students make Valentine's Day cards at a women's networking luncheon Wednesday. Some international students have faced difficulty getting student visas because of recent stricter immigration laws, and other students remain in their home countries. (See Story, Page 5.)

Athletes urged to run for Council

by Mark Beecroson

Varsity athletes received an e-mail Monday encouraging them to run for Honor Council positions from the Student Association Ad Hoc Committee on the Relation Between Athletes and Non-Athletes.

Committee Chair Derrick Matthews said the recently formed committee sent the message because it was an immediate way for athletes to get involved.

"We thought we should send a letter to athletes telling them to get involved," Matthews, a Will Rice College sophomore, said. "We want them to be more involved in the college.

Currently there are no varsity athletes on the Honor Council.

"If there's a Rice College senior, said. "There are more comprehensive statistics that look at several years."

Storv said she hopes getting varsity athletes on the Honor Council will ease perceptions about the Honor Council among athletes.

"Obviously it is not going to change the cases that are brought to the Honor Council, but it would ease the athletes' concerns that they are not published by the Honor Council, was from the early 1990s and current Honor Council statistics were different.

"Our statistics don't indicate that at all," Storv said. "While RUPD was looking for the suspects around the South College Lot around 10:15 p.m., a civilian flagged down Officer Isabel Diaz and said he had just seen two black males, who seemed to match the description placed by the student, breaking into a vehicle."

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Students ask for parking lot

by Daniel McDonald

In a reversal of typical Rice sentiment, students are asking that land be converted into a parking lot instead of green space.

College presidents made the request after the uncovered lot next to Entrance 4 in a letter sent to Vice President for Student Affairs Amy Monahan-Camacho.

Currie said she received an e-mail that included a copy of the letter, although he had not received the letter yet.

Currie said plans were to convert the lot to green space during the past two days, but he asked the plans be delayed until the students' desire to have the lot turned into a parking lot could be evaluated.

"We sort of play 'best idea wins' at a university," he said. "So we listen to the students, and ultimately the administration will make a recommendation to the building and grounds committee, and it's up to the building and grounds committee to decide what it is they want to do.

The building and grounds committee is a committee of the Board of Trustees.

The next Board meeting is in March.

Student Association President Matt Haynie said he would try to make a recommendation to the building and grounds committee to decide what it is they want to do.

The students were found in violation and two were reduced to an F in the class and an indefinite suspension for one student and offered the other applicants the option of a new hearing or the reduction of the suspension to an F in the class and one semester of suspension from an F in the class and two semesters of suspension.

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Creating credible honor

The Honor Council's proposed changes in its appeals procedures — an instance of faculty involvement — represent the first step in its mission this week by sending e-mail to varsity athletes asking them to run for Honor Council positions. Increasing faculty involvement and the requirement of appeals abstracts for appeals — are long overdue. We hope the administration will support the changes and, in so doing, show that the council will have some respect.

Instituting a small council of faculty members to act as the first level of appeals after conviction makes the honor system more genuine (currently the assistant dean for student judicial programs constitutes the first level). It makes perfect sense to let members of Rice academia weigh in on Rice academic violations; after all, professors are an essential component of how the Honor Code is enacted. However, the office of the assistant dean for student judicial programs should work with faculty members so both administration and academia are involved in the process.

It is unacceptable for the administration to silently overrule the decisions of student organization or to exclude professors from making academic decisions. Getting more people involved in the appeals process and requiring its documentation will force the administration to give both the students on the Honor Council and the faculty the respect they deserve.

Running for office

The Student Association Committee on Athlete/Nonathlete Relations made an important first step in its mission this week by sending e-mail to varsity athletes asking them to run for Honor Council positions. The request should have been more blatant.

Tension between athletes and nonathletes is not limited to incidences concerning the Honor Council. The committee seemed not to anticipate this when it did not encourage athletes to join other student organizations.

If unity on campus is the goal, then athletes should become as involved in Rice's activities and organizations as their schedules permit. We encourage athletes, as well as other students, to run for all offices on campus, not just the Honor Council.

Using space wisely

While students have long supported keeping tracts of land on campus green, recent events have proven that is not always true. Such was the case last year when the Biology Forum proposed a parking lot in front of the Rice faculty offices on the South College lot.

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Sticking up for students

Despite all of the new, confusing laws facing international students, Rice's international students are lucky: They have staunch supporters in the form of a group of faculty and students. The group got up and said it was wrong when Rice was not involved in the appeal process for overseas students.

As a minor improvement to the Honor Code, I suggest that the definition of "guilt" be made clearer. Specifically, it guilt beyond a reasonable doubt? Or is it guilty by the preponderance of evidence? This may seem just a quibble, but I remember serving on a jury in which there was unanimous agreement that the accused was "very probably guilty" but not "beyond a reasonable doubt," and the accused went free.
**Guest column**

**Reforming NASA in the face of incompetence**

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**First lesson of love is quality beats quantity**

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Panel explores relationship between U.S. and Egypt

by Ian Everhart

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Egyptian government officials, businessmen, and scholars discussed the importance of a strong relationship between the United States and Egypt at a two-day former in the Middle East, an Egyptian Perspective given by Gamal Mubarak, the assistant secretary general and policy chief of the National Democratic Party of Egypt.

The panelists emphasized that Egypt wants to maintain its positive relationship with the United States.

Osama El-Baz, the chief political adviser to the Egyptian president, began the discussion and said the United States and Egypt have little history of conflict.

