by Mark Peresson and Jonathan Yardley  

President Malcolm Gillis announced Friday that Rice has accepted a formal offer to join the Big East Conference.  

The Big East is expected to offer membership to four C-USA schools after its November meetings. Rice will begin C-USA play in the fall of 2005 in a division that includes current C-USA members Texas Christian University, Tulane University and the University of Houston. Current Western Athletic Conference members Southern Methodist University and the University of Tulsa will also be in the division. SMU and Tulsa joined Rice Friday in announcing tentative agreements with C-USA Rice Athletic Director Bobby Hall (WBC '63) said switching conferences offers several benefits for them academically.  

"It should save us some time and energy on the part of coaches and student-athletes in terms of time away from Rice and missed classes," May said.  

Gillis said one advantage of C-USA is that Rice teams can travel to four of the five other schools in the Western Division by bus. Gillis and May also said they were looking forward to the renewal of conference rivalries. Both factors should increase attendance at Rice games, whether home or away.  

"We especially welcome the opportunity to renew old Southwest Conference rivalries with TCU and University of Houston," Gillis said in a statement Friday. Rice was part of the SWC from 1914 until it disbanded in 1956.  

May said he expects the new C-USA to be the best conference outside of the six power conferences that make up the Bowl Championship series in football.  

"It is great to be a part of that," May said. "I think the reconfigured Conference USA will have a real future and some great potential."  

WAC commissioner Rice Benson said as a Sec CUSA. Page 8

Saturday Evening Cartoons  

James College sophomore Jesse Cortez waits for his Scrie Ye Roommate date Saturday in the Academic Quad as Spaghetti Square Pants, Scrie Ye Roommate is Rice's annual night of blind dates that inspire goofy introductions.

Biology professor remembered  

by Brooke Lathram  

Rice faculty and community members attended a memorial service held Sunday for Frederick Rudolph, biochemist and director of Rice's Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering. Rudolph, who was 58 years old, died Oct. 9 of apparent brain hemorrhage.  

A faculty member since 1972, Rudolph chaired the department of biochemistry and cell biology from 1995 to Spring 2003 and held leadership positions in many organizations. As chair, Rudolph integrated the department by hiring new faculty and devoting himself to students and faculty members, Biochemistry and Cell Biology Professor Michael Gustin said.  

"He really fostered an atmosphere of learning," Gustin said. "During his time as chair, a number of key faculty were hired, both in structural biology and also in cell and developmental biology."  

Biochemistry and Cell Biology Department Chair George Bennett said Rudolph helped design and raise funds for the construction of Keck Hall and George R. Brown Hall. He said Rudolph contributed greatly to Rice's research, educational programs and image in the Houston community.  

"He was a visible and friendly spokesman for Rice in many public activities," Bennett said.  

Rudolph's research included enzyme structure and function and nucleotide metabolism. His work led to the discovery that several key nucleotides needed by infants for healthy immune function were missing from standard baby formulas. The findings led every major producer of infant formulas to add these ingredients and earned Rudolph a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000 from Iowa State University, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1973.  

When Rudolph finished his term as department chair earlier this year, he became the director of the Institute for Biosciences and Bioengineering, whose mission is to promote cross-disciplinary research and education in biology, chemistry and engineering. Dean of Natural Sciences Kathleen Matthews said she is still searching for a new director.  

"There isn't any one person who can do this job," Matthews said. "He was one-of-a-kind."  

Biochemistry and Cell Biology Lecturer Susan Caires (Ph.D. '09) said she met Rudolph when she was a graduate student in the department and later knew him as a fellow teacher.  

"From a student perspective he was professorial," Caires said. "But still, we had a lot of fun in the lab."  

Cheney keynote at gala  

by David Brown  

Rice's James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy celebrated its 10th anniversary with a bang Friday, bringing in almost 800 guests, $1.2 million, and the vice president of the United States as the keynote speaker.  

Invited and introduced by the Baker Institute's honorary chair, James A. Baker III, Dick Cheney spoke about his started relationship with Baker and went on to promote America's strategies in the war on terrorism.  

"The events of 9/11 changed everything for this country," Cheney said. "We saw the harm 9/11 evil men can do armed with little more than airline tickets and box cutters."  

