Rice considers change to regional conference  

by Mark Berenson and Jonathan Yardley  

Rice has been a member of the Western Athletic Conference since the Southwest Conference disbanded in 1996, but the Owls are likely to play in a different conference within a few years. 

Rice has been one of the main subjects of recent national rumors and reports on the future of athletic conference alignment. 

The reports—which have been covered by ESPN, MSN, the Associated Press, the Dallas Morning News, and the Houston Chronicle, among others—focus on what will happen to the WAC and Conference USA teams who are invited to join the Big East Conference in November. 

In the most likely scenario, Rice will join Conference USA for the 2005-06 academic year, which would effectively end the WAC. 

President Malcolm Gillis said Rice has not received an invitation to join any other athletic conference, but he declined to comment on whether C-USA has contacted Rice to gauge its interest in moving to the conference. 

Assistant Director Jeffery May could not be reached for comment, as WAC athletic directors and other senior administrators were meeting in Dallas this week. 

Conference realignment became a major issue in intercollegiate athletics last spring, when the Atlantic Coast Conference raided the Big East to improve the ACC's football reputation and increase revenue. 

Boston College and Syracuse University were expected to be invited to join the ACC along with the University of Miami. In late June, however, the ACC chose to invite Miami and Virginia Tech instead. 

University of Houston Athletic Director Dave Maggert said uncertainty similar to what the Big East schools felt over the summer currently surrounds C-USA and WAC schools. 

"Boston College and Syracuse—they were certain they would be in the ACC, and the invitations didn't come," Maggert said. "There are a lot of things that are very much open right now." 

Conference USA is expected to raid the WAC to maintain a competitive number of member schools. WAC administrators reportedly are concerned about taking precipitous action. 

Early last month, Fox Network reported that WAC commissioner Karl Benson had sent a letter to the presidents of all WAC schools urging them to consider offering a WAC football membership to two C-USA schools. Possible candidates were the University of Houston, Texas Christian University, and University of Texas at El Paso. 

The end result of such expansion would be a domino effect, with Rice's admission possibly including WAC schools such as Texas Tech University, Southern Methodist University, and the University of Tulsa and forgoing C-USA schools UT-Chattanooga and Tulsa. 

Benson also allegedly noted that the conference would need stability from the Western Athletic Conference. 

See WAC, Page 10

Party theme forced by forum  

Masters had overruled cabinet decision on using college funds  

In the aftermath of controversy surrounding Friday's "Golf Pros and Tennis Hoos" private party, Baker College held a forum Wednesday in which the university's sexual harassment policy was addressed. 

Masters noted at the forum, where Associate General Counsel Carole Garcia, Director of Multicultural Affairs Cali Clack, and Director of Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Russell Barres explained the policy and answered questions. 

Bakers decided at last week's cabinet meeting to allocate college funds to the "Golf Pros and Tennis Hoos" party, a private party hosted by Baker Chief Justice Mark Awdeh in celebration of his 85th birthday. 

Junior Class Representative Steve Garcia said a hostile environment was created when some students expressed concern that the university had not been consulted. 

"We've already used up most cool places in Houston," Eng said. "It's becoming more and more difficult to find places to host."

Many students said they were happy with the dance's midtown location. 

"It will be easier for students to drive in on their own, park their cars and go to one of the restaurants or bars near the dance," Will Rice College senior Monica Vela said. 

The price of parking has yet to be determined. Shuttles will run to and from the event. 

The hunt for a location begins this summer, Eng said. The committee considered sites such as Tanglewood Terrace and the Medical Center Marriot. 

Venue size was a limiting factor, with expected attendance at 800 people. 

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LET'S VISIT THE TREE WHERE WE FIRST...

Regional rivals will add spark to Rice athletics

We cheer the possibility of Rice's conference opponents changing from the Mountain West Conference to the Big 12 Conference. (See Story, Page 1.) Whether it is an expanded Western Athletic Conference or Conference USA, playing in a division with more similar schools that are geographically closer, is a much better fit for Rice.

As students, we support the decision because playing conference games with more local teams like the University of Houston, Tulane University and Texas Christian University, to go along with WAC foes that are currently our only Division I school to play, will increase the number of geographic rivals. (See Story, Page 1.) Whether others could still improve the current alcohol policy, we hope that you enjoy what is probably a rare glimpse into what your son or daughter does now that they have emptied out of the nest.

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MARRIAGE, from Page 2

Aren't gays silly to want to be married?

To the editor:

It's so true. Marriage is not a natural right; it's a privileged right sanctioned by the state (right mentioning the typical union over 100 benefits).

And what else is there to do in a fragmented society like America except dispense guiding-units informally to superfluous heterosexual Christians? I mean, we have everything else, why stop at marriage?

Adrianna Gonzalez was right on in her dogmatic interpretation of marriage's "inherent heterosexuality." After all, what's bigoted about preferring reproductive to non-reproductive relationships? Basically, it's Darwinian evolution in action.

It also seems true that "the traditional interpretation of marriage is by far the best course." By allowing individuals to engage in same-sex marriages, we reduce the chances they will take to a traditional happy and healthy marriage (of which the success rate is near 50 percent).

In addition, it's oh-so-obvious that contemporary marriage is unnatural. After all, animals can and do marry.

In conclusion, if anything else, it is also well documented that many animals are involved in non-reproductive sexual activity, they simply dispense with us in order to keep their own species going.