"The American people have never been a colonial power in the Middle East, and as such, there is a great deal of good will in the region toward the United States," he said.

El-Baz said Egyptian and American positions on many issues are similar because the values and interests of the two countries converge, and he described policy discrepancies as minor.

Abdel Moneim Said All, the director of AL Ahram Center for Politics and Strategic Studies, said he was concerned about the history of United States-Egypt relations, citing the 1973 visit of United States Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to Egypt as the beginning of the most recent phase in the relationship. Cooperation on the part of both countries helped maintain stability of all prices and fend off Islamic fundamentalism, he said.

Said All said there are current disagreements between the two countries, principally over the treatment of the Palestinians and how to proceed in Iraq. However, Egypt and the United States share immediate concerns: the vision for a postwar Iraq, cooperation in the war on terror, and safeguarding against mass destruction and the integration of the Middle East into the world market.

Mona Zulficar, a member of the Egyptian-American Business Council and the National Council for Women, outlined the progress of the business climate in Egypt, which she said is misinterpreted as the "ural Middle East" by the United States. With its central location and heavy productivity, an amount of which is lost to the output of the entire Arab world combined in some industries, Egypt has considerable potential capabilities that are not fully used. Egypt has considered doing business in the region. Egypt is "like a letter that still needs to be opened," she said.

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One graduate student faces a situation that will be familiar to many international students and their families. The student, who asked to remain anonymous, said she has studied at Rice for three years. She returned to China in December and is now facing difficulty in getting a visa to return to the United States.

"I was told that because of new U.S. laws, I have to wait until mid-June to address members of Congress," the student said. "This is frustrating because I don't understand why I had been refused." She said the U.S. Embassy in Moscow has not been able to provide any information.

"The main problem is that we cannot get any information about the visa process," she said. "If the U.S. Embassy could give us information about how we can get a visa, I'd feel better because we're on the same page and don't have to wonder what's going on.

Mechanical engineering graduate student Medhat El-Nahas, who is from Egypt, said he was notified about six months before his visa was denied. While he was waiting, he felt like he was being held.

"When you are refused by a process, it is extremely hard to accept, but when you are refused by a country — from a democracy — it is not as nice feeling," El-Nahas said. "I understand why I had been refused.

"I don't blame the bank — I'm the one who was doing business with the system," he said. "I don't think I am doing right to terrorism or things like that.

"When you are refused by a person, it may be acceptable, but when you are refused by a country — from a democracy — it is not a nice feeling."
Men suspected in series of car burglaries

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to steal a vehicle, and were scared off by the civilian. "I guess the civilian scared them off because [Officer Diaz] said the guy said that he looked at them and they ran," she said.

Vella said that the subjects look young and could easily fit in and pose as students, so students should take extra caution and report any suspicious activity.

"Even if someone looks to be suspicious but turns out to be okay, that's fine," she said. "It doesn't hurt to go check them out and search them."

The South College Lot was checked later that night by RUPD, and no other vehicle break-ins were reported.

Improvements coming to Rec Center

by Michelle Afkhami

The Recreation Center will see more improvements this spring, thanks to a Rice alumnus. A $30,000 donation from Carl Isgren (Baker '61) will be used to improve the weight room, the east and west gyms, the women's locker room, the activity room and the intramural fields. Assistant Dean for Student and Recreation Centers Boyd Beckwith said.

The second cardio room in the Rec Center and the recent addition of personal viewing screens on all cardio room equipment were also funded by Isgren, who made a $200,000 donation last year.

Improvements to the weight room will include an Olympic power rack, iron grip plates, an Olympic extension cart, an Olympic weight bench, and bar and plate storage. A wall mural, Rice alumni David Chien (Hanszen '02), former Thresher cartoonist, will paint the mural.

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Is Spandex allowed on a golf course?

The golf team took a mixed approach at Friday's student relay races during breaks in the swim meet between Rice and the University of Houston. Freshman David Kelvin (left) wore scuba flippers and oversized goggles while swimming the first leg of the race. For the final leg of the race, Kelvin, freshman Parker Lallange and junior Ryan Morgan joined sophomore Matt Tschuy and his inflatable alligator (below).

Needless to say, the team was disqualified in the heat that was won by members of the men's water polo team.

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ATHLETES from Part 1 not being treated fairly if they are accused by the Honor Council," Story said.

Shreffler said she encouraged anyone considering an Honor Council position to run.

"I am interested in having anyone who is interested in upholding the Honor Code running," Shreffler said.

Varsity tennis player Richard Barker, who said he was considering running for the Baker College Honor Council representative, said one reason he wanted to be on the council was to make it more representative of the student body.

"One out of every eight students is an athlete, and there are no athletes on the Honor Council," Barker, a Baker junior, said. "I think it would be good to integrate it and have an athlete or two on the Honor Council to make it more representative of what the population at Rice is." Barker said having athletes on the council could help begin to eliminate the divide between athletes and non-athletes.

"Having athletes more integrated in university events, like [Ori- entation] Week, and holding positions at colleges and being on the Honor Council will go some way to make students and student athletes in closer groups," Barker said. "Although I think the current perception that people think there is a massive divide is so exaggerated."

Shreffler said being on the council was a sizable time commitment. "Last fall, the average council member spent about 60 hours a week doing Honor Council work," Shreffler said. However, Barker said if something is important enough, a student can always make time for it.

