Revote ordered in three contested SA elections

by Jenny Boven
Vol. XC, Issue No. 22
SINCE 1916
Friday, March 7, 2003

The Student Association will conduct voting for a second time in three races from the General Election ballot held March 21 and 22. U. Court ruled Sunday that U. Court must reconsider voting for the SA elections that were contested by Lovett College sophomore Robert Emmett.

In the votes for the new elections, he will change the instructions on the ballot for U. Court sophomore Andy Weber, Marriott College junior Stephanie Zak, and Marriott College junior Steven Daniel, who won the race for Honor Council representative.

Although votes in multiple-choice elections will not be counted correctly according to the bylaws, Emmett claimed the ballot misled voters into believing the preferential system would be used. Voters would have voted differently if they had known their votes would not be tallied preferentially, Emmett said.

"The instructions on the ballot prevented the votes from being tallied so that the voters' intent could be found correctly," Emmett said. "I think a re-vote is the only viable way to get the voters' interests represented and be in accordance with the SA constitution."

The Student Association will conduct voting again because of misleading instructions on the ballot for U. Court sophomore and SA director of technology, said although the electronic ballot itself will remain the same for the new elections, he will change the instructions on the ballot. The instructions will clearly state voters will have a number of votes of the same weight that will be equal to the number of candidates elected in each race.

In the contest to the election, U. Court ruled to uphold the decision of the SA elections committee not to disqualify Rob Daniel, who won the race for Honor Council representative.

For the new elections, he will change the in-

Good vs evil? Dead or alive?

Anti-war Willy
Sid Richardson College senior Arwen Johnson puts a Rice for Peace T-shirt on Willy's statue during Wednesday's anti-war rally. See Story, Page 7.

Four named to presidential search
Undergraduate, graduate and two alumni representatives chosen

by Liora Danan

Most members of the search committee for the new Rice president have been selected. The committee, which will begin meeting as soon as three faculty representatives are chosen, is responsible for recommending three to five candidates for board consideration by November.

Committee members who have been chosen are undergraduate student representative Andy Weber, a Sid Richardson College junior, graduate student representative Miles Scothor, the current Graduate Student Association president, alumni representatives Carl Bogren (Baker '61) and Karen Ostrum George (Jones '71, M.A. '74) and board representatives Tevia Barnes (Baker '78), Steve Miller (S.A), Bernard Pieper (C.O) and Jim Crossower (Hansen '63). Crossower will serve as the committee's chairman. Board of Trustees Chairman Bill Barnett ('55) will serve as an ex-officio member.

The committee, which is being formed after President Malcolm Gillis' December announcement that he will step down as president June 30, 2004, will determine the criteria for choosing the next president, interview members of other universities about their search processes and finally conduct the application process.

Weber was selected as the undergraduate representative this week by a committee consisting of Student Association President Matt Haynie, a Will Rice College senior; SA Internal Vice President Clare Johnson, a Sid sophomore; Honor Council Chair Joan Shiffer; a Lovett College senior; Thresher News Editor Mark Berenson, a Marriott College junior, and Will Rice College President Steven Cansfield, a senior.

The committee reviewed 18 applicants before interviewing four candidates: Weber, Wires College junior and Thresher Editor in Chief Rachel Rustin and Brown College juniors Kevin Bailey and Matt Switlitch. Haynie said the process was difficult because there was such a strong group of applicants.

"Any of the four people we interviewed would have done a very good job on the committee," Haynie said. "(Weber) really impressed us because he had some really good ideas about how to gather student opinion, and he had really good ideas about how to determine what the needs for a university presidents are."

Weber said effectively representing the student body is extremely important to him and he hopes to be PRESIDENT, Page 3.

Ad hoc committee on athletes releases report
by Mark Berenson

The Student Association ad hoc committee on athlete and nonathlete relations released its report to the SA Senate. The recommendations it has proposed or initiated since its formation in January.

Committee chair Derrick Mathies said the recommendations focus on Orientation Week.

"We feel that we can get a fresh look on the recommendations it has pro-

Springing for a break
Next week in Spring Break and as a result there are no classes. Likewise, the Thresher will be taking the week off. We will return March 21.

Have a fun safe break wherever your travels may take you (even if only to the library).

Forced e-mail hiatus
In order to ensure that no students attempt to do work on the first day of Spring Break, the e-mail servers will be down from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. tomorrow. During this time, Information Technology will perform maintenance on the server once again.

Head over heals for culture
Nahum Rojas performs the capodena dance during the Culture Fair Friday. See ATHLETE, Page 8.

Inside

INSIDE

Sports

Baseball
Houston 3, Rice 4
Southwest Texas State 4, Rice 10
Southwest Texas State 3, Rice 7
Southwest Texas State 3, Rice 8

Vol. XC, Issue No. 22
SINCE 1916
Friday, March 7, 2003

by Liora Danan

Most members of the search committee for the new Rice president have been selected. The committee, which will begin meeting as soon as three faculty representatives are chosen, is responsible for recommending three to five candidates for board consideration by November.

Committee members who have been chosen are undergraduate student representative Andy Weber, a Sid Richardson College junior, graduate student representative Miles Scothor, the current Graduate Student Association president, alumni representatives Carl Bogren (Baker '61) and Karen Ostrum George (Jones '71, M.A. '74) and board representatives Tevia Barnes (Baker '78), Steve Miller (S.A), Bernard Pieper (C.O) and Jim Crossower (Hansen '63). Crossower will serve as the committee's chairman. Board of Trustees Chairman Bill Barnett ('55) will serve as an ex-officio member.

The committee, which is being formed after President Malcolm Gillis' December announcement that he will step down as president June 30, 2004, will determine the criteria for choosing the next president, interview members of other universities about their search processes and finally conduct the application process.

Weber was selected as the undergraduate representative this week by a committee consisting of Student Association President Matt Haynie, a Will Rice College senior; SA Internal Vice President Clare Johnson, a Sid sophomore; Honor Council Chair Joan Shiffer; a Lovett College senior; Thresher News Editor Mark Berenson, a Marriott College junior, and Will Rice College President Steven Cansfield, a senior.

The committee reviewed 18 applicants before interviewing four candidates: Weber, Wires College junior and Thresher Editor in Chief Rachel Rustin and Brown College juniors Kevin Bailey and Matt Switlitch. Haynie said the process was difficult because there was such a strong group of applicants.

"Any of the four people we interviewed would have done a very good job on the committee," Haynie said. "(Weber) really impressed us because he had some really good ideas about how to gather student opinion, and he had really good ideas about how to determine what the needs for a university presidents are."

Weber said effectively representing the student body is extremely important to him and he hopes to be PRESIDENT, Page 3.

Ad hoc committee on athletes releases report
by Mark Berenson

The Student Association ad hoc committee on athlete and nonathlete relations reported to the SA Senate on the recommendations it has proposed or initiated since its formation in January.

Committee chair Derrick Mathies said the recommendations focus on Orientation Week.

"We feel that we can get a fresh look on the recommendations it has pro-

Springing for a break
Next week in Spring Break and as a result there are no classes. Likewise, the Thresher will be taking the week off. We will return March 21.

Have a fun safe break wherever your travels may take you (even if only to the library).

Forced e-mail hiatus
In order to ensure that no students attempt to do work on the first day of Spring Break, the e-mail servers will be down from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. tomorrow. During this time, Information Technology will perform maintenance on the server once again.

Head over heals for culture
Nahum Rojas performs the capodena dance during the Culture Fair Friday. See ATHLETE, Page 8.

Inside

INSIDE

Sports

Baseball
Houston 3, Rice 4
Southwest Texas State 4, Rice 10
Southwest Texas State 3, Rice 7
Southwest Texas State 3, Rice 8

GOOD VS EVIL? DEAD OR ALIVE?

Challenge the War Story.

Anti-war Willy
Sid Richardson College senior Arwen Johnson puts a Rice for Peace T-shirt on Willy's statue during Wednesday's anti-war rally. See Story, Page 7.