Dirk Schmidt

Brown freshman

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Gregory Kaplan Assistant Professor Religious Studies

Fan offended with Powderpuff cheers

To the editor:

I was deeply offended by the behavior of oneuhlawn-wielding fan at the Powderpuff football game between Wiess College and Will Rice College Sunday night.

As much as I appreciate Rice's general atmosphere, and was disappointed as anyone by the controversy that arose surrounding college cheerers and the sexual harassment policy two years ago—for anyone to yell over a bullhorn to a field full of women, "Will Rice sucks my dick," and "Kiss them in the balls," could be deemed nothing but inappropriate.

Such behavior is an affront to the wake of so much public debate about Rice's sexual harassment policy, especially when compared with the behavior of Wheaton students, who, as always, played a very clean game. I would hope that fans for all years would attempt to reflect the high level of sportsmanship displayed by the women representing them on the field.

Cindy Kocurek
Will Rice senior Powderpuff team member Thresher Arts and Entertainment editor

Got an opinion?

To the editor:

I share Garret Merriam's conviction that Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore's "moral stand (assisted) to nothing more than an attempt at government-sponsored religion." That, he says, is the reverse of Merriam's mantra of "separation of church and state," and in his interpretation, "there is no separation of church and state; it's a privileged right by a person who obviously hates this country's Judeo-Christian heritage and is an expression of truth."

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He criticizes the commandments for failing to prohibit a host of atrocities, even some he can hardly imagine. But, how can 99.9 percent of them be considered as "forbidding all (or even most) specific precepts deterring rape, war, imprisonment, oppression and abuse which are strung through out a very long text known as the Hebrew Bible in which the Ten Commandments are embedded. To be sure, these crimes were frequently committed, but, then again, limits were especially drawn around them, recommending a concerned effort (however inadequate) to disallow common practices from preferences or principles.

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You will use the Esther system to register for classes for Spring 2004!

From the Office of the Registrar & Academic Advising...

Esther (Employee & student tools, help, & electronic resources) is the new Web-based information tool that students can begin using on Wednesday, October 15, 2003. Please note this important registration information...

Login & Registration Information - All Students

- By October 14, 2003, you will receive the information you will need in order to log-on to Esther.
- You are required to register during the week of November 17 - 23. If you fail to register during this period, your account will automatically be assessed a $50.00 "Failure to Register" fee.

Undergraduate Students - Advising & Priority Registration Information

Undergraduates will need to see their academic advisor prior to Spring 2004 registration. (Note that registration begins on 11/17/03.) After discussing your spring course selections, your advisor will provide you with a form to take to your college coordinator. Your college coordinator will then issue you a Registration, Add/Drop PIN. You will need a Registration Add/Drop PIN to be able to register for classes. This PIN can only be obtained after you have seen an academic advisor.

Priority Registration for Spring 2004 will begin November 17, 2003. The schedule is as follows -

- **Seniors**: If you have completed 90 credits or more, you can register beginning November 17.
- **Juniors**: If you have completed 60 credits or more, you can register beginning November 18.
- **Sophomores**: If you have completed 30 credits or more, you can register beginning November 19.
- **Freshmen**: Registration begins on November 20.

Graduate Students - Advising and Registration Information

- Registration, Add/Drop PINs are NOT required of graduate students. Please see your department coordinator for questions concerning the advising process specific to your academic department.
- Registration for the Spring 2004 semester begins November 17, 2003. You may register for classes online, anytime, beginning 12:01 am, 11/17/03.

More information will follow regarding Esther and the new advising processes. Look for details in future issues of the Thresher and around campus as well.
Professors win $5 million NSF research grant

by Julie Mael

Two Rice professors are among some of the first recipients of a newly-created National Science Foundation grant last Wednesday. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Professors David Queller and Joan Strassmann received a $5 million Frontier in Integrated Biological Research grant for their work in social evolutionary biology.

The FIBR program supports multidisciplinary research that explores major biological questions. Queller’s and Strassmann’s project integrates evolutionary biology and genetics. Working with three other scientists from Baylor College of Medicine, they hope to find the underlying genes behind social behavior and explore how these genes have been affected by natural selection.

The team has received NSF funding in the past, but the large FIBR grant will allow them to expand their research efforts, Queller said.

“We will have more students, more post-docs and more work done,” Queller said. “The more hands you have, the more brains you have, the greater the opportunity you have to follow up those leads that naturally come up.”

The group is working with single-celled Dictyostelium discoideum amoebae, which are ideal for study because they form social colonies.

“We use to work on social insects because of their neat social behavior, but then we moved on to social amoebae or what are known as cellular slime molds, which we can study for the genetics,” Queller said.

They chose the Dictyostelium because its genome is almost completely sequenced, and techniques have been developed for identifying and eliminating genes that are not believed to be associated with social behavior.

Queller said the team used plastic straws from Subway, among other equipment, to collect its subjects at a mountain lake biological station.

One of the first research projects at a mountain lake biological station.

EMR, from Page 1

“The way things are going now, we almost don’t have a choice,” RUPD officers and REMS supervisors are attending college cabinet meetings and meeting with chief justices today to educate students to call REMS in any emergency situation. Reiter said he wants students to understand that calling will not bring negative consequences to either the student or the alcohol policy.

Last year, the percentage of alcohol-related EMS calls rose from nine percent of all EMS calls to 16 percent. However, the percentage of alcohol-related calls requiring hospitalization decreased by almost one third.