"It is true that athletes do spend 20-plus hours a week practicing," Barker said. "However, I am a big believer that if you really truly believe in something, then you can find a way to do it, and therefore I could count time to do it."

The letter said there will be two Honor Council representatives from each college, but Shreffler said that change will not take place until next year, and this year, each college will have one representative.

Honor Council class representatives are elected in the SA General Election, for which petition to run are due today, and the election is being whisked away during the week said. "Just having a panel of older students who can explain the process and explain that athletes aren't being whisked away during the week could help."

Log on for ideas, advice, and results. TRH-THS 2007 on the TRH-THS Web site, http://sa.rice.edu, and SA senators have paper copies for members of their colleges.

Matthews said the committee was making progress in its discussion on other issues, including O-Week. Matthews said the committee hoped to meet with the Student Director of O-Week, to be named today, to discuss ways it could be improved.

"There's some simple stuff that we can do so that a problem could be stopped before it starts," Matthews said. "Just having a panel of older students who can explain the process and explain that athletes aren't being whisked away during the week could help."

The ad hoc committee is also conducting a survey to gather student opinion on athletes.

Matthews said the survey was being conducted to compensate for the lack of committee members who have no athletic affiliation.

"Because we didn't get a lot of non-athletes to apply, with our committee we can't gauge problems," Matthews said.

Thresher Web site, http://thresher.rice.edu, has a link for the survey available on the SA Web site, and SA senators have paper copies for members of their colleges.
Administration delays converting lot to green space

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Vice president for Finance and Administration Neil Albrecht said the university would be best for students if the lot was retained as green space. “It was such a small lot that we thought it was warranted to keep the lot as parking spaces,” Morgan, a senior, said. “We felt students would be happiest if the lot was converted to parking spaces.”

Currie said it would cost more than $1 million to modify the lot into a parking lot than it would to convert the lot into green space. “It’s not just parking versus playing field,” he said. “There’s a value to having some place be green, even if it’s not some place you walk around on.”

Currie said green space isn’t just valuable if you can throw a Frisbee around on it. “Parking is a higher priority than green space right now associated with that lot,” she said. “I think that was decided before new parking regulations were put in place. Parking is a higher priority than green space right now associated with that lot.”

The board looks at all the current campus as they approve plans,” he said. “What this committee is doing is just a small part of the larger view of campus.”
John Pilger's documentary, "Palestine is Still the Question," drew a large crowd to Sewall Hall Wednesday night.

The event was funded by KPFT, an independent Houston radio station, and was not sponsored by the university.

Pilger's film presents images of Palestinian suffering in the occupied territories and seeks to hold Israel responsible for current violence. Pilger accuses U.S. military support of what he calls "state terrorism," and the film concludes with a plea for an end to occupation and the creation of two equally autonomous states.

The discussion following the film was moderated by Dennis Bernstein, host of Flashpoint, an hour-long progressive talk radio show based in Berkeley, Calif. Flashpoint is syndicated by KPFT and airs Monday-Friday at 7 p.m.

Bernstein drew a connection between the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and recent U.S. plans to go to war in Iraq, arguing that Iraqi civilians in such a war would suffer the same kind of violent oppression presently suffered by Palestinians.

"We will never get anywhere when one side thinks they have all the answers. What we need is dialogue," said Simon Birenbaum, Jones College sophomore.

Many students said they found both the film and the discussion, including Bernstein's moderation, one-sided.

Jones College sophomore Simon Birenbaum said he thought Pilger's film was radically pro-Palestinian.

"Both that seminar and this film were only one side of the story and just a lot of propaganda," Birenbaum, who is president of the Rice branch of Houston Hillel, a Jewish student organization, said. "We will never get anywhere when one side thinks they have all the answers. What we need is dialogue."

Birenbaum said he objects to any one-sided argument, even a pro-Israeli one.

"The last time I felt this way was when I was on a 911-sponsored summer retreat in Israel that taught us to be pro-Israeli advocates," he said.

Some attendees, however, said the film resonated with their own experiences.

"The film was one-sided, but I think it got to the heart of the issue involved," Zvahka Haq, a Houston senior, said.

Haq said although many people blame Palestinian leaders for perpetuating the violence, he thinks there is no excuse for occupation.

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Rice’s two-and-out spring exit from the 2002 NCAA College World Series was a disappointment at the time, but the 2003 Owls expect to turn CWS national champion University of Texas’ two-and-out exit from the 2002 NCAA College World Series into a learning experience. Through the summer. With a full year of experience at the collegiate level, junior catcher Jeff Jorgenson, who switched to the baseball team from the track and field team last spring, the Tigers without a run for 18 innings in a two-game sweep.

At a Glance:
2002 record: 32-14
WAC record: 26-2 (first)
Postseason: After winning its home regional and sweeping LSU in a home super-regional, Rice was eliminated in two close College World Series contests, 2-1 to eventual national champion UF 5-3 and against Notre Dame.


Top newcomers: 3B Craig Stansberry (Kingwood HS), LHP/DH Matt Stansberry (North Central JC), RHP (Kingwood HS), LHP/OH Matt (Northeastern State University), 2B Collin Matheny (St ankle. Joe). Ruchti, entering his second season with the team. While Ruchti’s defensive credentials, especially his arm, are unquestioned, his hitting was inconsistent last year.

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With established starters, Owls hope to develop bullpen

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Standing 6-foot-5, sophomore right-hander Jeff Niemann remains in the rotation after being the regular weekly starter last year. He finished 5-1 with a 3.52 ERA in 17 appearances, including a strong effort in the regional championship game against Washington.