Four named to presidential search
Undergraduate, graduate and two alumni representatives chosen

by Liora Danan

Most members of the search committee for the new Rice president have been selected. The committee, which will begin meeting as soon as three faculty representatives are chosen, is responsible for recommending three to five candidates for board consideration beginning by November.

Committee members who have been chosen are undergraduate student representative Andy Weber, a Sid Richardson College junior, graduate student representative Miles Scothor, the current Graduate Student Association president, alumni representatives Carl Bogren (Baker '61) and Karen Ostrum George (Jones '71, M.A. '74) and board representatives Tevia Barnes (Baker '78), Steve Miller (S.A), Bernard Pieper (C.O) and Jim Crossower (Hansen '63). Crossower will serve as the committee's chairman. Board of Trustees Chairman Bill Barnett ('55) will serve as an ex-officio member.

The committee, which is being formed after President Malcolm Gillis' December announcement that he will step down as president June 30, 2004, will determine the criteria for choosing the next president, interview members of other universities about their search processes and finally conduct the application process.

Weber was selected as the undergraduate representative this week by a committee consisting of Student Association President Matt Haynie, a Will Rice College senior; SA Internal Vice President Clare Johnson, a Sid sophomore; Honor Council Chair Joan Shiffer; a Lovett College senior; Thresher News Editor Mark Berenson, a Marriott College junior, and Will Rice College President Steven Cansfield, a senior.

The committee reviewed 18 applicants before interviewing four candidates: Weber, Wires College junior and Thresher Editor in Chief Rachel Rustin and Brown College juniors Kevin Bailey and Matt Switlitch. Haynie said the process was difficult because there was such a strong group of applicants.

"Any of the four people we interviewed would have done a very good job on the committee," Haynie said. "(Weber) really impressed us because he had some really good ideas about how to gather student opinion, and he had really good ideas about how to determine what the needs for a university presidents are."

Weber said effectively representing the student body is extremely important to him and he hopes to be PRESIDENT, Page 3.

Ad hoc committee on athletes releases report
by Mark Berenson

The Student Association ad hoc committee on athlete and nonathlete relations reported to the SA Senate on the recommendations it has proposed or initiated since its formation in January.

Committee chair Derrick Mathies said the recommendations focus on Orientation Week.

"We feel that we can get a fresh look on the recommendations it has pro-

Springing for a break
Next week in Spring Break and as a result there are no classes. Likewise, the Thresher will be taking the week off. We will return March 21.

Have a fun safe break wherever your travels may take you (even if only to the library).

Forced e-mail hiatus
In order to ensure that no students attempt to do work on the first day of Spring Break, the e-mail servers will be down from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. tomorrow. During this time, Information Technology will perform maintenance on the server once again.

Head over heals for culture
Nahum Rojas performs the capodena dance during the Culture Fair Friday. See ATHLETE, Page 8.
Improving relationships

The Student Association’s ad hoc committee on athlete-nonathlete relations, which disbanded Monday, should be appointed for another few months to improve relations between student athletes and nonathletes at Rice. For example, many coaches encourage freshman athletes to room with each other, while the ad hoc committee suggests that athletes room with nonathletes to create an improved level of mutual understanding. Making recommendations to coaches would have allowed an even greater impact on Rice’s cohesiveness, because coaches have an enormous impact on their players and on the way the athletic community is viewed.

Nevertheless, we are glad the committee wasted no time in suggesting improvements it needs to do. We hope that the Rice community takes these recommendations seriously and that the efforts of the committee do not go to waste.

Trying too many times

Placing Sid Richardson College sophomore Rob Daniel in triple jeopardy between the SA Elections Committee, University Court and the Honor Council is unfair. Instead, the student body should suggest a number of good ideas. We hope that the Rice community takes these recommendations seriously and that the efforts of the committee do not go to waste.

Walk-out was an excuse, not a statement

To the editor:

There is a serious problem with the way that some Rice University students would like to see student governmental events slip to an organ-less core. I noticed the banner hanging on Fondren Library advertising a March 5 rally against the war that said, "We're out of war! Is this perhaps the most insane idea I’ve heard thus far at Rice?"

What exactly does that accomplish? What message does that send to others who might want to send a message? Does it say that students who disagree with the core of support in the Iranian people? It says nothing of the sort. What it says is that students are willing to disturb the educational process in an attempt to start a political protest. If people supporting my opinion were willing to support the same thing, I would join in their faces. Getting up from your desk and marching out to Willy’s to sign and build signs is not the way to get things accomplished.

Distracting professors, drawing attention to yourselves — away from the books and leaves and learning. What found out last night that last 15 minutes of class does not affect the next day, but can affect your degree. It is the true adults in this world that you are not only are a child, instead proving that what you throw in a fit whenever you don’t get your way. Is that what the organizers are trying to say?

Do you really want to effect change in this world? Then vote for the person you next election representative in Congress. Write a letter. Call someone. Write a letter to the Houston Chronicle or the Student Thresher. Don’t throw a hussy fit and expect people to take you seriously.

Jack Hardesole

Wine freshman

Construction destroys uniqueness yet again

To the editor:

Two weeks ago, University President Malcolm Gillis and the Rice administration announced the plans of a construction project that could alter the campus and destroy the Rice uniqueness yet again.

As we said last week, the election code needs to be simplified to make an example of an inadvertent violator. This is to be achieved.

However, I find Birenbaum’s characterization of my position as a "racist" in his Open Forum commentary. I still feel that only an equitable and just pursuit of dialogue between both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is to be achieved. I addressed the same showing of the film hosted by K.1.E.P.T. Feb. 29. I feel that only an equitable and just pursuit of dialogue between both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is to be achieved.

I, too, feel that only an equitable and just pursuit of dialogue between the two sides is to be achieved.

Furthermore, Birenbaum labeled the film that it provides perspective of ordinary things that sides as well as soldiers who abhor the actions of the Israeli government in its treatment of Palestinians living under Israeli military rule. I rarely, if ever, hear or read of such views in the mainstream media. How can an adjective like supporter mean these views not be heard or ignored? This is a "non- sided" view. This is the reality 3.5 million Palestinians have been enduring for nearly four decades.

I don’t claim to have all the answers, but the issues put forth in Plager’s magazine have been in the news far too long to the detriment of both the Palestinians and the Israelis. These issues must be addressed if a fair and equitable peace is to be achieved.

Thomas P. Trinh

Master student

Rice will always use affirmative action

To the editor:

There is a new vocabulary being used by affirmative action advocates. They are using terms like "diversity" to describe the process of recruiting students. And they are using terms like "affirmative action" to describe the process of recruiting students.

I applaud Simon Birenbaum’s pursuit of dialogue between both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "Ferber’s Palestinian discussion lacked balance and depth." Feb. 29, I think, too, feel that only an equitable and just pursuit of dialogue between the two sides is to be achieved.

I attended the same showing of the film hosted by K.1.E.P.T. Feb. 29. I think, too, feel that only an equitable and just pursuit of dialogue between the two sides is to be achieved. I, too, feel that only an equitable and just pursuit of dialogue between the two sides is to be achieved.

Furthermore, Birenbaum labeled the film that it provides perspective of ordinary things that sides as well as soldiers who abhor the actions of the Israeli government in its treatment of Palestinians living under Israeli military rule. I rarely, if ever, hear or read of such views in the mainstream media. How can an adjective like supporter mean these views not be heard or ignored? This is a "non- sided" view. This is the reality 3.5 million Palestinians have been enduring for nearly four decades.

I don’t claim to have all the answers, but the issues put forth in Plager’s magazine have been in the news far too long to the detriment of both the Palestinians and the Israelis. These issues must be addressed if a fair and equitable peace is to be achieved.

Thomas P. Trinh

Master student

CONTACTING THE THRESHER

Letters: Letters to the editor should be sent via email to theEditor@rice.edu. Letters must be received by 5 p.m.on the Wednesday prior to publication date. While we encourage the editor to sign and include a phone number.