“Part of what we’re seeing is that alcohol use was on the rise, but people were really just being more responsible (in calling EMS whenever necessary),” REMS Captain Drew Plumshaun said.

Plumshaun, a Lovett College senior, said talk of the statistic could have made students more reluctant to call EMS.

“We’re seeing so many misconceptions going on, and it’s unbelievable,” Reiter said. “The administration recognizes calling EMS is a good sign.” Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs John Hutchinson said he has been working with college chief justices to educate students about the alcohol policy and REMS since the beginning of this semester.

Last spring, in response to worries that the alcohol policy was in disrepair, college chief justices and chief justices met to discuss enforcement of the policy. As a result, the policy has received much publicity this year, including private meetings held by chief justices with every 0-Week group.

Sid Richardson College Chief Justice Gabe Ledeen said he has been working with college chief justices to make sure private party hosts know their responsibilities and to reiterate the importance of drinking responsibly. Ledeen said he thinks the most likely reason for the decrease in alcohol-related EMS calls is improved education regarding responsible drinking.

“Rice students are not going to avoid calling EMS for the sake of the alcohol policy over safety for each other,” Ledeen said.

At Sid’s well-attended Early 80’s Party, there were very few EMS calls. Ledeen said, “The Early 80’s Party was a very successful party in terms of safety.”

Hutchinson said he is not sure what has caused the decrease in calls, but he wants to dispel any rumors that calling REMS might cause problems for the student.

“We don’t want to risk the possibility that anyone who is drinking and thinking they might have negative consequences,” Hutchinson said. “We do not want to think about it.”

“With this year, we essentially have made students more reluctant to call EMS,” Hutchinson said. “We are working on it, but we have to continue to educate students.”

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ESPERANZA from Page 1

Crystal Ballroom, a popular wedding and social events spot, for Rondell, the spring formal held in March.

“We’ve already used up most cool places in Houston.” — Cara Eng

Formals chair, Rice Program Council

Esperanza tickets can be purchased in advance for $25 through college RNC reps, or for $30 at the door.

RECYCLE Me.
KTRU DJ receives Press award

by Brooks Lauthum

KTRU DJ Dennis Lee received the Houston Press award for "Best Hip Hop Radio Show" for his show The Young Frontier, which airs Tuesdays from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Lee, a biochemistry graduate student, was nominated in last Friday's Press.

Lee, who goes by the name DL on the air, said he was surprised when he heard he had received the award.

"I didn't even know [Best Hip Hop Radio Show] was a category," Lee said.

Houston Press music editor John Lomax said staff writers unanimously picked possible award winners and nominees, which are then voted on by Margot Downing, who approved the final selections.

In her Station Manager Amy Knieper said she is happy Lee won the award because he has been an important asset to the station.

"He's helped out a lot at KTRU because he's our operations manager and he's worked hard during the first few weeks of the semester. "I think we were able to bring in people because we were having good shows and made sure we had pieces, and made sure that we were practicing," he said. At the tournament, a regional competition, the team faced the University of Texas, the University of Houston, Texas State University, San Marcos and 28 other teams.

Rice's first win of the year was at the Top of the Rockies tournament in Wyoming Sept. 20 and 21, where Lee and 20 others from around the country including host University of Wyoming. Rice's 2003 national championships.

"It's really satisfying to win when you work that much into it," team member Greg Miller, a Rice University junior, said. "In an academic context, you can be a winner.

The team competes in several prestigious tournaments throughout the year leading up to the national championship tournament in April. Director of Forensics David Worth said. Worth advises the team and helps members prepare for competitions.

The team aims to continue its winning streak, Miller said.

"Our implicit goals are always what we want to win the Texas State Tournament and we've been able to win at that tournament every year that I've been here at Rice," Miller said.

"The ultimate goal, though, is to do well at nationals. We've almost always finished in the top ten, and our goal is to win a national championship."

Last year, the team finished fifth at the national competition. Worth and Assistant Director of Forensics Jeremy Grace said they think the team is in track to be a top competitor this year.

"There are areas that we'll improve on but I don't think that we're making up for any deficit this year," Worth said. "Our strength this last year was mostly in debate. This year, I think it's coming out about equal. We're winning as much in debate as we are on the floor."

The team's next competition is the Nebraska Double-Up Invitational Oct. 12-13 at Creighton University.
Post-war German relations subject of Kohl talk

by Ian Everhart

Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said German-American relations remain strong in spite of recent tensions over the war in Iraq.

"Speaking through an interpreter, Kohl said Americans did what was needed, but added, "It was uncharacteristic of post-World War II German-American relations. Kohl was chancellor of West Germany from 1982 to 1998 and as chancellor of the reunified Federal Republic of Germany from 1990 to 1998, the longest term in postwar German history. He spoke Wednesday in Baker Hall at an event sponsored by the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy. "Looking over the rather unfortunate developments over the past few months, it is all the more important that we do everything we can in order to repair the damage that was done and to prevent further damage from happening," he said.

Kohl said hundreds of Germans — and a large number of the anti-American activities in Germany — were born several years after World War II and have no memories of post-war aid from the U.S. "Every day, around the year 1944, American trucks came to the schoolyard and distributed food — soup or something — that the Quakers would send or the Hoover Foundation would send, this saved [my wife and me] from starvation," he said. "No matter what you may hear or read — there are a lot of stupid things also said and written in Germany — there are millions of Germans that have never forgot about what they did for us at the time."