Sophomore right-hander Josh Baker transferred to Rice from Alabama after the 2002 season. He was 5-2 with a 5.93 ERA for the Crimson Tide before arm problems ended his season prematurely. Baker was a fourth-round draft pick of the Texas Rangers out of high school.

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Rice hit .319 as a team and averaged 7.3 runs per game in 2002, but head coach Wayne Graham must replace three starters in this year's lineup. Here's a projected batting order with likely substitutes.

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Scrapy sparkplug earned a starting job last year with a .415 on-base percentage and several highlight-reel defensive plays.

Track convert will bring excitement and speed to both the outfield and the basepaths, especially against left-handed pitching.

Freshman plays a strong defensive outfield and swings the bat well from the left side of the plate, but he'll also see time on the mound.

Co-National Freshman of the Year will have to deal with high expectations and plenty of walks after his .428 batting average last year.

One of Rice's most consistent hitters will hope to avoid the back injuries that limited his already impressive 2002 numbers.

Junior college transfer steps into the third base job with high expectations both offensively and defensively, also improving team speed.

Returning outfielder is a regular against righties and is expected to put up more consistent power numbers after a strong offseason.

Big freshman is recovering from shoulder surgery but could factor as both a pitcher and DH.

Well-known player moves back to second base and hopes to improve his average while maintaining his power numbers.

Outstanding defensive catcher with a great arm will set the tone for the starting rotation while looking to improve his hitting against righties.

Washington resident was a pleasant surprise last year, and similar offensive production would be a huge bonus to his defensive capabilities.

Returning starter struggled offensively at the end of last year but is a dangerous contact hitter and glove man who also expects to pitch.

Freshman will provide depth around the infield and could see time as a designated hitter against left-handed pitching.

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Batting average of first baseman Vincent Sinisi as a redshirt freshman, the second-best single-season average in school history, just two points shy of Lince Berkman's .430 mark in 1997. Sinisi hit .500 in WAC play and had a remarkable 18 three-hit games.

Rice's team ERA in 2002, the best in NCAA Division I. While the team leader was senior Justin Crowder, now pitching in the Oakland minor league system, five other regulars had a sub-4.00 ERA.

Team stolen base total last year, up from 44 in 2001 and second-most in the past five seasons. (Rice had 90 steals in 1999.) Sinisi led the team in 2002 with 13 steals, while Chris Kolkhorst and new additions Jeff Jorgenson and Craig Stansberry should help the running game.

Rice's WAC record last year. Both losses came against San Jose State, one at home and one on the road, as the Owls won all 10 WAC series on their way to winning the conference title by seven games. It was Rice's sixth consecutive WAC title.

Strikeout to walk ratio of returning righthanded ace Steven Horel, with 104 strikeouts and just 23 walks. Horel was 13-3 with a 2.79 ERA and a team-high five complete games.

Career batting average of junior outfielder Austin Davis, sixth all-time at Rice. Davis has the chance to move up on several career offensive lists in his third full season as a starter.
2003 RICE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

February

14 UTSA (4 p.m.)
15 Texas A&M (7 p.m.)
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17 Akron (11 a.m.)
18 Lamar (7 p.m.)
19 at SW Texas St. (3 p.m.)
21 at SIETSON (4:30 p.m.)
22 at MISSISSIPPI (noon)
23 at LUTARLINGTON (2:30 p.m.)
25 at Texas St. (7 p.m.)
28 SW TEXAS ST. (7 p.m.)

March

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3 NEBRASKA (1 p.m.)
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Season features Houston highlights

H e re's the rundown on the baseball season of Houston this baseball season:

Astros College Classic
Minute Maid Park
Feb. 14 Texas A&M 7 p.m.
Feb. 15 Baylor 7 p.m.
Feb. 16 Alabama 11 a.m.
This annual three-game tournament is a chance for players and fans alike to enjoy college baseball in a professional setting. The competition is fierce, and the fans are at the Astros College Classic before beating the Aggies in College Station behind two home runs from Enrique Cruz. Junior catcher Justin Puck catches the #93232; strikeout, while the bullpen is backed by a deep pitching staff.

University of Houston

Reckling Park
March 11, 7 p.m.

No. 2 Rice and No. 5 UT will once again play a home and home series. The Owls will hope for better luck against the defending national champions this year. UT won all three of last year's meetings, 3-2 in 10 innings and a 3-2 win over Rice in the deciding game of the series. The Owls also split two games before the Owls finally staged a dramatic ninth-inning rally for the win. The Bears and Owls met again last year, when Rice blew a 9-2 lead before winning 18-9 in 12 innings.

Baylor University

Reckling Park
March 25, 7 p.m.

No. 10 Baylor comes to town in March, continuing a rivalry that came to life in 2001 in the College World Series at Reckling Park, when Rice and Baylor engaged in three thrilling games before the Owls finally staged a dramatic ninth-inning rally for the win. The Bears and Owls met again last year, when Rice blew a 9-2 lead before winning 18-9 in 12 innings.