Tips: Tips for possible news stories should be photosto theThresher@rice.edu. Tips for possible news stories should be photosto theThresher@rice.edu.

Advertising: We accept classified advertisements. For more information, please contact theThresher@rice.edu.

You no longer have to speak! We have a T-shirt for every occasion!
Guest column

Thanks to vote, Beer-Bike's future uncertain

It's the day of Beer-Bike and students are running wild all over the place. There areognito hunters out and about. Some are trying to get a few T-shirts without having to pay, but it seems almost silly to worry about who's stealing or not stealing. The thing about this is that it is a problem. Students pay $20 for a Rondelet ticket. And that's a problem. I feel that we need to take a more serious look at the overall picture.

Rondelet tickets are only sold at the box office, and the student body thinks that this is not a good enough reason. They are asking for full-time student employees to eliminate co-presidents and the SA need to follow suit.

Having co-presidents in college government could have disastrous implications, and the same goes for the SA. We were lucky last year to turn the SA around. For the second time in three years, the SA has turned. For the second time in three years, the SA has turned. Thanks to vote, Beer-Bike's future uncertain.

Corey Devine

Guest column

Affirmative action: Access first, real-world option second

The following is the first of a series of columns authored by students on affirmative action at Rice University. OK, I get it. I understand that in today's society it is only fair that university admissions offices strive for diversity in their student bodies. It seems that our university's mission to make the best way to access affirmative action, there are still problems.

Affirmative action is in itself a racist policy — rather than allowing equal opportunities for all, affirmative action becomes benefits solely on racial minorities, ignoring some disadvantaged students with equivalently impressive GPAs and test scores. President Bush, as governor of Texas, enacted a policy that allowed only 20% of all graduating Texas high school students admission to one of the state-sponsored schools, while lifting the racial stigma imposed on minority students by affirmative action.

In an interview for a New York Times article, Rice student claimed her acceptance to Rice was primary on her race than on her academic achievement. This policy, known as affirmative action, guarantees the top 10% of all graduating Texas high school students admission to one of the state-sponsored schools, while lifting the racial stigma imposed on minority students by affirmative action.

Affirmative action is meant to help those who are economically disadvantaged. However, in the current society, it is not enough to simply provide economic benefits. It is also necessary to provide educational benefits as well. One way to do this is to provide equal opportunities for all students regardless of race.

Robert Moore

Haynie

Matt

The glasses make me smir

McPresidents are a nightmare for everyone

The problems with co-presidents are obvious. One of the biggest is communication. The co-presidents have two different schools. What one says to the other doesn't always leave the other co-president informed. For example, the co-presidents don't tell each other important information, which is a major problem.

Rice University's grade point average is not high enough for some students to be accepted to Rice. Some of these students, however, do have the potential to succeed. Rice is looking for students who have the potential to succeed. This is a major issue that the Rice Program Council is responsible for. It is important to realize the potential of all students.

Rice Program Council is responsible for making this issue known. It is important to realize the potential of all students. What is more, we've sent a strong message to the administration: We like Beer-Bike, but we will not pay for it. That doesn't make campus social life look like a very high quality experience for those who like to party. So, when your friend next year asks you about the glass of Coke because food at Beer-Bike can no longer be free, don't feel guilty. That's the price.

Co-presidents also have an insurmountable burden when giving information. They have to relay information between two different schools, which can be very difficult.

Affirmative action is meant to help those who are economically disadvantaged. However, in the current society, it is not enough to simply provide economic benefits. It is also necessary to provide educational benefits as well. One way to do this is to provide equal opportunities for all students regardless of race.

Robert Moore

Jo

The Ross Thresher

FINISH TRIDENT, FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2002

Rachel Bastian

Online Editor

Editor in Chief

Olivia Allison

Senior Editor

Rachel Bastian

Online Editor

Editor in Chief

Olivia Allison

Senior Editor

Rachel Bastian

Online Editor

Editor in Chief

Olivia Allison

Senior Editor

Rachel Bastian

Online Editor

Editor in Chief

Olivia Allison

Senior Editor

Rachel Bastian

Online Editor

Editor in Chief

Olivia Allison

Senior Editor

Rachel Bastian

Online Editor

Editor in Chief
Spontaneous filming TV pilot show

"Woof Line is it Anyway?" may soon have a crew, college angle down, and Rice students are some of the first to be involved. Seven members of Spontaneous Combustion will travel to St. Louis at the end of spring break to film a television pilot that will be pitched to several cable networks including Comedy Central, ESPN and MTV.

The premise of the show is fun and fast-paced competition between college improvisational comedy groups. Spontaneous Combustion's president Alex Fay said. Spontaneous will face off against Washington University troupe Mama's Pot Roast in various games to win points.

The games will most likely follow the rules of Comedy Sportz, which is a family-friendly brand of competitive improv that discourages vulgarities, dirty words, some sexual jokes, some mindless vulgarity. The group has also been reading national newspapers and watching national news to gather more material.

Fay said he is unsure if the show will be signed. "I'm hopeful, but I'm not overly optimistic," Bishop, a member of Washington University Junior and Thresher graphic design, said. "I trust the executive producer despite never having spoken to him. He seems extremely confident that the pilot will be picked up."

--- Linda Gilbert

North Servrey chef competing nationally

North Servrey Chef Chris Shepley represented Rice at one of the most prestigious American college chef's competitions.

Chefs who compete in the NACUPS Regional Conference in Oklahoma, which is sponsored by the National Association of American College and University Food Services, design an entire menu and submit it several months in advance.

Recently certified as a pastry chef, Shepley said he used the experience as inspiration for his entree, modelled after the chocolate cake on a dessert usually made with berries. The dish, a layered Napoleon, will also be used as inspiration for his entree, modelled after the chocolate cake on a dessert usually made with berries.

"It's hard doing high-end desserts in a college kitchen," he said. Shepley also received certification as a chef de cuisine, which he described as a "working restaurateur." To earn this certification, chefs accumulate points by entering national contests, attending school and working. Candidates must also take a two-hour practical exam in which they butch two chickens, make a complete dinner out of each and prepare several side dishes.

Under American Culinary Federation standards, speed and aesthetic presentation of the food are almost as important as taste, Shepley said.

Shepley is one of three professionally certified chefs on campus. The others are Weiss/Hamson College Servrey Chef Roger Elkins and Sid Richardson College kitchen chef Ben Fonbuena. Rice undergraduate certification costs, Shepley said.

The head of Rice Catering before Shepley is one of three professionals preparing for the show by practicing cleaner, less Rice-specific comedy. "We've had to go completely clean, our shows in the past have been less clean," he said. "We've had some dirty words, some sexual jokes, some mindless vulgarity.

The group has also been reading national newspapers and watching national news to gather more material.

Fay said he is unsure if the show will be signed. "I'm hopeful, but I'm not overly optimistic," Bishop, a member of Washington University Junior and Thresher graphic design, said. "I trust the executive producer despite never having spoken to him. He seems extremely confident that the pilot will be picked up."

--- Linda Gilbert

North Servrey chef competing nationally

North Servrey Chef Chris Shepley represented Rice at one of the most prestigious American college chef's competitions.

Chefs who compete in the NACUPS Regional Conference in Oklahoma, which is sponsored by the National Association of American College and University Food Services, design an entire menu and submit it several months in advance.

Recently certified as a pastry chef, Shepley said he used the experience as inspiration for his entree, modelled after the chocolate cake on a dessert usually made with berries. The dish, a layered Napoleon, will also be used as inspiration for his entree, modelled after the chocolate cake on a dessert usually made with berries.

"It's hard doing high-end desserts in a college kitchen," he said. Shepley also received certification as a chef de cuisine, which he described as a "working restaurateur." To earn this certification, chefs accumulate points by entering national contests, attending school and working. Candidates must also take a two-hour practical exam in which they butch two chickens, make a complete dinner out of each and prepare several side dishes.