Even in modern-day unified Germany, former East Germans who lived in the socialist German Democratic Republic are more likely to hold anti-American views than former West Germans who lived in the democratic Federal Republic of Germany, Kohl said. "There are 17 million Germans in reunited Germany who, until 13 years ago, lived in what was the German Democratic Republic, and even those who were in opposition against the socialist regime of the time for 40 years lived under a sort of umbrella that shielded them from the rest of the world and where anti-American feeling could grow," he said.

James A. Baker III and Helmut Kohl discuss the current relationship between Germans and Americans in the aftermath of the war on Iraq.

Kohl said recent differences notwithstanding, Germany can and should pursue a closer relationship with the United States.

"Should the United States be tarred by the scourge of terrorism, it is a matter of course to stand shoulder-to-shoulder to one's friends and not withdraw or try to say, 'We have nothing to do with this' or ask the question, 'Of what benefit is this to us?'" he said. "But it's equally important to be candid with your friends, to be open to them, to tell them quite frankly what one feels one ought to tell them in this particular hour, and not tell them what perhaps the other person would like to hear." Those who see further European integration as an obstacle to cultivating American relations are mistaken, Kohl said. "Being pro-European does not automatically mean that you have to be anti-American. I think that is a foolish notion," he said. "Germany's peace — Germany's freedom — is based on two pillars. The first pillar is the building of the common European home and the second is the transatlantic partnership, that is, partnership with the United States of America."

Responding to a question from an audience member, Kohl said he was surprised to see the end of the Cold War and the reunification of Germany in his lifetime, let alone during his tenure in office.

"I just think it's fantastic that we can get such contemporary leaders to come visit Rice University," Carrasco said. "It's a great asset that a student is allowed to sit three rows away from such a prominent and well-respected politician and international diplomat!" Mahbub Shah, a Baker senior, said he appreciated Kohl's remarks. "It was comforting and reassuring to hear it from his perspective on how fast the Cold War ended," Shah said. "He seemed very candid with what he spoke about in terms of foreign policy and being open with your neighbors."

Kohl said he thinks the European Union will probably reach its final form in the next 10 years and will eventually encompass 450 million people. He said he thinks the euro will be the currency throughout Europe, including Switzerland and the United Kingdom, which has been reluctant to adopt the common European currency.

"Say this in London and Zurich today and people will laugh," he said. "They will never believe you, but when [former French Prime Minister] Francois Mitterrand, in the early '80s, and I were discussing how we can get such contemporary leaders to come visit Rice University," Carrasco said. "It's a great asset that a student is allowed to sit three rows away from such a prominent and well-respected politician and international diplomat!" Mahbub Shah, a Baker senior, said he appreciated Kohl's remarks. "It was comforting and reassuring to hear it from his perspective on how fast the Cold War ended," Shah said. "He seemed very candid with what he spoke about in terms of foreign policy and being open with your neighbors."

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The speakers also emphasized that any issue that doesn't get at least one complaint or concern merits discussion. Such discussion is important for the well being of a community, they said.

Some students who attended the forum expressed opinions about the masters' decision.

Junior John Higginbotham said he questioned the decision because it wasn't made by the community as a whole.

"If you have a decision handed down or forced upon students, or an agreement isn't allowed to be made between those students, into what way are you or any other university going to be opposing one group?" he said at the forum.

In the days leading up to the party, some students voiced concerns about using college money to fund a potentially offensive event.

Senior Eileen Chollet said she initiated a petition against derogatory party themes that target specific religions, ethnicities, sexual orientations, races or genders. About 40 Baker students signed the petition in two days.

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— Jo Kent

Baker College sophomore

Endowment grows for first time in three years

by Clarence Yung

After three straight years of zero or negative returns, Rice's endowment posted a positive return for the fiscal year ending June 30. The increase came with the end of the recent economic downturn, Vice President for Investments and Treasurer Scott Wise said.

The endowment posted a 4.6 percent return on investments for the fiscal year, better than the national average. Currently, the value of the endowment is just under $3 billion.

Citing a survey of 122 major universities, The New York Times reported Sunday that most universities' endowments are also back to where they were a year ago, such as the universi- ties' endowments are also back to where they were a year ago.

The effect of the downturn will be seen in the payout, money withheld from the endowment in order to pay for operating expenses, Vice President for Finance and Administration Dean Currie said.

The payout will increase in the future, but the increase will be smaller than usual because Finance and Administration calculates the payout with a formula that uses a three-year average of endowment returns.

"The market went up 40 percent tomorrow, spending would still be very slow to increase," Currie said.

"You're not chasing after those quick returns."

The three-year formula allowed the board to increase payouts and maintain budget stability throughout the downturn, Currie said.

Despite the increasing returns, the endowment is not at an all-time high. The endowment peaked in June 2000 at $3.5 billion. Since then, the university has spent $747 million from the payout, or about $150 million annually.

The assets of the endowment are not concentrated only in stocks. Wise said the university has diversified its endowment assets in order to emphasize long-term stability, and now includes international stocks, bonds, venture capital and real assets.

"What we've in fact done is asset allocation diversification over the last 12 years," Wise said. "That has significantly reduced the correlation of the endowment to the U.S. stock market."  

Rice's endowment has outperformed the stock market over the past five years. The market value of the endowment has averaged an annual return of 4.5 percent, while the S&P 500—a major stock index—has averaged a negative return of 1.6 percent.