Rice

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A Level

Brown Beauty
Wisconsin Timber Rattlers
Middletown

Short Season-A Level

Eric Amoss
New York-Penn League

Junior Crowder
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Spanish sculptor’s work creates provocative dreamscapes

Elizabeth Piekos
THRESHERS STAFF

Surrounded by dwarves and ventriloquist dummies, deserted rooms and empty balconies, I seemed to have walked in on one of my more peculiar dreams. But rather than waking up in a cold sweat, Left Juan Munoz, the latest exhibit at the Contemporary Arts Museum of Houston, wondering whether I was any more real than the art or the memories of the dreams they evoked.

This exhibit is on display through March 30 and features a collection of sculptures, drawings and installations by Spanish artist Juan Munoz that date from the late 1980s until his untimely death in 2001. The first thing you see upon entering the museum is a collection of empty miniature balconies attached high up on the right wall with adjacent vertical “Hotel” signs. A tour through the exhibit presents many similar pieces — a tiny staircase, an iron minaret and negativas of balconies and doors. There are ceramic sculptures of “almost-humans” — small and disproportionate persons whose facial features resemble those of human beings but are eerily devoid of personality. One stands as a specter for a play, giving lines to an imaginary actor. Others sit on bleachers, laughing at the viewers as they go to take a closer look. Some sit as ventriloquist dummies, smiling strangely from their perch. One dummy rests on a ledge looking at the art around him. As I looked closely at his face, the sudden autonomous movement of his lips surprised me so much that I almost jumped backwards into one of the drawings. Goya? I’ve always had a small phobia of little people. It’s also impossible not to notice the complete lack of color. All of the pieces are in tones of grays, tans, blacks and whites. I feel as though the producers of The Wizard of Oz have gotten confused and endowed the folks from Kansas with technicolor while leaving Munchkland in black and white.

All in all, it’s really a rather perplexing and disturbing exhibit, until you get to the heart of Munoz’s ideas. His work draws in viewers and encourages them to remain as passive outsiders. The art is not just in the works themselves but in the imagination of everyone that sees them. The absence of characters in his architectural sculptures and drawings almost forces us to wonder. What has just happened here?

Was there a fight between a son and his father? Are two adulterous lovers taking refuge in one of these hotel rooms? This ultimately makes us a part of each work, where our own internal thoughts and experience combine with the external experience of the physical objects themselves.

The absence of colors lends itself perfectly to this process, further inviting us to fill in the void with our own ideas of beauty and ugliness, suffering and love.

Even the dummies contribute to this concept, as they seem poised to talk but remain silently waiting for the interpretative words of the viewer.

And how do the dwarves fit into this interpretation? Perhaps they are just crevices that added to make us feel uncomfortable, but I have another idea. As became part of the art work, leaving them my own narratives, I started to exist at the same level as the small beings in the piece. And yet, the dwarves seem to lack some fundamental aspect of humanity, so that even as I entered their fictional world, I seemed to somehow be disconnected from them. We seem to lie on different planes of existence. And then I started to wonder, if I have become part of this fiction, but the dwarves reside in another part of reality, perhaps they are more real than I am.

Perhaps you have no interest in visiting a place where lifeless dummies are more real than the museum patrons, where viewers unwittingly step into a world of monochromatic empty rooms. But I absolutely think it is worthwhile to go to this exhibit, if only to try and figure out what is important about us, why it is interesting, and why an artist would have invested the last years of his life creating it.

Oh, and to be freaked out by a moving ventriloquist dummy.

The Merry Widow’ mixes opera with sitcom humor in English

Hsing-Hui Hsu
PONTIAC TRAVELER

For those of you who desire the opera experience but are intimidated by images of large, blood-tied women in beehives and learned baritones belting out Giacomo Puccini operas in a foreign language, the latest Houston Grand Opera production might be your way to ease into the realm of opera.

The ‘Merry Widow’

Houston Grand Opera Rating: **** out of four

Tonight: Sat., 7:30 p.m.
Tickets are $17 and $24. For information, call 713-665-1151.

Fran Lebo’s ‘The Merry Widow’ is a compilation of light-hearted operetta, revisited with vacation music, comic and comic characters. Not only is it set in English, but the plot is even to follow. So a spoken dialogue takes the place of recitatives. Since The Merry Widow is a pantomime and not a traditional ‘true’ opera, this dialogue is not set in stone. The script’s flexibility enables the performers to add their own wit and witticisms — they even make references to Houston. You could almost view the entire production as being an operatic sitcom, with a few car-casts thrown in for good measure.

The story of The Merry Widow involves the complicated love plots of early Italian comic operas with Gilbert-and-Sullivanesque wit. Hanna Glawari (Susan Graham), a wealthy Pontevedrian widow, arrives at an evening party in Paris where she is immediately surrounded by French suitors. However, Baron Mirko Zeta (Dale Travis), the Pontevedrian ambassador to Paris, fears that Hanna weds a Frenchman, her millions will be taken from France’s economic advantage which could potentially devastate the tiny country.

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The Baron is determined to have Hanna marry Pontevedran Count Dandini (Rick Walsworth)'s son, though not knowing that the two had been romantically involved in their youth. When Dandini arrives, he refers to Hanna’s father as his dead admirer and ignores the Baron’s entreaties to marry Hanna.

The story...

As might be expected, the widow (Susan Graham) steals the spotlight in The Merry Widow.
The album mixes spoken word, hauntingly dark narrative song and jarring instrumental.

The third track provides the first worthwhile song on The Raven. "Call on Me" is melodic and beautiful, Reed half-speaks, half-sings over exquisite accompaniment. The track features the voice of performance artist Laurie Anderson to wonderful effect. Equally haunting are "The Bed" (which recounts the suicide of the narrator's lover) and "Vanishing Act" featuring vocals on the delightfully mannered "Broadway Song," and Reed gives his best Tom Waits impression in "Turning Embers."