Under American Culinary Federation standards, speed and aesthetic presentation of the food are almost as important as taste, Shepley said.

Shepley is one of three professionally certified chefs on campus. The others are Weiss/Hamson College Servrey Chef Roger Elkins and Sid Richardson College kitchen chef Ben Fonbuena. Rice undergraduate certification costs, Shepley said.

The head of Rice Catering before Shepley is one of three professionals preparing for the show by practicing cleaner, less Rice-specific comedy. "We've had to go completely clean, our shows in the past have been less clean," he said. "We've had some dirty words, some sexual jokes, some mindless vulgarity.

The group has also been reading national newspapers and watching national news to gather more material.

Fay said he is unsure if the show will be signed. "I'm hopeful, but I'm not overly optimistic," Bishop, a member of Washington University Junior and Thresher graphic design, said. "I trust the executive producer despite never having spoken to him. He seems extremely confident that the pilot will be picked up."

--- Linda Gilbert

North Servrey chef competing nationally

North Servrey Chef Chris Shepley represented Rice at one of the most prestigious American college chef's competitions.

Chefs who compete in the NACUPS Regional Conference in Oklahoma, which is sponsored by the National Association of American College and University Food Services, design an entire menu and submit it several months in advance.

Recently certified as a pastry chef, Shepley said he used the experience as inspiration for his entree, modelled after the chocolate cake on a dessert usually made with berries. The dish, a layered Napoleon, will also be used as inspiration for his entree, modelled after the chocolate cake on a dessert usually made with berries.

"It's hard doing high-end desserts in a college kitchen," he said. Shepley also received certification as a chef de cuisine, which he described as a "working restaurateur." To earn this certification, chefs accumulate points by entering national contests, attending school and working. Candidates must also take a two-hour practical exam in which they butch two chickens, make a complete dinner out of each and prepare several side dishes.

Under American Culinary Federation standards, speed and aesthetic presentation of the food are almost as important as taste, Shepley said.

Shepley is one of three professionally certified chefs on campus. The others are Weiss/Hamson College Servrey Chef Roger Elkins and Sid Richardson College kitchen chef Ben Fonbuena. Rice undergraduate certification costs, Shepley said.

The head of Rice Catering before Shepley is one of three professionals preparing for the show by practicing cleaner, less Rice-specific comedy. "We've had to go completely clean, our shows in the past have been less clean," he said. "We've had some dirty words, some sexual jokes, some mindless vulgarity.

The group has also been reading national newspapers and watching national news to gather more material.

Fay said he is unsure if the show will be signed. "I'm hopeful, but I'm not overly optimistic," Bishop, a member of Washington University Junior and Thresher graphic design, said. "I trust the executive producer despite never having spoken to him. He seems extremely confident that the pilot will be picked up."

--- Linda Gilbert

Swimming pool closes for repairs

The swimming pool in the medical center will be closed for about a week to finish repairs, according to June Voight, a Martel College junior and residential curator. "It got to the point that it was no longer operating, and there was nothing we could do to keep it open unless we stopped and shut it down," Barnhouse said.

The other pool available for the varsity swim team, intramurals and club sports, is the pool in the Rice community and external members of the Rice Center use the pool. Barnhouse said it had to be shut down despite its heavy use.

"I'm very confident that [the pilot] will have been nice to practice. It would have been nice to practice this week, but only if it was closed after spring break because it is a problem." Malanoski said. "(The pool) breaks about once a year," she said. "It's an old, crappy pool."

Despite making all foreseeable repairs during this shutdown, future shutdowns will likely occur because of the pool's age, Barnhouse said.

"We are currently trying to do all of the potential problems now, but that doesn't mean other problems won't pop up because of the age of the pool — the door is still open for future problems," Barnhouse said.

Anney estimated the cost of the repairs to be between $1,000 and $2,000.

--- Ernesto Velasquez

The following items were reported to the University Police for the period:

**POLICE BLOTTER**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 26</td>
<td>Residential</td>
<td>Money stolen.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 4</td>
<td>Residential</td>
<td>Money stolen.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 27</td>
<td>Parking Lots</td>
<td>Carjacking and theft, carjacker left scene.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 27</td>
<td>Residential</td>
<td>$8,300.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

--- Erin Wittman

--- Friday, March 7, 2003

--- THE RICE THRESHER
Controversial group at environmental conference

by Lindsey Gilbert
THE RICE THRESHER STAFF

Accusations of ecoterrorism
did not disrupt the 11th
annual student environmental conference, conference organizer
Courtney Namicky said. About 100 people attended the Feb. 26-28 conference,
titled "This Land in Your Land: Political History, Philosophy, and Controversy."

In an article published in the Houston Chronicle, a Rice College senior
Courtney Naficy confronts the Environmental Center, an environmental group Earth First!
in the conference, and said one of the things he learned was that Brazos Island State Park
would be used to promote ecoterrorist strategies.
The Houston Chronicle online publication targeted toward politically
conservative college students. At the Brazos session, led by Naficy and Brazos contacted the Environmental Club with concern
over whether the group was using ropes and climbing techniques
inappropriate to scale trees.

Naficy said Courtresses' accusations are false.

"This is not a group that wielded any power with anyone; it caused some ears to perk up,
"he said. Public relations officials at Rice and Brazos contacted the Environmental Club with concerns
after reading the article.

"I wouldn't say that Earth First! is a terrorist group, but it caused some ears to perk up,
"Naficy said. Houston Earth First, he said, had provided only logistical and organizational
assistance and not interference.

"I think that selecting the new president of Rice University is probably
the most important decision that can be made at Rice," Isgren said. "The leadership of the new president is extraordinarily important in the success of our university.

Isgren said they thought education, research, and academic accomplishment experience were all important at Rice in looking for a future president, and he said he thought Gillis left the committee a high target to achieve.

"We are very much in sympathy with the recommendations the student voice, and it's a commitment to students.

Faculty Council approves code changes

by Rachel Rustin
THE RICE THRESHER STAFF

Faculty Council voted unanimously Tuesday to support proposed changes to the Honor Council constitution and suggested the student body vote on these changes this semester, Faculty Council Chair Jack Zammito said.

The proposed changes alter the appeals structure for the Honor Council by replacing the first level of appeals with a Student Judicial Programs board, including the assistant dean and two faculty members.

The second level of appeals will remain the president. The appeals also limit the grounds of appeals and change the recommendations the board and the president can make when they consider appeals.

We are very much in sympathy with the recommendations the student voice, and it's a commitment to students.

"I am going to represent the undergraduate voice in particular, and I'm going to work hard as best I can to make sure the recommendations that is the will of the current student body.

"Weber said he supported the recommendations, as they were modeled after the recommendations the board of trustees.

"I thought that because of that undertone, I could contribute to this process, and I just thought it would be really exciting and interesting," George said.

"Weber said he was honored to have been selected to represent undergraduate students.

I'm going to stick to," Weber said.

"I'm really going to represent the student voice, and it's a commitment to students.

"I'm going to stick to," Weber said.

"Weber said he supported the recommendations, as they were modeled after the recommendations the board of trustees.

"I thought that because of that undertone, I could contribute to this process, and I just thought it would be really exciting and interesting," George said.

"I'm really going to represent the student voice, and it's a commitment to students.

"Weber said he supported the recommendations, as they were modeled after the recommendations the board of trustees.

"I thought that because of that undertone, I could contribute to this process, and I just thought it would be really exciting and interesting," George said.
West Lot gates to be activated

by Daniel McDonald

Students, faculty and staff may need to remember their proximity cards along with their car keys and driver’s license every morning, as the gates in the West Lot will be activated as early as the end of this month.

The stadium lots’ gates were scheduled to be activated earlier this month, but the activation was delayed so the West Lot would not be gated during Beer-Bike, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration Neill Binford. West Lot gating was expected to be complete by mid-January, but was delayed so the West Lot would not be gated during Beer-Bike, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration Neill Binford.