Legal concerns discussed at forum

Party: Ice Breaker mall on a college campus constitutes not only a hostile work environment, but also a hostile living environment. "When you transplant sexual harassment into a college environment, it's a little more difficult because this is not just a place where you get educated, not just a place where you work, it's a place where you live as well," said Garcia at the forum.

Baker College sophomore Jo Kent said she believes the decision to overturn the cabinet's decision was the right one for the college.

"Basically, we had knowledge that over 20 percent of the college said they don't want official Baker funds to go to something that was offensive or demeaning to a particular group based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or gender," she said. "When the cabinet made that vote about giving official Baker funds to a party that was seen as demeaning toward women, it just seemed like that could be a violation of policy, and the college had knowledge about that time that there were people who didn't want official Baker money funding such events."

Sophomore Jo Kent said she thinks the controversy will continue to provoke conversation.

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Conference change could come as early as November

The map shows all current Conference USA and Western Athletic Conference schools located in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. Some combination of these schools may form a regional division in one of the conferences.

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Carly Kocurek
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"I wanted to warn you that there's going to be lots of guidence in the next scene, and I didn't want to scare you. So began my introduction to Where's My Dinner, Bitch?, the latest from the Dos Chicas Theatre Commune.

Although the show premiered several months ago, the group decided to stage the play a second time due to the initial production's success.

The play takes on the issue of domestic abuse in a tongue-in-cheek fashion. Bob Morgan penned the piece after watching an Arts and Entertainment TV special about a particularly Stepford-esque Mary Kay representative. The plot centers on a series of murders. As the spouses of abused female trailer park inhabitants start popping up dead across the county, the sales of direct-marketing company Nonsuch boomed through the roof. The play upholds the connection between the two while delving into titillating topics like violence, lesbianism, cross-dressing and make-up.

Despite its overall light-hearted tone, the play also dabbles in the darker topic of the ramifications of abuse. Morgan has said that one of his greatest fears in producing the piece is that it will be seen as piddling fun at domestic violence.

"I think it exposes people to the problem, but not in a way that's going to turn them off to it," cast member Alan Hall said. "We put the message between the laughs."

Dos Chicas works against some prevailing ideas. Morgan has said that one of his greatest fears in producing the play is that it will be seen as poking fun at domestic violence. Morgan has said that one of his greatest fears in producing the piece is that it will be seen as piddling fun at domestic violence.

"We don't want that," Morgan said. "We're really trying to warn people that this is a serious topic."

The unconventional casting combined with the campy premise go a long way toward explaining the overall atmosphere and if we have to have titles like Where's My Dinner, Bitch? to get them, we will," Zimmerman said. "It's 40 now, and I would still be playing the damn ingenue there in community theatre, and I think that's wonderful for that."

Dos Chicas produces both original and existing works, keeping an eye out for material not regularly produced in the Houston area.

"We don't worry that it fits in with any certain genre," Zimmerman said. "All we require is that it have some kind of edge, some kind of drive."

The backgrounds of group members vary widely, and the organizational structure is relatively loose.

"We didn't have a company really, because that sounds too much like a little clique," Zimmerman said. "That's why we call it a commune."

"There were three of us who started Dos Chicas, and we are a lesbian Hispanic troop," Zimmerman said. "We couldn't think of a name," Zimmerman said. "We're really trying to warn people that this is a serious topic."

"We want people who do not get out regularly to see theatre out here, and if we have to have titles like Where's My Dinner, Bitch? to get them, we will," Zimmerman said. "Where's My Dinner, Bitch? egress tonight at Helios, 411 Westheimer St., at 8 p.m., running Fridays and Saturdays at that time through Oct. 25. Tickets are $6 for students and seniors and $10 for all others. For more information about this production, or to find out about other events, go to www.geocities.com/dccommune or call (713) 201-0193."

Above: Evelyn Pinehurst (Patricia Duran, left) and Lannie Rogers (Anne Zimmerman) get even with an abusive spouse (Paul Drake). Below: Zimmerman gets a little cosmetic therapy from Duran.
Masterpieces together for first time ever in ‘Century’

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This first subsection thus sets the time for the rest of the space. In the Heroes Century, for no one moves into the second subsection, entitled "Fantastic Art, Dada, and Surrealism," we can see the ideas of experimentation with technique taking form.

In the third section, "Fantastic Art, Dada, and Surrealism," we are introduced to the surrealist movement through the works of Salvador Dali, whose famous work, "The Persistence of Memory" is on display. It is a rare treat to see such a famous piece of art in person.

The figurative identity in abstraction is tackled in the fifth section, "New Images of Man," which is named after a 1969 New York exhibition that featured this movement. This part consists of early figurative sculpture by artists such as Auguste Rodin and Picasso, as well as figurative work made outside the avant-garde of Fauvism, Cubism and Surrealism.

The final part, "Open Ends," represents the continuing open-endedness of modern art. The large billboard "Untitled" by artist Felix Gonzalez-Torres, which is an allegory to the abandoned feelings one receives when he is left alone in bed, is displayed in this space.

**The Heroic Century** provides an excellent opportunity for the novice museum-goer to see some of art’s greatest pieces. This is an event not to be missed.
One-acts incredibly easy to swallow

TROTSKY, from Page 11

and again and again) with amazing theatrical grace. McLeod carries the show with fresh energy and a black fro complete with deadly Mountain Climber's axe. Trotsky struggles to discover his murderer with Mrs. Trotsky (Olivia Barrett) — and some useful chimes that allow the scene to make a brief rewind before continuing — before soon uncovering that the axe was indeed smashed into his skull by Ramon (Jimmy Pearson), a Spanish Communist posing as a gardener.