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The complete version of The Raven clocks in at over two hours and incorporates more spoken-word pieces — but listeners more interested in music or just dabbling should stick to the stripped down single-disc edition (which still weighs in at an hour and fifteen minutes in 12 tracks).

Overall, The Raven is like a cabaret act with a drum-driven, pre-metal on the PA between sets. I wouldn't recommend this album to anyone looking for anything in particular. It isn't a straight music album; it isn't a poetry album — it's somewhere between all of the above.

— Carly Kocurek

MOUTHFUL OF LOVE

As a preface to this review, I feel it necessary to confess that I harbor an unhealthy obsession with Lou Reed. In high school, while all the other 15-year-old girls were veering towards boy bands or 311, I would waste entire afternoons scouring the three stores in the county that carried records, searching for anything touched by the first ruler of the rock underworld.

But I'm afraid of all this, when I found out the illustrious Mr. Reed's newest album was a concept based on the life and poetry of Edgar Allan Poe, I cringed. Aside from the presence of some clunky tracks I couldn't quite get into, I shouldn't have worried.

A jarring "Overturns" opens the album, followed by "Edgar Allan Poe" with the refrain "these are the stories of Edgar Allan Poe...not exactly the boy next door." Almost immediately, the album demonstrates what Reed feels about Poe the way I feel about Reed.

The music sounds best loud, with your head shaking up and down and your friend's foot tapping the rhythm while someone plays air guitar — it really does make a difference.

As far as hard-rock bands go, this one isn't bad. In fact, they have been getting rave reviews from people who like to rant and rave about music. There are a lot of screamed lyrics, but the vocals sound more like Steven Tyler or AC/DC than GWAR, and I could pick a melody out of the guitar distortion. Gwen Stefani sound-alikes croon background cho- ruses on "To the Teeth." The music sounds best loud, with your head shaking up and down and your friend's foot tapping the rhythm while someone plays air guitar — it really does make a difference.

The lyrics are too difficult to make out, even though the ones I heard didn't sound groundbreaking. Mouthful's three songs sound very similar, but the energy is certainly contagious and keeps you moving along, so you might not notice the redundancy right away.

Some of the band's apparent success may have to do with the renewal of rock as heralded by the critics and fans who have embraced bands like the Strokes and the White Stripes. Young Heart Attack has actually shared a stage with the White Stripes in the past.

Though this band is relatively new, its members are hardly music kiddies. Two were members of Packard and had a couple of hits last century. Apparently, Young Heart Attack is really gaining momentum. They will play at Rudyard's in Houston on Feb. 20.

— Jennifer Quereau
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You could almost view the entire production as being an operatic srrcm, with few can-cans thrown in for good measure...

The fan, however, gets lost, only to be found by her husband the following night during a party at Hannon's. As might be expected, chaos ensues.

Graham, who debuted earlier this season in the title role of Aris Daniels, dazzles the audience once again with her commanding stage presence and musical sensitivity. Her following aria in the second act is enough to send chills down your spine, and her resounding play and spirited spirit are entirely convincing.

Danish baritone Roelofsen was also convincing as a slovenly, indif-
frent Count Danilo; however, as the opera progressed, he seemed increasingly awkward in this role — maybe some men just aren't com-
fortable wearing tights. Though you may not particularly memorable.

This might have been thanks to the comic antics of Jason Graae as Ninus, advisor to the Baron, who completely stole the show. His HCA- denticate had the audience in condesci-
ations with his outrageous accent and witty jokes. His flamboyant and irre-
sistible song and dance at the beginning of the third act provided one of the per-
formances' high points. This vet-
eran of the Broadway stage appeared completely comfortable on the opera set, providing a comic balance against the role of the Baron.

Michael Yeargan's set designs were stunning, with a recurring theme of elegant black curves outlining gates, staircases, doors, and even the stage itself. All the sophistication and lavishness of upper-crust Parisian society is reflected in the sets, and fur-
ther enhanced by the exquisite cos-
tumes of Thierry Beauvot.

The many dance scenes in the opera were also superbly choreo-
graphed. From waltzes to pas de deus to can-can dances, the performers were perfectly synchronized across the stage, creating a seamless and entirely convincing performance.

American artist Jasper Johns' drawings play with everyday images in pieces like "Land's End."
instant replay has no place in sports

by Dylan Hedrick

Instant replay has no place in sports. Although you will not be able to change the bad calls, you should use computers and instant replay, either as a tool to help officials in critical calls or as a tool to determine home and field decisions.

The officiating crew reconsidered, however, conferring at center court. With the entire crowd clanging, "two, two, two," and holding up two fingers, the officials reconsidered the initial call.

La. Tech players and fans were understandably upset, and head coach Keith Richard lost his cool, screeching at the officials in the locker room. The video tape of the game shows that Edwards' foot was on the line and that the call was incorrect, but I had to wonder if the instant replay could have helped.

With Owl fans and coaches yelling up a storm on the three-point line, Rice ran out the clock to force overtime.

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"I knew when I was in to take advantage of the time that I was in and create something for myself and for my team," said Jeffries, who made her first two career starts against the Spartans and the Wahine.

By setting a new single-game school record in blocked shots in her last game, Hayes moved to within three blocks of the Owl's games.