Binford said the new exit at Shepherd Street will be the best way to exit the campus to the north. Entrance 11 will open at the intersection. Binford said the new exit at Shepherd Street and Rice Boulevard by the beginning of next year, and a new entrance, Entrance 11, will open at the intersection.

Binford said that if this remains a problem, another idea brought up but not acted on was encouraging first-year varsity athletes to live with nonathletes. The idea came from surveys the committee conducted among varsity athletes to complete, Matthews said. Morgan said although the committee’s work is officially over, the ideas of the committee will hopefully be incorporated into other athletics-related groups at Rice.

“I know that all the people on the committee are committed to helping make a change, and I’m looking forward to the various groups like the Student Athlete Committee and Students for Athletic Spirit and Support,” Morgan, one of the student leaders of SAC, said.

Getting these groups to start talking was one of the most important actions undertaken by the ad hoc committee, Morgan said.

“All of those groups have begun to talk to one another—they’ve been separate since they’ve been formed so that we are not doing all separate things for the one goal,” he said. “Instead, now we will know what others are doing and how to reach out to those people.”

Matthews said he wants one of the SAC’s standing committees to continue the work of the ad hoc committee.

Committee member William McKee said changing the relations with a graduate council.

“We can share instant results, but we are seeing steps that are continuing the next four years,” McKee, a Lovett sophomore, said.

**STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The Student Association met Monday. The following was discussed:

- Applications for the 2003-04 director of publications will be available after spring recess. The director of publications is in charge of the Newscomax Guide and other SA publications and designs the Homecoming Tablet. Students interested in applying should contact Student Media Advisor Jen Cooper at keepercj@rice.edu.

- SA Election Committee Chair Alan Penn briefed the senate on University Standing Committees. The group determined that contested multi-candidate elections need to be resolved by making voters vote again.

- The senate approved a memo to be sent to the University Standing Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum regarding possible changes to the LPAF curriculum. The letter encourages LPAF to be graded on a pass/fail scale.

- SA Internal Vice President Clare Johnson and External Vice President Merisa Andrews summarized the findings of the focus group on University Standing Committees. The group determined that undergraduate representatives to the University Standing Committees need to stay in closer contact with the SA.

- The senate unanimously approved a resolution in support of the Texas legislative bill that would make books purchased for academic purposes tax free. (See Story, Page 8.)

- Chairman of the SA ad hoc committee on relations between athletes and nonathletes Derrick Matthews discussed the committee’s recommendations. The recommendations were based on surveys conducted by students and focus on Orientation Week and on increasing interaction between athletes and nonathletes. (See Story, Page 3.)

- The senate approved a resolution in support of creating a Rice environmental policy. The senate also approved changes to the regulations of the Space and Facilities Committee to the Environment and Facilities Committees. (See Story, Page 4.)

SA changeover will take place March 17 in Willy’s Pub in the Student Center, the next meeting will be on March 24 at 9 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion in the Student Center.

**LOVING CREATOR**

**UNFOLDING RELIGION**

**HUMAN FAMILY**

The Bahai’i Faith

1-800-22UNITE

www.bahai.org
Lecturer examines definition of art
by Rachel Rustin  

Art doesn't have to be beautiful, artist and philosopher Arthur Danto said in a lecture to the Rice University philosophy and political science students. "It has to be useful," Danto said.

Danto, a professor emeritus of philosophy at Columbia University, has written widely about the nature of art and how it has changed in recent years. He said he has used this background as a philosophical tool to reexamine these conflicting ideas. Critics used to believe art was only valuable as it was beautiful, Danto said. In recent years, art has become less an end than a means and can be useful for cultural awareness. For example, the 1995 Biennial Exhibition at the Whitney Museum of American Art displayed a continuous series of Los Angeles Police Department officers beating Rodney King. Danto said the exhibit is an example of art that is not beautiful. "The person who made the tape was not an artist, and there were questions raised as to whether it ought to have been included at all," he said.

The King video, like Pablo Picasso's Guernica, is not beautiful and therefore does not fit the traditional definition of art, Danto said. However, if a work sits in the viewer's eye it can be as powerful as a piece that is beautiful. Danto went on to say that in political works art can express violence, which depicts a social bombardment in the 1987 Spanish Civil War, who believes in nonviolent direct action. "Beauty is not always right," he said.

Political art shows the world as it is, while traditional art tries to create a refuge from real violence and suffering, Danto said. In a question-and-answer session following his speech, Danto said he does not like Daniel Cohn-Bendit's recentodyne selection for the reconstruction of the World Trade Center and said he thinks planners should have waited several years before memorializing the event, as the case will the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Campus-wide listserv proposed
by Mark Berenson

The college coordinators have proposed that the Student Association needs an listserv for students that will post information about events. In a letter to Registrar Jerry Monag, the coordinators wrote that the listserv be "the single source to send any requests for announcements, postings, etc. by any group, department, or organization associated with Rice trying to reach the general student population at Rice."

Another student said he did not know of any problems from this type of a listserv, but said he felt a meeting needed to be set up to discuss the rationale behind the proposal.
U. Court: Daniel not in violation

involving by candidates for Honor Council in addition to the 5A bylaws and election code, which bans unsolicited campaigning, he did not violate the election rules, Shreffler said. Brickman said he believes the Honor Council was able to look at the facts, and if he was acting on behalf of the SA, he believes that Daniel did not violate the SA bylaws and election code

Daniel said he did not violate the rules in the blue book.

"If the Honor Council was able to look at the facts, they would think, and if I was acting on behalf of the SA committee, not my campaign," Daniel said.

Youngblood said he believes U Court should have disqualified Daniel regardless of Pham's email. "I think U Court should have abided by the actual election code, not what you guy totally falliciously did," Youngblood said. Daniel said because he did not send the email with the intent of campaigning, he did not violate the bylaws or election code.

"The email in question was not a campaigning email," Daniel said. "It was sent to the students who were part of the Student Athlete Committee by me to encourage them to participate and become more involved in student government." 

On the SA's positions on the Honor Court, Johnson said the SA should add a position in addition to the SA bylaws and election code. "The SA should have a seat on the Honor Council bylaws states. Campaigning by candidates for Honor Council office shall be limited to a writing a campaign statement for the Threshold," Johnson said.

When a resolution is formed by blanket tax organizations and open to all candidates, writing a statement at the SA elections rallies, entering into discussions with other students regarding qualifications for and opinions on the Honor System," Brickman said. Bill H. 286 will benefit students greatly. "Textbooks are hundreds of dollars more if we're paying twice the money," Daniel said. "I think the university can continue to do more things better."
Apply for a summer internship with Interscope/Geffen/A&M Records at mastercard.com.

You could be sent to Nashville, where you’ll spend five weeks learning from industry bigwigs.

You might even be flown to LA to work on the Jurassic 5 album Power in Numbers.

there are some things money can’t buy for everything else there’s MasterCard*
The release of The Quiet American was delayed after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 due to its anti-American and anti-imperialist undertones. However, the controversy that delayed it apparently hasn't had a negative impact on its success. Director Phillip Noyce recently won the 2003 Best Director Award from the National Board of Directors for both Rabbit Proof Fence and The Quiet American.

Noyce: captures the dark and bewildering beauty of Vietnam, most particularly of Saigon. The streets are blanketed with thousands of pedestrians intent on bicycling and in their own thought processes, creating a constant stream of people, characters characterized by the overpowering sounds of traffic and the oppressive heat and humidity. The most barbed image in the film captures Saigon's nightlife, in which the bright lights and colors contrast a darkness populated by unknown dangers.

Through the lens of Thomas Fowler (Michael Caine) the film explains the process through which his self-proclaimed objectivity is challenged upon meeting Pyle, a young, idealistic, Australian medical officer. The friendship sours, however, when Pyle openly declares his sympathy to the communist side. The story then follows Pyle as he tries to share back the communist side. American imperialism, with its expert sponsorship of anti-communist Vietnamese factions, is replacing France's more direct colonialism.