As Mrs. Trotsky, Barrett caters to the quixotic ramblings of Trotsky, capably pointing out his gross errors while endearing herself to the audience. Pearson's Ramon bursts into the scene complete with big Sombrero and ethnically striped poncho, stealing the scene with his outrageous accent.

Perhaps the most underrated pearl of the night lies in "Anything for You," the simplest and quietest of the five one-acts, written by Cathy Celesia. It's the story of Lynette (Leslie Guevara) and Gayle (Nickey Rodin) as they come to terms with the thin lines between friendship, lust and love. Both deliver solid performances, and although the blocking is simple, the production is well mounted. Incredibly provocative, yet directed with great restraint by junior Nancy Benedict and sophomore Nate Shaw, "Anything" stands solid as a tribute to the power of confinement (both emotional and physical) and sublety. This one may merit coming back to see it again.

"English Made Simple" brings back David Ives and finishes up the One-Acts. The perfect blend of the preceding acts, "English" flows well. Perry Papadopoulos and Althea Skinner have excellent chemistry as Jack and Jill trying to overcome the obstacles of dating. Phil Szajda provides narration in an attempt to explain the curious nature of the American lexicon in these dating encounters.

The use of microphones creates unnecessary distance, and there were minor shortcomings that are easily forgiven.
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Saturday, Sept. 20, 10:08 p.m.: President Malcolm Gillis visits the student section at the Rice v. Texas football game.
Football hosts San Jose tomorrow by Dylan Heidrick
THRASHER SPORTS/EDITORIAL STAFF

The football team will finally play its first true home game of the season tomorrow. After playing its first four games away from campus, Rice will host the University of Hawaii at Reliant Stadium tomorrow at 7 p.m. Rice will look to start its season 1-0-1 overall with a win against the Warriors.

"Everybody on our team feels comfortable on the [Rice Stadium] turf. Any advantage you can take is good for you," said Marcus Battle, Sophomore wide receiver.

Above playing four games on grass fields, the Rice Stadium turf may give Rice's running option an advantage. It needs to top the Spartans.

"Everybody on our team feels comfortable on the turf," Battle said. "Everybody on the other team probably practices on field turf, so any advantage you can take is good for you. The turf is comfortable for us."

After playing on the road on both sides of the country at Duke University and the University of Hawaii, senior linebacker Brandon Boyd said the Owls are ready to play in front of a home crowd.

"It's going to feel really good to play at Rice Stadium," Boyd said. "The guys are really ready for us. We tend to do really well at home. We play well on the turf." (The Spartans) ran a lot of onshore offenses. They're going to open the field like Rice did—probably not as much throwing or as strong an offense as Hawaii, but it's going to be fun."

On the turf, Battle said he expects the option to be a more effective than last week.

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Women's tennis strong in home tourney by Zach Epstein

"You don't really worry about who is on the other side of the net, and we are all really good about leaving it all on the court."

— Lauren Archer
Sophomore tennis player

The Owls will split this weekend, as the top players — Archer, Chao, DiSessa and senior Annie Goodrich — head to Pacific Palisades, Calif., for the pre-qualifying tournament for the ITA Riviera All-American Championships. The rest of the team will compete at the University of Houston in the Cougar Classic.

The tournament will feature the most talented players in the nation, but the Owls will go in with momentum and confidence after last weekend. Rice players will have to win three pre-qualifying matches just to reach the qualifying round and another three matches to reach the main draw.

Chong's rank, a Rice-best 76th in the national pre-qualifications rankings, moves her directly into Tuesday's qualifying round.

"We're just looking to carry the momentum from last weekend," she said. "Having three girls in the finals and two in the semifinals is a big lift for our team. We're hoping to elevate everyone's game and motivate them to do just as well this weekend."

WEAKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE

Where and when to support Rice Athletics

Friday 10/3 7 p.m. Soccer vs. UH (Track/Soccer Stadium)
Saturday 10/4 2 p.m. Volleyball vs. UTEP (Autry Court)
Saturday 10/4 7 p.m. Check out a sport that doesn't get much love but probably should because we own the East. Join the Football vs. San Jose State (Rice Stadium) PowderPuff Week 4 (PowderPuff Field) at 7 p.m. Check out a sport that doesn't get much love but probably should because we own the West. Join the PowderPuff Women 5—SRC/WRG, 7—Hensel-Martel.
Sunday 10/5 1 p.m. Soccer vs. Tulsa (RTSS)
Soccer hopes to relocate offense at home against UH, Tulsa

The Owls will have a chance to capitalize on the success of their nationally ranked Western Division opponent when they take on the UH-Hawaii Rainbow Warriors on Sunday. The game will be played at 1 p.m. under the bright lights of Autry Court.

Houston head coach Chris Huston said, “Some of our girls are fresh off a loss, but then again, we’re always looking to get better. We want to be able to create more opportunities for ourselves and our opponents.”

Houston is ranked fourth in the WAC, while Rice is ranked fifth. The Owls are looking to improve on their recent performance after losing to Rice 2-0 last Friday. The Owls had the better of play in the first half, but Rice took control in the second half, scoring 2-0.

In addition to the game against UH-Hawaii, the Owls will also host the Western Athletic Conference Tournament this weekend. The Owls are looking to improve on their regular-season performance and make a run for the conference title.