Guests at the black-tie dinner, which was held in a tent specially erected for the gala between Baker Hall, Alice Pratt Brown Hall, and the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management Building, included many of Houston's elite. Entrance to the event started at 7:30, with many guests contributing much larger amounts. In his 15-minute speech, Cheney said terrorism is an ongoing threat and nuclear weapons and will use them without restraint.  

"We might lose tens or even hundreds of thousands of lives in a single day of horror," Cheney said, "We must do everything in our power to keep terrorists from ever acquiring weapons of mass destruction."  

American security, he said, cannot be achieved by deterrence or containment.  

"There is only one way to protect ourselves against catastrophic terrorist plots, and that is to destroy the terrorists before they can launch further attacks on the United States," Cheney said.  

After detailing the U.S. search for international support for the war in Iraq, Cheney said the country must ultimate control its own national security.  

"If the United States had been restrained by the objections of some regime, Saddam Hussein would still be alive," Cheney said. "Only America has the might and the will to lead the world through a time of peril for greater security and peace."  

The speech closely resembled Cheney's Oct. lecture at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., and part of the Bush administration's heightened campaign to justify the war amid declining public support.  

Baker Institute Director Ambassador Edward Darrell said he did not know in advance what issues Cheney would address but said he was not surprised at the speech's content.  

"The administration feels a real need that this message is understood," Darrell said. "Whatever opportunity they get, they're going to make use of it, their view of the threat to inform American public opinion who we were engaged in this struggle."  

Although Cheney's speech evoked controversy surrounding current U.S. policy, the rest of the evening's events were colorful communications in the Baker Institute, its 10 years of successful bipartisan policymaking and the people who have made it possible, Darrell said.  

A brief video on the Baker Institute's history played on four large screens. The video detailed Rice Political Science Professor Cheney. Page 4

Project Pumpkin  

Project Pumpkin will be held tomorrow in the Will Rice College quad from 1 to 4 p.m. Lots of children will come to trick-or-treat and participate in activities. Volunteers are needed to run the booths (but not to eat all the candy).  

Extra weekend time  

It's the most glorious weekend of the year as Daylight Savings Time begins, so benefit with an extra hour of sleep Sunday morning.  

So whether you use the extra time to sleep (hopefully), party (distraction), or work (likely), remember to set your clocks back an hour before you go to sleep Saturday night for the 2 a.m. switch and don't blame us when you are an hour early to church.
Shame on Rice for tree-dooming deal

Rice is on the wrong end of another parking lot debate — this one occurring between local residents and a synagogue across the street from campus. (See Story, Page 5.)

The university should not have leased land to the Emanu El synagogue — located across from the North Colleges at Rice Blvd. and Sunset Blvd. — when they knew the land would be used to expand a parking lot. Now, the lease will allow the synagogue to cut down a beautiful grove of trees in order to expand its parking facilities. By protecting its land and protecting the trees, Rice would have proven a much better neighbor to the residents who are now protesting the proposed construction.

Of late, Rice has regrettably eliminated a great deal of green space from its campus. It would have been nice for the school to have at least empowered itself to protect a small piece of green space on campus.

Official C-USA decision was well-timed

Rice’s move to Conference USA has been practically a foregone conclusion for several weeks, but we were still pleased by Friday’s official announcement. (See Story, Page 1.) A geographically-based division just makes (dollars and sense) sense.

The timing of the announcement was especially good, because it brings deliberate reality to the previous situation. Both the Rice and the local athletic communities now know the school’s reaction to anticipated moves in the athletic world and can react accordingly.

We don’t know about anyone else, but our first move will be withdrawing our media accreditation requests for the 2005 Miss Hawaiian Tropic Beauty Contest.

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Rudolph will be missed across campus

PROFESSOR from Page 1
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Rudolph was also a member of the Univer- sity Standing Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid. He also directed a program offering gradu- ate level classes to teachers in HISD and other school districts.

Biochemistry and Cell Biology Program Coordinator Nanda Kirkpatrick, who directs Rice's Precollege Science Education Programs, said Rudolph was a good leader and was modest despite his excellent credentials.

"He had this uncanny way of enc- abling people to pursue their dreams," Kirkpatrick said. "You're not going to find a person who doesn't like Fred Rudolph. Most people are amazed by his accom- plishments, but he didn't brag about them. He's a very unassuming, kind person."