"I'm really looking forward to this season," said Philips. "We're still not as consistent as we want to be, so we keep trying people and see who's going to give us what we need each night."
Team tracks continue success at UH meets

Dylan Hedrick

The Owls captured the dual meets at the University of Houston's UH Indoor Classic, and the Owls will have one more meet at UH before running at a different location.

It is convenient to go to UH to run as Owl improved their season scores. There are a lot of positive things to competing three, including sleeping in their own beds and not missing any classes. It may seem to get that sort of thing when you have happened in the second meet — but also for the fact that I will not tolerate anything less than a 10 percent effort.

Against university runners, the competition is different. It is like the difference between high school calculus and college calculus.

— Victor Lopez
Head women's track and field coach

The all-out effort was readily apparent Saturday, as almost every Owl improved their season scores. Distance was reflected in the improved team score.

Senior Allison Beckford won first place in the 800-meter run in 2:01.75. She was clear at first, but now she is ready. She proved her season-best time in the 800.

Funmi Jimoh won her heat in a time of 22.45, placing fourth with a height of 5.01.75. Jimoh set another season-best in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.18. This was her previous best time to finish second in the 100.

Junior Karen Chao runs for a forehand in Saturday's tennis match against Southwest Texas State.

Women's tennis sweeps openers

by Wei-Hau Tan

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Junior Karen Chao runs for a forehand in Saturday's tennis match against Southwest Texas State. Chao won 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3 singles, and Rice swept the second dual match of the day.

The women's tennis team had been anxiously awaiting its first dual matches of the spring season, and Saturday's first two matches did not disappoint.

In focused: women's tennis

Record: 2-0

Last week: Rice opened the season with 7-0 victories over TAMU-CC and Southwestern Texas State.

What made the difference: Freshman Lauren Aigner and Blair DiSesa were impressive in their Rice dual-meet debuts.

Up next: The Owls travel to Florida State and Georgia Tech in the Midwest to face SW Tuscaloosa and Arkansas tomorrow and Oklahoma State Sunday.

Rice swept to 7-0 victories over both Texas A&M University Corpus Christi and Southwest Texas State University at John Rice Tennis Stadium.

"We started out a little slow, but we finished well," junior Karen Chao said. The slow start referred to doubles play against TAMU-CC, when Rice lost one of the three matches by a 6-3 score, but still took the doubles point.

"I think we built on our dominance, and the Owls kept it going through both matches. The Owls had been eagerly awaiting the dual match debut of seniors Lauren Aigner and Blair DiSesa, and the duo kept up their excellent play. DiSesa placed at No. 1 singles in this dual match, with Aigner at No. 2, and the freshmen, matched for the afternoon match.

The Owls also played together at No. 1 doubles, easily winning 8-3 against TAMU-CC and 8-0 against SNU. Singles play was more of the same, as the freshmen each won both of their matches with ease.

"We were so ready to just get out there and play. I think that it really showed in the matches we won on the court," DiSesa said. "The energy that had built up over the previous weeks came out on the court and was the driving force behind our success."

The success should prove true on a national level, as the Owls did not drop a single set in either match. The players expect to bring the same focus and intensity to their weekend road trip, when Rice will face Southwestern Missouri State, the University of Arkansas and Oklahoma State.

"The women are excited about playing top-75 teams," head coach Roger White said. "The women have been working really hard, and our team chemistry is excellent. We are looking forward to the challenge and the opportunity to prove ourselves."

Despite facing a tough traveling schedule and high-ranked opponents, the Owls are confident in their ability.

"We are ready to play," sophomore Mandy Ko said. "Coach has conditioned us, and I know that we can stick with any team out there."
Rice swimmers down UH again and turn sights to UT

by Debbie Miller

A large home crowd brought out the best in the swim team Friday.

Before a likely crowd bolstered by anticipation of a showdown under breaking clouds the meet at Rice Pool, the Owls powered the University of Houston 140-62, earning their 12th consecutive victory against its cross-town rival. Rice won 10 of the 11 events in its final home meet of the season, putting up good times despite the lack of competition.

"The meet was exciting because we drew in the largest crowd we've ever had," freshman Jason Kinsella said. "We gave away way too many points, but we're playing together as a team. It's a hard place to win.

The Owls are probably the best team in the league," Harris said. "We stayed together as a team. It's a hard place to win.

A win on the road, something we've been wanting to win against the University of Texas for a long time.

The Owls are coming off of a 71-66 overtime road victory over San Jose State University Saturday night.

"We have backed off a little bit, but we have to learn from and grow from this," Wilson said. "We didn't do that. But that's a learning experience. That's a situation that we just have to learn from and grow from.

Senior Mandy Mularz was honored in front of the her fans for the final time, and she celebrated the occasion by winning her only individual meet, the 200-yard freestyle, and leading the 400- and 200-yard freestyle relay teams to victory.

Several Owls put up excellent times, including junior Toni Ciffolilli, who won a preserved event to win the 200-yard individual medley. Sophomores Jenny Voight and Jane Kinsella finished in second and third place to complete the sweep. Keefe also swam a personal best time in the 100-yard backstroke to win the event.

Other individual event winners were mindblowing for their hard work.

Rice's offense woke up in the second half, as the Owls shot 40 percent from the field and hit all 14 of their free throws to force overtime. Rice pulled off the overtime period, won 19 points from Maurice Harewood's 13 points apiece from sophomore forward Michael Harris and sophomore guard Jason McGee.