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Volleyball winless on western trip

While the volleyball team has struggled on the road this year, the Owls returned to Autry Court aiming to maintain their unbeaten record at home last night against Boise State University. Rice also played tonight against the University of Texas at Pasa. Rice opened its Western Athletic Conference play by dropping a pair of matches to the Mustangs and University of Nevada.

“Don’t think these teams were better than us,” junior outside hitter Katherine Dolfant said. “Just think we played these games better than we thought we could.”

Rice returns home for its Western Division face this weekend, but the regular-season focus is on defending its Eastern Division title.

“The other thing we have to get better at is to support each other, particularly when the match is on the line, because that’s when we tend to get quiet,” Dolfant said. “One of the things we have to work on is minimizing our errors.”

Junior co-captain Lindsey Carter led the team with a double-double of 14 kills and 13 digs, while senior setter Kristina Hoban notched a double-double of her own with 54 assists and 11 digs.

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“We have to get better at making less hitting errors and taking more opportunities throughout the match,” head coach Joe Wilson said. “One of the things we have to get better at is to support each other, particularly when the match is on the line, because that’s when we tend to get quiet.”

Dolfant said the Owls know they’ll have to start playing their hardest to win conference play.

“This is definitely a game we need to win,” Dolfant said. “But mainly we just need to come together as a team and get excited about volleyball.”

Against Fresno State, Rice committed two errors. Dolfant contributed with five double-doubles on the year with 21 kills and 11 digs. Freshman middle blocker Tessa Kiyokawa starred on defense, as her three solo blocks and six block assists were critical to the Owls’ victory.

Since losing on the road, the Owls have been working on their fundamentals and improving their defense. “We have to focus on our fundamentals and improve our defense,” Wilson said.

But there were a lot of times when a lot of little things would just make us fall apart.”

The Owls are looking to bounce back at home against the Wolf Pack. Just as in Fresno, the team had trouble finding its rhythm. “We had a tough time with the third game, and we let it slip away with some errors,” Wilson said. “So I left feeling very frustrated and concerned about our need to do better under pressure.”

Junior middle blocker Rebecca Rains brought some power to the net, scoring 14 kills off of 29 attempts with only two errors. Rains contributed with five double-doubles on the year with 21 kills and 11 digs. Freshman middle blocker Tessa Kiyokawa starred on defense, as her three solo blocks and six block assists were critical to the Owls’ victory.

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Men's tennis players head to All-American

by Adam Tabakin

Rice competed at the Point Invitational in Tulsa, Okla., last weekend. The Men's and Women's Tennis teams, as well as Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma, competed in the invitational.

"There's an added incentive to play us. People are always pumped up against us. We've talked the walk, and now we're going to walk the walk," said Richard Barker, Senior tennis player.

In football, just as in baseball, pitching, hitting and defense, teams must have at least two successful components to become a winning team. In Hawaii last weekend, the football team dominated in only one area — special teams — and allowed the University of Hawaii offense and defense to control the game, leading to the Warriors' 21-3 victory.

"You have to dominate two out of three things to win, and we didn't do it," said head coach Ken Hatfield. "I thought we dominated the kicking game, but we didn't do it in the offense or defense."

The final six minutes of the first half were magical for the Owls, who had been completely dominated up to that point, with Senior kicker Brandon Skeen booting a 49-yard field goal.

Rice's comeback started with an Avidar drive downfield in which sophomore wide receiver Marcus Battle gained a combined 80 yards receiving and rushing after a critical fourth-down conversion. The Owls covered the Owls to cover an additional 19 yards, Junior quarterback Greg Hansen completed passes of 69 and 15 yards to battle during the drive, and Battle completed the scoring drive on a 2-yard touchdown run.

"For the first time in my life, I had two boots thrown to me in a row," Battle said. "Offensive Coordinator Scott Wachenheim was calling plays this weekend and being less conservative. The coaches knew what to do, but I think they didn't understand the weaknesses, the best is one that they won't put in play."

Overall, Battle caught five passes for a total of 126 yards. Rice's 715 total passing yards more than doubled its output last week in the three previous games.

"I always believe something good is going to happen," Battle said. "I had no idea what would happen." Rice needed to force more turnovers, as did the Owls. The Owls were able to recover two of Rice's turnovers in the second half, as Chang ran his passing total for the game to 297 yards by producing more touchdowns and a field goal.

Although Rice played poorly, Battle said there was little shame in losing to Hawaii, one of the West Coast Athletic Conference's strongest teams.

"We can't give Hawaii enough credit," Battle said. "They're a good team. We played better than we've played this season." Rice hung around, and had a chance, but they couldn't get it done. We hung around, and had a chance, to tie it with a field goal. But they blocked the field goal and went on to score. That's a whole other story.

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Ladhani also said the team's coaching staff has prepared for this long season.

"It will be a lot of tennis, so we have a lot of conditioning, and we should be ready physically," Ladhani said. "The guys have a tough week of school, so mentally they're going to be tired, but they're going to just have to bite the bullet, deal with it and suck it up, and they can certainly do that."

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San Jose State defense vulnerable against the run

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against the San Jose State defense. The Spartans rank ninth in the West Coast Athletic Conference in defensive yardage, giving up an average of 460.3 yards per game. Rice is coming off of its best passing performance of the year against Hawaii, throwing for 173 yards — 136 yards to Battle. Still, Battle said the Owls expect to run the ball.