Rudolph was committed to out- reach activities, including precol-lege and undergraduate education programs for middle and high school biology program coordinator Jennifer Overman, said Emily Horton, Rudolph's only doctoral student this semester, said she was lucky to know Rudolph. "He was very supportive, always encouraging and a wonderful mentor and advisor," Horton said. rice College chemistry professor Peter Lee, who took Rudolph's biochemistry class in Spring 2002, said he was surprised when he heard Rudolph's death. "I class seemed conserva- tive, but in person you could tell that he had a warm heart and that he cared about the students," Lee said. "His death caught me off guard."

Rudolph's family has requested that donations in his honor be sent to the School of Science and Cell Biology for a scholarship fund in his name. Funeral services and a burial for Rudolph were held in St. Joseph, Mo. He is survived by his wife, Glenda Rudolph, his daughter and son-in-law Anna Rudolph and Chris Carter, and his son, William Rudolph.

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Residents protest off-campus paving

by Agi Coston

Local residents are facing off against Reform Jewish synagogue Emanu El over possible construction of a parking lot on a plot of land owned by Rice.

About three weeks ago, the Emanu El congregation signed a lease with Rice to provide the parking, Vice President for Public Affairs Terry Shepard said. The plot is located off campus at 1500 Sunset Blvd., across the street from Martel College.

Rice purchased the land in 1961, and discussion between Rice and Emanu El began three years ago, Shepard said. When Rice bought the land, administrators set it aside as a potential site for a new residential college or graduate housing facility, Shepard said. However, the plot has been left undeveloped.

Some residents of local neighborhoods, including Shady Side, Oak Shadows and Jander Gardens, are protesting the paving of the plot.

"People got used to it being there and got used to thinking of it as a public park," Shepard said.

Local residents have voiced concerns over loss of green space as well. Shepard said they think the neighbors' complaints are valid.

"Every day no one does anything with that plot of land but walk his or her dog," said a congregant. "These are people who put a wall up [around their neighborhood] and they want to walk on our property. I find it very aggravating."

Residents and congregants on both sides of the dispute voiced their opinions at a meeting Tuesday. The result of the meeting is unknown.

"I think it's going to move forward," said a congregant. "I think we're going to have to come to an agreement on what we want to do." Shepard said it could not be discussed in the meeting.

Aaron Redman, co-president of the Rice Environmental Club, said although the club has been involved in green space preservation on campus, he had not heard of the off-campus dispute.

Redman said it is unlikely the club will pursue a role in the Emanu El disagreement. "[Rice] hopes it pumps the basketball team," Shepard said.

The event will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. at Anny Court.

Co-sponsored by Rice Program Council's Spirit and Morale Committee and the Bowley Owls (formerly known as Students for Athletic Spirit and Support), the event is modeled after the "Midnight Madness" tradition popular at other universities in which students attend the first varsity basketball practice of the season.

Members of the women's and men's varsity teams will participate in several different exhibitions including a three-point shooting competition and a slam dunk contest. The Rice cheerleading squad and dance team will perform.

Ginny Stuckey, a co-chair of the RPC Spirit and Morale Committee, said the goal of the event is to generate enthusiasm for the upcoming season and encourage lasting student support of the team.

"We hope it pumps the basketball team up," said Stuckey. "People got used to it, they think the neighbors' complaints are unfair."

"If people have a personal relationship with athletes or if they feel that they're personally connected to them, then they are more likely to go to games," Browning said.

The women's team plays its first regular season home game against LSU Nov. 29. The men's first game is at home Nov. 30.

— Paulinda Branyi

Beer-Bike coordinators chosen

Planning for Beer-Bike 2004 is underway, with James College juniors Ellen Montz and Jennifer Guanchez named campus-wide co-coordinators earlier this month.

The coordinators were chosen through a process involving both a written application and an in-person interview with Assistant Director of Student Activities Holly Williams and Director of Student Activities Mitch Abney.

The coordinating committee consists of Rice Beer-Bike coordination, Montz said. Montz and Guanchez have past experience in Beer-Bike leadership. Montz served as the student body Beer-Bike Coordinator last year, and Guanchez was the campus-wide Beer-Bike committee.

The coordinators are currently working students to boost security among other areas, as part of the campus-wide Beer-Bike committee.

Guanchez said she and Montz hope to build on the success of previous Beer-Bikes.