As the mystery progresses, the growing romantic and political tensions are superimposed on moral complications. Surrounded by political and religious complications, Fowler's obsession must give way to a judgment — he must determine what moral code he is to live by. The film builds with an impending inevitability. Fowler and Pyle are morally ambiguous, driven by an obsession for Phuong, and through her, an obsession with Vietnam itself. These obsessions ultimately doom the both men to their fates. 

Caine is brilliant as Fowler, a veritable Bond-like counterpart to Pyle's weary voice expressing the quiet rage of a man who remains the perfect, reserved Englishman even when the only thing he cares about is hidden from him. 

Fowler is surprisingly strong as the seemingly curious Pyle, and can nearly be forgiven for earlier train gazing because he is Magazine, and Daddy Do Right.

Ha Van is entrancingly brought Fowler's and Pyle's erotic vision. Her smooth and graceful movements are filled with a quietness that reveals an inner strength hidden from the men she depends upon. Although Phuong is largely representative of Fowler and Pyle's vision of Vietnam, Noyce does not fully draw out the dramatic potential of the romance. Ultimately, it is the underlying political and moral undertones that are most compelling. The political manipulations and moral ambiguities are visually monitored not only in the shadows and smoke of Fowler's oval pipe, but also in the images of war.

The characters struggle to make visual contrasts between the mass of villagers in Northern Vietnam and the wholehearted Saigon. However, Noyce would have had sharper, more important edges if the film had strived more to image and attention to the point of conflict and military attacks. 

Noyce presents a dark analysis of Vietnam at the fall of Indochina and the entrance of American imperialism through a story of passions, yet it is the Shadow of The Quiet American that seduce the viewer to enter into a deeper Saigon night.
Sparkling a revolution

by Elizabeth Pienkos

When I think of fire stations, I think of a resting place for shiny trucks carrying long ladders and even longer hoses. I think of a bunch of fire fighters sitting around upstairs playing cards until an alarm suddenly rings, when they jump up, slide down the proverbial pole and rush into the building. I think of Spot, the necessary dalmatian that has somehow found her way into the American collective unconscious as the mascot for these institutions.

Fire Station 3 is none of these. It is a contemporary art museum, but it actively calls into question the accepted definitions of museums and art.

Although it originally began as a fire station in 1905, Fire Station 3 is not your typical fire station. Its name was established in 1919 Houston Avenue and has been home to the Houston Fire Department since then. However, it is not your typical fire station. It is not your typical museum. It does not show your typical art.

Success at Fire Station 3 comes from giving a voice to the unheard and from not being afraid to explore something that is unexplorable. Sanchez wants to encourage viewers to see art for what it is, not for the pretense that it has become. The museum not only challenges its viewers, but its artists as well. One exhibit presented the works of collage artist Rene Cruz. Sanchez had Cruz take some of the pieces that weren't displayed and arrange them into another project at Fire Station 3.

Sanchez encourages students interested in pursuing this concept of failure does not exist in my space," Sanchez said. "Nobody thinks that failure is possible. It's not a legitimate word around here."

Success at Fire Station 3 comes from giving a voice to the unheard and from not being afraid to explore something that is unexplorable. Sanchez wants to encourage viewers to see art for what it is, not for the pretense that it has become. He said.

"Our primary tenet is that we're trying to represent... the mediums, the people, the general impetus that does not get the attention that it needs. which is often unorthodox ideas, not just materially but also conceptually," Sanchez said. "Mostly we'd like to pursue the things that are underappreciated. That is most deliberate intention that we have—just to find the things not being heard and make them vocal."

The most recent exhibit, Polymorphous Perversity or the Future of the Medium, explores the wide range of expression that can be found in contemporary art. The exhibit presented the works of collage artist Rene Cruz. Sanchez had Cruz take some of the pieces that weren't displayed and arrange them into another project at Fire Station 3. Sanchez said that he wanted "to make him identify with something that is a lot more large than his preconceived notion of art, so he intermingled things that were not meant to be together."

Fire Station 3 is not your typical fire station. It is not your typical museum. It does not show your typical art.
Hoops squads host Fresno with tourneys looming

Men expecting to capitalize on Fresno postseason ban

Mularz qualifies for NCAAs

Lady Owls aim for high WAC seeding in home finale

WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE
Top-ranked baseball team heads to La. Tech to open WAC play

by Jonathan Yardley
THE RICE THRESHER
FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2003

Junior Jeff Janish hit a three-run double in the seventh inning to give Rice a 6-5 win over La. Tech in the conference opener. The Owls had to rally from a 5-1 deficit to win.

Scott Deering, 2003-04

The Owls have won the last three meetings with the Bulldogs, including last year's 3-2 win in Lubbock.

Top-ranked baseball team heads to La. Tech to open WAC play

by Jonathan Yardley
THE RICE THRESHER
FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2003

Junior Jeff Janish hit a three-run double in the seventh inning to give Rice a 6-5 win over La. Tech in the conference opener. The Owls had to rally from a 5-1 deficit to win.

Scott Deering, 2003-04

The Owls have won the last three meetings with the Bulldogs, including last year's 3-2 win in Lubbock.

Top-ranked baseball team heads to La. Tech to open WAC play

by Jonathan Yardley
THE RICE THRESHER
FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2003

Junior Jeff Janish hit a three-run double in the seventh inning to give Rice a 6-5 win over La. Tech in the conference opener. The Owls had to rally from a 5-1 deficit to win.

Scott Deering, 2003-04

The Owls have won the last three meetings with the Bulldogs, including last year's 3-2 win in Lubbock.
The men’s tennis team may have lost a tight 4-3 decision to Northwestern University on Feb. 27, but the 35-ranked Owls are characteristically confident heading into this weekend's matches against the University of Georgia and the University of Pennsylvania. Senior captain Ryan Harlan said, “It was my last indoor meet and I’m just happy to have a big weekend.”

Sophomore Marcel Hewa-Bemba has placed seventh and eighth, respectively. Harlan also competed in the distance medley relay and the 4x400-meter relay. The Owls are fifth in the men’s indoor field championships.

Men’s track finishes second in WAC

The Owls are guaranteed four matches with the emotion too much, and he didn’t play his own game, which as a freshman you tend to do.”

“We needed some help from other teams,” Harlan said. “I was happy to win a few points, but winning as a team is more important.”

The Owls are guaranteed four matches with the emotion too much, and he didn’t play his own game, which as a freshman you tend to do.”

“We needed some help from other teams,” Harlan said. “I was happy to win a few points, but winning as a team is more important.”

The Owls are guaranteed four matches with the emotion too much, and he didn’t play his own game, which as a freshman you tend to do.”

“We needed some help from other teams,” Harlan said. “I was happy to win a few points, but winning as a team is more important.”

The Owls are guaranteed four matches with the emotion too much, and he didn’t play his own game, which as a freshman you tend to do.”

“We needed some help from other teams,” Harlan said. “I was happy to win a few points, but winning as a team is more important.”
Nevada crushes men's basketball

Michael Taheri earned ninth place in the 50-yard freestyle Friday night as the Owls shot less than 50 percent from the field. "I really believe one of the reasons we were able to shoot 50 percent from the field was because we were able to get the ball inside," said Coach Ted Wilson.

Men, from Page 12
Rice has some business to settle with Fresno State, as the Bulldogs needed a last-second shot to beat Rice 71-70 on their home floor Jan. 4. Rice faced Nevada on the road Wednesday, but the Owls collapsed in the second half after leading by eight. The Owls shot less than 50 percent from the free throw line for the game, and the Wolf Pack rolled to an 86-61 victory.

Taheri earning ninth place in 57.25.

"With junior forward Elisa Inman out after suffering a second-degree ankle sprain early in the San Jose State contest, sophomore Annie Feck and Michelle Woods stepped up to carry the load."