"If we can run the ball for 200 yards a game, and win, then that's what we'll do," Battle said. "I'll block for [sophomore running back] Thomas Rose and junior running back] Clint Hatfield. Once this offense gets rolling — and everybody knows that it will — they will have to respect that option. So either Greg Henderson will be happy or I am."

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Feeling lost about study abroad?

Ask the Study Abroad Peer Advisors. They know the way!

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For general study abroad questions or to get started on the application process, these are the folks to see!

You can find a Peer Advisor:
- in your college
- in the International Programs Office during drop-in hours (every Wednesday, 1:30-5pm)
- on the International Programs website: http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~abroad

And watch for these upcoming events:
- **Study and Work in Spain**, Oct. 7, 4pm, Blair Lounge
- **Study and Work in Hong Kong**, Oct. 9, 4pm, Blair Lounge
- **Study and Work in France**, Oct. 21, 4pm, Blair Lounge
- **Study and Work in Australia**, Oct. 23, 4pm, Blair Lounge
- **Teaching Abroad**, Nov. 4, 4pm, Career Services Conf. Room
FRIDAY
Time to go shopping
Families Weekend begins today. Make sure they help cheer on those Jane Paul Women.

Rice for Peace T-shirts
Rice for Peace is reselling its green "Rice for Peace" shirts and pads. "Peace is in" all year. They will be available today by the Coffeeshop in the Student Center for $8 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Registrar deadline
Today is the deadline for withdrawing or dropping to part-time student status with a 30 percent refund of tuition, so get to the Registrar's Office by 5 p.m.

Rice Players
The Rice Players present Paula Vogel's Baby Makes Seven tonight and tomorrow night in the Rice Memorial Hall. A panel of Rice alumni in corporate law, government, legal education and private practices will discuss law school, law careers and other things you can do with a law degree.

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Get your road trip on.
Pack your ramen and a change of underwear and get the hell out of Houston because Fall Break starts after classes today. No classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday next week. Get outta here.

SUNDAY
Rice Rugby
Watch a round-robin tournament between Rice Women's Rugby, the Houston Athletic Rugby Club (HARC) women and the Northwestern Texas State women. The games will be played on the Rice Pitch next to Entrance 12. The Rice men will also be playing against the HARC men. For more information or a schedule, contact jphill@rice.edu.

SATURDAY
Because you want to "help people"
Take a Kaplan MCAT practice test today from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The test is free for paid Rice Pre-Medical Society members and requires a $5 donation from nonmembers. You must register by today at 2 p.m. to take this test. To register, follow the link from http://www.rice.edu.

MONDAY
Deadline for registering to vote
Today is the deadline to register to vote in the November General Election. Voter registration cards can be found at Fondren Library, at the Student Center Information Desk, the Rice University Police Department, the Graduate Apartments and at each residential college. For more information about voter registration and the upcoming election, visit http://vote.rice.edu.

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"I would run right down to hell and back."
The Rice Media Center is holding a screening of Ruth Behar's Goodbye Dear Love, a film that explores the role Sephardic Judaism plays in Fidel Castro's world. This event is sponsored by Houston Hillel. The film begins at 8 p.m., and tickets are $5 for students. For more information, visit http://ricecinema.rice.edu.

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Attention Parents

Ever wonder what the heck your Rice student is really saying? Well, since scientists have discovered how to translate what your dog is saying to you, we figured it can’t be that hard to figure out what your child is saying. So, to help you out during Families Weekend, we have included here a family-friendly Rice-English dictionary.

"I'm going to study orgo." — I'm going to spend hours playing video games with the orgo book open in my lap.

"I'm going to a 'study party.'" — I'm going to get drunk with people I met in class.

"I'm doing really well in my classes." — All my grades are in the top half of the alphabet!

"Yeah, I love you too. Miss you." — Leave me alone, I wanna go get drunk.

"You don't have to come if you don't want to." — Leave me alone, I wanna go get drunk.

"I'm changing to an Econ major." — Leave me alone, I wanna go get drunk.

"I've taken up botany." — I've recently become addicted to marijuana.

"No, I don't remember how I got that bruise." — I got it playing dodgeball, but I don't want to tell you that because I'm supposed to be all grown up now that I'm in college.

"I'm taking Intro to Engineering Design." — I play with Legos for four hours a week!

"I'm in a Latin dance LPA." — I'm desperate for women. (Applicable to male students only.)

"I'm going to OwlyCon." — I'm desperate for anything that has legs. (This one's for both the boys and the girls!)

"I'm a comp major." — (print("fuck you"))

"I spend three hours a day doing research." — I'm a comp major.

"I'm a math major." — I can't score.

"I'm a football player." — I can't score.

"I'm an academ." — I can't add.

"I'm an SE." — I can't spell.

"I'm not sure how I missed your last phone call." — Thank God for Caller ID.

"I had some unexpected expenses." — Damn Officer 220.

"I joined the rugby team." — Leave me alone, I wanna go get drunk. Wait a minute ... I already am!

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"We're looking for volunteers ages 15 to 30 who are interested in seeking funds to fund a new research program at MD Anderson. Participants must be interested in community outreach, medication management, and/or research activities. Voluntary activities include:

- Volunteering in the Administrative Office
- Coordinating events and activities for exciting medical research projects
- Contacting potential donors

For more information, contact: [johnbob@rice.edu](mailto:johnbob@rice.edu)

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