"Basically we want to make Beer-Bike run as smoothly as possible," Guanchez said. "Beer-Bike is one of the things that is a tradition, so you cannot make drastic changes, but small improvements can be made. You can look at years past and make corrections so things run more smoothly."

Unlike in past years, the committee will develop a plan in advance:

"This year we're planning on having a set rain plan down on paper that is more concrete and clear so there is no question what to do if it rains," Guanchez said.

Last year, a steady rain and a sporadic event cancelled BeerBike into Beer Run when the track was declared unsafe for biking.

Guanchez said she enjoys Beer-Bike because the long-standing tradition brings the campus together.

"Beer-Bike is a tradition," Guanchez said. "It's one of the main times when all of the colleges can get together at one event. Everyone gets really into it and it is very enthusiastic and spirited."

— Terry Kennair
The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed:

- NCAA Baseball Championship and Tuck Texas T-shirts have arrived. There will be several opportunities for students who ordered shirts to purchase them, after which any remaining shirts will be donated to local charities.

- The senate approved the Rice Club Tennis Team, which will organize opportunities for students to play tennis and compete against other schools. Anyone with questions should contact Will Rice College senior Ben Schwartz.

- The senate approved the Hong Kong Student Association, which will provide support for students from Hong Kong, Singapore, and other East Asian countries. Anyone with questions should contact Will Rice College senior Mark Lie at mail@rice.edu.

- The senate approved the Rice Engineering Society Council, which will provide a centralized resource for students in the engineering school. Faculty sponsor is Brett Sinclair, associate dean of the Brown School of Engineering. Anyone with questions should contact Will Rice College senior Mark Lie at mail@rice.edu.

- SA Co-President Michael Leggett led a discussion about whether the handwritten distribution list is effective. The list is a result of recommendations from local airports during holiday breaks. The eCoop will be in charge of holiday airport rides that will help students find rides to and from local airports during holiday breaks. The eCoop will be available on the SA Web site.

- The senate approved a discussion about the proposed design for the Homecoming T-shirts in which "TULSA" is presented in the order "ASLUT." Several students said they found the proposed design offensive because the word "slut" is often used to demean women. The senate voted not to adopt the design. Leggett said he and co-President Bryan DeBeeck will choose a design. Anyone with suggestions should send an e-mail to sa@rice.edu.

- Leggett, a Weiss College senior, announced the SA Student Life Committee will make a presentation to campus police officers about Rice students and student life.

- DeBeeck, a Weiss senior, announced the SA Sports and Health Committee will investigate the impact of the overland flow channel constructed between Wiess College and the Inner Loop on ambulance access to intramural fields.

- DeBeeck announced he and Leggett will create an eCoop for free bike repair stations that will help students find rides to and from local airports during holiday breaks. The eCoop will be available on the SA Web site.

- The senate approved a change to the SA by-laws exempting the director of publications from attending senate meetings.

- Leggett led a discussion about whether the handwritten version of student course evaluations should be made public along with numerical rankings. The senate supported the idea, Leggett said he and DeBeeck will pursue the change.

- The SA Academics Committee presented its goals for the year. These include making more consistent standards for distribution credit and for the number of hours assigned to labs and introductory language courses. Anyone with suggestions should send an email to SA Chair Michelle Abraham at markatham@rice.edu.

- The NCHA championship trophy from the 2003 College World Series was passed from Weiss to Jones College.

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

POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the University Police for the police period Oct. 9–19.

**Residential Colleges**

- Sid Richardson College Oct. 18 Bike stolen.
- Will Rice College Oct. 15 MP3 player stolen.
- Lovett College Oct. 10 Vacuum cleaner stolen from fourth-floor custodial closet.

- Foustflo Library Oct. 14 Officers removed an individual from the building for belligerent behavior toward library staff. Subject was arrested when he refused to identify himself and was transported to Harris County Jail.
- Rice University Oct. 14 Professor reported he received an offensive, non-threatening email.
- Rice Stadium Oct. 18 Items stolen from visiting football team locker room.

**Academic Building**

- Sewall Hall Oct. 9 Vacuum cleaner stolen from fourth-floor custodial closet.

**Other Areas**

- Laboratory Road Oct. 14 Female suspect arrested for driving while under the influence and transported to Harris County Jail.
- Rice University Oct. 14 Professor reported he received an offensive, non-threatening email.
- Rice Stadium Oct. 18 Items stolen from visiting football team locker room.