Woods: We own Fresno

points and eight rebounds against Hawaii, while Woods set a career high with 12 points in 27 minutes against San Jose State. While McKinney said Inman's status for this weekend is uncertain, Woods said she gained confidence from her experience against San Jose State.

"It definitely boosted my confidence," Woods said. "I think when I play good defense, my offense kind of follows."

Rice dominated the game against San Jose State but had a tougher time against Hawaii. "We just finally got a run going where we hit shots and were able to capitalize," McKinney said.

Rice and Fresno State entered the weekend tied for second place, but the difference between the second and third seeds is marginal because the two teams will still be headed for a semifinal matchup. Still, finishing second is important to the Lady Owls.

"It's in our hands," McKinney said. "We don't have to have any help to do it. We just have to win two games, so that's going to be our goal. Like the fact that we don't need any help to finish second."

"The game against Fresno State is senior night for the Lady Owls, as it is the last home game for the seniors—guards Kim Lawson and Kara Ungerlett and forwards Aurora Flores and Stacia James.

"We will have motivation because...we want one. Fresno did beat us early in the season, and, two, it's senior night, so I don't want to leave Autry with a loss," Lawson said. "I can't fathom that.

Past results indicate a significant home-court advantage for Rice, as the Bulldogs have never won at Autry Court.

"We own Fresno," Woods said. "That will be a fun game. I'm excited about it, and I think the rest of the team is excited, being back at home for the last two.

After this weekend, the Lady Owls head to Tulsa, Okla., for the WAC tournament March 19-15. The WAC is so competitive that the spot in the tournament final opposite prohibitive favorite Louisiana Tech is wide open.

"To lose six games and still be second in the WAC, says that there's definitely a lot of parity in the WAC," McKinney said. "I think this tournament is going to be very exciting because there's not much distance between the second-place team and the seventh.

"I'm glad we are on the upper end of that bracket, but we're not taking any of those teams casually. We will take a little bit of the bracket for granted."

A weekend at Residence Inn gives you room to relax, room to breathe.
Cover club sports! Cover IM sports!

Mellon Undergraduate Fellows Program

The Mellon Undergraduate Fellows Program at Rice University is currently accepting applications from students interested in participating in a mentor-ed program that prepares them for careers in the sciences. Eligible fields are Humanities, Anthropology, Mathematics, Mathematical Sciences, Statistics, Physics, Geology, Ecology, and Earth Sciences.

Applications should normally be completed by the sophomore year as a student at Rice University. Selection will be based on a number of attributes including but not limited to academic standing and potential, life experiences and interests, commitment to building bridges in multicultural communities, past and planned participation in extracurricular activities, academic honors, research experience, and recommendation letters.

Applications forms and additional information about the program can be picked up from the Office of the Provost, Room 313A, Lovett Hall. Application deadline is March 7, 2003.
## BASEBALL

### Houston 3 vs. Rice 4

**Game Details:**
- **Date:** Feb. 27, 2003
- **Attendance:** 2,317

**Score by Innings:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Innings</th>
<th>R</th>
<th>H</th>
<th>E</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>7</strong></td>
<td><strong>10</strong></td>
<td><strong>1</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Winning Information:**
- **Baker (2-0)**
- **Loss:** Covert (0-3)
- **Hold:** Aardsma

**RBI:**
- **PEP:** 4
- **Rice:** 5

**Attendance:**
- **Houston:** 2,618
- **Rice:** 2,018

**Score by Innings:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Innings</th>
<th>R</th>
<th>H</th>
<th>E</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>0</strong></td>
<td><strong>10</strong></td>
<td><strong>1</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Winning Information:**
- **Aardsma (2-0)**
- **Loss:** Henderson (0-1)
- **Hold:** Sullivan

**RBI:**
- **Rice:** 13

**Attendance:**
- **Rice:** 6,617

## RICE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM (RUSP) (HONS470/471)

RUSP is designed for juniors or seniors from any department who are considering graduate school and/or academic careers. Students who are accepted into the program undertake independent research projects mentored by a faculty member identified by the student. Research grants in the range $250-$1,700 per year are awarded to help pay the costs of RUSP projects. Many students attend a professional conference and present a paper.

During the first semester (3 credits), each student writes a funding proposal, prepares oral and written progress reports and begins work on the research project. Weekly class meetings deal with a variety of topics related to research and scholarship. In the second semester, (variable credit, usually 3-6 credits), students focus on research/writing and present their results orally and in the form of a scholarly paper.

The RUSP faculty coordinators for 2003-2004 are:
- Don Johnson
- James L. Kinsey
- James Pomerantz

For further information, consult the RUSP web page:

http://www.ownnet.rice.edu/~hons470/

(look up the HONS470/471 page from the Rice University home page). This web site includes information about applying for the 2003-2004 program. Applications can be filed either electronically (preferred method) or by hard copy. The web site also contains a FAQ list and the names and email addresses of current RUSP students. Please feel free to contact any of the faculty coordinators or current students.

**OPEN HOUSE FOR INTERESTED STUDENTS:**

TUESDAY, MARCH 18-7:39 p.m. Duncan Hall 1049

Today’s my girlfriend’s birthday.

Overdraft Courtesy®

Got You Covered.

IBC BANK
We Do More

713.526.1211 www.ibc.com

• Cash when you want it.
• Save money and embarrassment on returned checks.
• IBC Overdraft Courtesy® will cover up to $900 on your account.
• Available with most IBC checking accounts.

MEMBER FDIC/INTERNATIONAL BANCSHARES CORPORATION
Effective 30 days after account is opened and submitted insufficient funds charges apply. 35-day maximum to bring account to positive balance to avoid suspension of ODC service. Deposits made to account will first be applied to recovering overdrawn balance.
Friday

ake the Bush administration

The Phantom of Liberty will be screening tonight at the Rice Media Center at 8 p.m. The movie is in English and French with English subtitles. Tickets cost $5 for students. The film will also be shown Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m.

Quack Quack Quack

Rice men’s tennis takes on the University of Oregon today at 1 p.m. in the Jake Hess Tennis Stadium.

Saturday

Basketball game

Rice basketball plays Fresno State today in Avery Court. The women’s team will play at 5 p.m. and the men’s team will play at 7:15 p.m. Tonight is senior night, and Marcella College senior Vasco Bridges will be playing the national anthem on his saxophone between the games.

Monday

This pretty much explains why this week’s calendar sucks

Happy St. Patrick’s Day! Wear green and pinch a leprechaun or steal some Lucky Charms or whatever it is you do.

... and as the duck turns to the clergymen says, “I don’t know about you but as my wings dry out, I’m getting the hell out of here!”

Hope you get your fill of sun over break because classes start again today.

To the eight colleges and Marcella Dunn:

Willy Week starts today, so start filling water balloon and stocking up on WD-40. Watch out for those Marcella students, especially.

Percussion Concert

The students of the Shepherd School Percussion Studio will perform a marimba concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the MacMurthy Auditorium of Duncan Hall.

Presented by the Office of the President: No, it really is.

The First Wives Club will be shown tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Rice Media Center. Admission is free; but seating is limited. An open forum before the event will begin at 5:30 p.m. A question-and-answer session will follow.

Wednesday

Put your etiquette skills to good use, you dirty jackasses.

The Shell Oil Sustainability Conference will be held today and tomorrow in the Shell Oil Foundation Auditorium in Baker Hall and in the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management. Events will be held today and tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aw, shucks. It’s baseball.

Rice baseball takes on the University of Nebraska at 7 p.m. at Reckling Park. Come on in front of the park at 6 p.m. for free food and prizes and a corn-shucking contest sponsored by the Rowdy Owls.

Thursday

Civil War Lecture

The Technology, Cognition and Culture lecture series continues with a lecture by Edward L. Ayers, Hugh F. Kelly professor of history from the University of Virginia. Ayers will present his lecture titled “Processing the Past: The American Civil War as Information.” The lecture will take place from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the MacMurthy Auditorium of Duncan Hall.