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But Rice won as its home team, and swam well in the first meet against the Owls.

"The highlight of the meet for many, however, was the relay races for the Rice students. While the water polo events had the best finishes, it was the varsity golf team that stole the show. Freshmen Parker Lafargue and David Kinsella, sophomore Matt Tooby and junior Ryan Morgan earned the highest applause from the crowd. The golf team used 'Rodie Princess' shirts, quintessential pants and a variety of other props, including bananas, scuba-diving gear and an inflatable alligator to win the crowd over despite a late-stage finish.

"I was surprised by the level of talent in some of the teams," Lee said. "The golf team was definitely the highlights of the relay.

Returning to an underdog role this weekend, the team will travel to face the University of Texas tomorrow.

The long-distance duo teamed up again to easily take the top two spots in the 500-yard freestyle, Corcoran again finishing first.

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"Also, we swam very well even though we were ahead by so much. It was an all-around great night.

Men's basketball splits road pair, faces Tulsa away tomorrow

by Robi Wagle

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Today’s my girlfriend’s birthday.
They may not show up on radar, but you can see them in person!

Houston Stealth Inaugural Game at Rice University

Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m.

They're the Stealth, the new indoor football team in Houston, and they're going to be playing at Rice University on February 11th. The game is scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

I'm going to watch this game live and provide updates on the match. Stay tuned for more updates and highlights from the game!
FRIDAY

Strange Fruit
In honor of Black History Month, the Black Student Association and Rice Cinema present Strange Fruit, a documentary, at 7 p.m. in the Rice Media Center. Admission is $5 for students. Immediately following is a free film, Lady Sings the Blues, about the life of Billie Holliday. For more information, contact stayfar@rice.edu.

"Unstrung ... Ing Unknown ... Ing Ung - "
The Sanctuary is hosting a poetry slam tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Willy’s Pub in the Rice Academic Quad. The event is sponsored by the Black Student Association and Rice Cinema.

Cheap date night
The Rice Media Center presents A Hell of a Note and The Whole Shootin’ Match at 7 p.m. followed by Last Night at the Alamo at 9 p.m. Admission is $5 for students. For more information, call (713) 348-4882.

No, that’s M.C. Hammer.
Rice’s annual ArchE-Arts hall will take place tonight from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The theme this year is Surreal. It takes place at 2500 Summer St., and studies will be leaving the Sallyport every 15 minutes. Tickets are $10. For more information, visit www.archearts.rice.edu.

Couch, it runs from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Harjo Dance Studio in Austin Court. The fee is $5 for students. To register, go to the operations desk.

SATURDAY

The Sanctuary is hosting a poetry slam at 7 p.m. in the Rice Academic Quad. The event is sponsored by the Black Student Association and Rice Cinema.

SUNDAY

Sexual Responsibility Week
Sexual Responsibility Week begins today! Live your life, and learn the facts. For more information, contact the Health and Wellness Office at (713) 348-2594 or on an inquiry to health@rice.edu.

Hey, I’ve at least read a book while at Rice, wait, no I haven’t.
The Friends of the Fondren Library will honor the 2002 Rice Alumni with a panel and audience discussion led by Charles D. Maynard, Jr. It takes place in the Kyle Memorial Library. The event will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. in the library.

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Faculty recital
A faculty recital will be held tonight featuring Kathleen Walker on the violin and Jon Kimerer on the piano. The event will include Mozart’s Sonata No. 13 in B flat Major and Brahms’s Violin Sonata No. 1 in G Major. The performance will be at 8 p.m. in the Academic Quad.

All your bases are belong to us
Play a game of course: the flag tunggur! To play, just meet at Willy’s statue in the academic quad, and bring a white and a dark shirt. For more information, contact smw@rice.edu.

TODAY

Admit it, this is why you came to Rice.
Today is the first day of Rice’s annual three-day gaming convention. OwlCon XXII is also offered. For more information, visit www.rice.edu/owlcon.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Deadline
Arkist’s Corner is now accepting submissions for the current 2003 edition. Submit your photographs, poems, and articles online, visit www.rice.edu/arkists.

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Internet worm reveals hidden Rice files!

A recent worm that has been wreaking havoc across the Internet hit this weekend and caused chaos on the internal servers. One rather horrible result (if you define "horrible" as "funny as hell") was the public postings of personal files. After a few searches for certain names, I came up with a handful of to-do lists that I'd like to share. So sit back and enjoy my first-ever and last-ever Backpage, 'cause I'll have about 80 people calling for my death Friday.

Attention. All your classifieds now belong to us. Ha ha ha ha ha...

The Theitizer movie series is his biography. He is a cyborg from the future designed to rule Martel. Hollywood simply changed "take over Martel" to "destroy all mankind."

Dirt, I'd be tolerable if this guy had been elected, but he is like a dictator of food and beds. Think about it, he controls what we eat!

Sir Berenson

- Do an investigative journalism article on some Rice kids petitioning to pretend they're on petitioning.
- There will later be a meeting with KTRU kids jumping up and down, this time with bumper stickers on their ears.
- Making buttons for my Presidential run in 2012. Fo shizzle the Berensizzle
- Invent some Poli Sci courses for next semester because I've taken all of them already. Twice.

MISCELLANEOUS

SUGGESTED ANECDOTES

- A 1975 company again. Wow let's see if _
- Actually, no you won't, but it'll make me laugh.
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