**Parking Lots**

- Lovett College Lot Oct. 5 Vehicle damaged.

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RUPD apprehends bicycle thief

by Joe Gordon

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23**

An alert student foiled an attempted bike theft Friday by calling RUPD. Rice University Police Department officers arrested Manuel Flores, an off-campus address, at about 10 p.m. near Duncan Hall after the student observed Flores attempting to steal his bicycle. Flores was charged with Class C misdemeanor for trespassing.

Flores has a criminal record that includes several burglary and drug offenses. However, police do not believe that Flores is the primary person responsible for the numerous bike thefts in the last month.

"He might be of the thieve[s], but no, he's not the main culprit. If there is a main culprit," RUPD Officer Isabel Diaz said.

Over a dozen bicycles were stolen on campus in a two-week period at the beginning of this month.

Diaz said officers apprehended the suspect after the student called RUPD to report the attempted theft. When the student walked up, the suspect left the bike and began to walk away. The student then jumped on his bike and followed the suspect, while giving information about the suspect to officers at RUPD.

The suspect was identified as a white male, 30 to 40 years old, 6 feet tall, with a mustache and a pair of pliers — on the suspect.

Diaz said the student's level-headed actions led to Flores' apprehension.

"The complainant himself was probably the key element to this," Diaz said. "The complainant was in the right way to ensure that this person was brought to justice."

The suspect attempted to return to campus earlier this week. Diaz said Flores was seen attempting to cross the street toward campus Tuesday, but retreated later after RUPD officers arrived to intercept him.

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"We've made a real effort to try to flood the bike racks with officers," Hassell said. "But also we've been seeing some bikes that aren't secured properly so (students) can come pick them up, so we can tell them, 'You're asking to get it stolen.'"
CUSA, from Page 1
result of leaving the WAC Rice will forfeit its final-year conference revenue distribution, which averaged between $500,000 and $600,000, May said Rice will also pay an entrance fee to C-USA beyond charter membership. The financial impact, even in the short-term, would be clearly positive on the balance," Gillis said.

The new conference
While the possible transfer of Rice and other WAC schools to C-USA has been rumored for well over a month, the timing was a surprise. Most observers expected an announcement only after the Big East formally invited members of C-USA to join the conference.

May said the early announcement could lead to a stronger Conference USA and is therefore beneficial to Rice.

"I think knowing that [Rice, SMU and Tulsa] are committed may be beneficial to Rice," Gillis said. "I think our conference, the one we were in, was similar in size to this one."

According to media reports, CUSA is also in discussions with Mid-American Conference schools Central Florida and Marshall University about joining the conference.

May said Rice's agreement will go into effect only if two current CUSA members leave for the Big East -- Louisville, Cincinnati, Marquette and DePaul are all expected to receive offers to join the Big East, and May said they will likely accept.

"That is certainly what everyone I have talked to is expecting, and I haven't heard any other scenarios -- we are operating under that assumption," May said.

KPRR FM 20 reported last week that CUSA was in discussions with the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy regarding their affiliation with the conference for football. May said Rice had previously discussed aligning with Army and Navy and is hopeful CUSA will include military academies as football associates.

Navy and Army were both part of discussions earlier this year with Rice and others about future configurations -- a private school league, you name it -- we talked about any number of options," May said. "But we needed to have a clear standpoint, having any sort of conference is better than those schools would be good.

The Eastern Division is still subject to a lot of movement, especially with the Big East and Atlantic 10 Conferences. One leading scenario proposes an Eastern conference consisting of Memphis University, the University of Southern Mississippi, East Carolina University, the University of Alabama Birmingham, the University of Central Florida and Marshall University.

May said Rice will remain in the WAC for the next year and a half since it is not possible to move for the 2004-05 school year. He said Rice's name will not change until that cause problems.

It won't be as onerous as it was the last time we went through this," May said "but I think everybody is very honest about their intentions, and there are no serious downsides with finishing up the year and a half.

WAC Commissioner Karl Benson agreed that it will not be possible to move the conference realignment forward to next season.

"We're 10 months away from the '04 football season, with football schedules that are in place," Benson said. "I think it makes it very highly unlikely that we could expedite matters. That's not a year and a half of some lame-duck status is not the best environment, but we've had to go through it before and it is doable.

Gillis, however, said there is a slim possibility national realignment could take place for the 2004-05 season.