South Asian Society

The South Asian Society of Rice University proudly presents SAG NIGHT 2003: Bollywood Idol, a night of fun and fun. The shows will be held tonight and tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in Hamman Hall. Tickets for members of the Rice community are $5, and non-Rice tickets are $9. Also included with admission to the show is a catered Indian dinner. To purchase tickets, contact Ashwini Marlar at ashwini@rice.edu or Insiya Hussain at insiya@rice.edu.

Tennis Invitationals

Rice men’s tennis hosts the Rice Invitational today through Sunday at the Lake House Tennis Stadium.

How to Submit Calendar Items

Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m., prior to Friday publication.

Submission methods:
Fax: (713) 348-5238
Email: calendar@rice.edu
Campus Mail: Calendar Editor, Thresher, MS-624

Calendar submission forms are available on the Thresher office door.

Submissions are printed on a space-available basis.

Monday, March 24, 2003; 4:00 PM, Blair Conference Room-Student Center

Mark your calendars — All majors and all college levels invited. This is your chance to go inside College Program — meet students from around the world.

College credit opportunities may be available. Visit our website at wdwcollegeprogram.com

We're recruiting on campus!

Rice University
Monday, March 24, 2003; 4:00 PM, Blair Conference Room-Student Center

Tuesday, March 25, 2003; 12:00 PM, Minor Lounge-Student Center

How to Submit Calendar Items

Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m., prior to Friday publication.

Submission methods:
Fax: (713) 348-5238
Email: calendar@rice.edu
Campus Mail: Calendar Editor, Thresher, MS-624

Calendar submission forms are available on the Thresher office door.

Submissions are printed on a space-available basis.

Monday, March 24, 2003; 4:00 PM, Blair Conference Room-Student Center

Mark your calendars — All majors and all college levels invited. This is your chance to go inside College Program — meet students from around the world.

College credit opportunities may be available. Visit our website at wdwcollegeprogram.com

We're recruiting on campus!

Rice University

Monday, March 24, 2003; 4:00 PM, Blair Conference Room-Student Center

Tuesday, March 25, 2003; 12:00 PM, Minor Lounge-Student Center

How to Submit Calendar Items

Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m., prior to Friday publication.

Submission methods:
Fax: (713) 348-5238
Email: calendar@rice.edu
Campus Mail: Calendar Editor, Thresher, MS-624

Calendar submission forms are available on the Thresher office door.

Submissions are printed on a space-available basis.

Monday, March 24, 2003; 4:00 PM, Blair Conference Room-Student Center

Mark your calendars — All majors and all college levels invited. This is your chance to go inside College Program — meet students from around the world.

College credit opportunities may be available. Visit our website at wdwcollegeprogram.com

We're recruiting on campus!

Rice University

Monday, March 24, 2003; 4:00 PM, Blair Conference Room-Student Center

Tuesday, March 25, 2003; 12:00 PM, Minor Lounge-Student Center

How to Submit Calendar Items

Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m., prior to Friday publication.

Submission methods:
Fax: (713) 348-5238
Email: calendar@rice.edu
Campus Mail: Calendar Editor, Thresher, MS-624

Calendar submission forms are available on the Thresher office door.

Submissions are printed on a space-available basis.

Monday, March 24, 2003; 4:00 PM, Blair Conference Room-Student Center

Mark your calendars — All majors and all college levels invited. This is your chance to go inside College Program — meet students from around the world.

College credit opportunities may be available. Visit our website at wdwcollegeprogram.com

We're recruiting on campus!

Rice University
My roommate is in Panama City and the only tits I'm gonna see are Rassul's. We're losers. We have no plans for spring break. But fortunately, some nice people sent us some nice postcards telling us about the nice times they're having. Bastards.

I've spent the past seven days doing nothing but stare at my beautiful wife. I'm so happy. This is so wonderful.

— Zen

Hey guys,
I'm out here in sunny San Francisco. I had no idea this place was so homoheterogeneous. And by homoheterogeneous, I mean queer. And by queer, I mean strange and diverse. Aw, I hate this place.

— Coach

The three people who actually pay attention to the SA

I have a strange woman sleeping in my bed every night. She's 26 months old and she's not sucking on my wife's tit, she's sucking me in the bed.

— Baker associate

"Basically, everyone would be subscribed to the SA listserve, and if'd be their responsibility to get themselves off."

— Someone on Thresher editorial staff

"It says let's get drunk and screw."

— Fourth-year student

We're not saying which one.

— Baker Upper Fourth

Please consider this Backpage brought to you by Baker Upper Fourth, the place where love happens.

Hey everybody,
I'm in Acapulco sipping a margarita I bought with the $10 I made off those two gothers. Poor bastards didn't stand a chance. Hope they're enjoying their spring break in Loserville. Too bad Debbeggett ain't there, too. Later.

— El Presidente de la SA

We're not saying which one.

— Fourth-year student

Baker Misclass, Tried and True

"Donkey punches — what an uncourtious thing to do."

— M-Ditty, first-year student

"My mouth is on fire. I feel like I just gave birth."

— Gaebler, fourth-year student

"This says let's get drunk and screw."

—吞咽, fourth-year student

"You really wanna screw in that little glass?"

— More Baker associates.

You got to see Rassul's tits? All I got to see was Christopher's classifieds.

You got to see Rassul's tits? All I got to see was Christopher's classifieds.

All the beautiful, wonderful people I love so much at Rice U.

— M-Ditty

Hey y'all!
I'm having a great time in my new mansion. No mold, stable ceilings, no peaky workers snooping around — letting me and the misus lounge around in the buff behind our walls. Wish you were here! On second thought, don't stop by.

— Your new president

Hey, girls and boys,
I'm so happy this everybody, bought with $5, didn't stand a chance, this is the best time to make out. Later this place. And by queer, I mean strange and diverse. Aw, I hate this place.

— Pubic Hair, second-year student

I had no idea this place was so homoheterogeneous. And by homoheterogeneous, I mean queer. And by queer, I mean strange and diverse. Aw, I hate this place.

— Coach

The three people who actually pay attention to the SA

I have a strange woman sleeping in my bed every night. She's 26 months old and she's not sucking on my wife's tit, she's sucking me in the bed.

— Baker associate

"Basically, everyone would be subscribed to the SA listserve, and if'd be their responsibility to get themselves off."

— Someone on Thresher editorial staff

"What's wrong with this chair?"

— Baker associate

"I've had lots of sex in that chair."

— Baker associate

"Yeah, it used to be in front of your computer."

— Baker associate

"This is about one of the chairs in Upper Fourth. We aren't saying which one."

— Upper Kirby district seeks part-time afternoon assistants. Ideal for students needing flexible hours. Please call (713) 524-3344.

— Baker Upper Fourth

"Donkey punches — what an uncourious thing to do."

— M-Ditty, first-year student

"My mouth is on fire. I feel like I just gave birth."

— Gaebler, fourth-year student

"This says let's get drunk and screw."

— 吞咽, fourth-year student

"You really wanna screw in that little glass?"

— More Baker associates.

You got to see Rassul's tits? All I got to see was Christopher's classifieds.

MICellaneous


$3,500 FEE PAID TO EGG DONORS. Reply to info@eggdonorcenter.com or call (713) 569-1555.

M-O-R-S-E, second-year student

"What's wrong with this chair?"

— Baker associate

"I've had lots of sex in that chair."

— Baker associate

"Yeah, it used to be in front of your computer."

— Baker associate

"This is about one of the chairs in Upper Fourth. We aren't saying which one."

— Upper Kirby district seeks part-time afternoon assistants. Ideal for students needing flexible hours. Please call (713) 524-3344.

— Baker Upper Fourth

"Donkey punches — what an uncourious thing to do."

— M-Ditty, first-year student

"My mouth is on fire. I feel like I just gave birth."

— Gaebler, fourth-year student

"This says let's get drunk and screw."

— 吞咽, fourth-year student

"You really wanna screw in that little glass?"

— More Baker associates.

You got to see Rassul's tits? All I got to see was Christopher's classifieds.