"We do have Houston and Dallas and the state of Texas, which are three valuable television markets," Gillis said. "We think that's absolutely great for us -- we loved it. Our kids responded very well, we won a bunch of championships, our facilities are great, we had a very good experience, and I feel very good about as a result of our participation.

Coaches respond
Coach of individual sports were not involved in the negotiations for Rice's future, but baseball head coach Wayne Graham said he thinks the move was a logical one.

"It makes all the sense in the world because of travel, lost class time, natural realities -- it could mean we'll have those opportunities in programs in the country," Graham said.

Graham also said the conference, with schools such as UH, TCU, Tulane, Southern Miss and East Carolina, would take on the look of a baseball powerhouse.

"Coach Ron Smarr said that in addition to placing us in a conference with more national reputations, the new CUSA will be an excellent conference for football.

"I think we'll lose a few nationally-ranked players, but the players that remain, which is good," Smarr said. "If you win Conference USA you could be an outside Top 10 in the country."

Smarr added that while a decline in travel would save money, athletics might not be as happy without the exposure of big contests.

"It costs a lot of money to go to Hawaii," Smarr said. "I know that's a lot of the players mad -- for the teams that had to go [to conference play], they didn't mind.

Graham said he thinks the reclassification window against more local teams will offset the loss of several WAC travel destinations.

"Yeah, people are going to want to send their kids where they can see more games, but Hawaii, Reno and San Francisco are big markets too, so it's kind of a canceling of a year," Graham said.

Football head coach Ken Hatfield said he doesn't think the travel will be better for the team.

"The two-hour time zone difference means you play different and everybody ought to be going to bed like midnight here and the game is just starting," Hatfield said. "The next thing you know you're waking up at 6 a.m. The game is over before you even wake up."

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Yes, Rice really did own Yankee Stadium
What's your John-Boles-Rice-history-meter score?

1. No building taller than seven stories
False: Any building on campus can be taller than seven stories. The story that floats through campus is that the Rice Charter said that no building could be more than seven stories — this is a story propagated by South campus residents only as Brown is eight stories tall. Those on the North side tend to believe that the Brown family, when donating the money to pay for the college, specified that it must always to be the tallest building on campus. This might debunk the height myth, but it also raises another question: Is there any good reason why Sid Richardson College has two floors per elevator stop other than to make it a pain to move refrigerators in and out? (3 points)

2. No concrete paths
False: Campus walkways are pebble encrusted for aesthetic reasons only. The original walkways were crushed granite. However, the granite would get stuck in shoes and wear down the floors in many buildings such as the stairs in the entrances to Lovett Hall. (5 points)

3. Owls lived at Lovett College
True: Rice owned two owls as its mascot as late as 1991. They lived in a tree in the Lovett quad. When the last two owls died — one ran away, the other died of latent toxins from the Houston air — Sammy the Owl as we know him today became the dominant mascot on campus feeding furry fantasies in fetishist dorm rooms all over campus. It had become too difficult and expensive to replace the owls due to more stringent government regulations regarding the care of wild and endangered animals — a new facility would have to be built to house the mascots and students would have to be trained and on call to care for the animals every hour of every day. (6 points)

4. A tree for every student
False: This is perhaps one of the most prevalent myths on campus. You can even sometimes hear of a tree committee that meets once every ten years to count all of the trees on campus and compare the number of trees to the number of students. While it's nice to know some students think our campus is wooded enough to support such a myth, there are not near as many trees at Rice as there are students (4,600). It might have been close back in the 80s when there were about 4,000 trees on campus. After the 90s construction frenzy, there are many fewer. (2 points)

5. Professor Bush?
True: Former President George Herbert Walker Bush was an Adjunct Professor of Administrative Science at the Jones School in 1978, the year it opened. He reportedly taught in Hermann Brown — at the time there was no mammoth Jones School building to impress itself on anyone. This is just more evidence to the fact that the senior Bush was the smart one. (7 points)

6. Baker was designed to confuse a terrorist
False: Really, do I need to explain this? Good terrorists know to get the floor plan of a building before they infiltrate it. Come on. (2 point)

7. Rice owned Yankee Stadium
True: Rice alumnus John Cox (27) gave his alma mater his ownership of Yankee Stadium, including all leasing rights in 1962. Rice made several million dollars off the gift, leasing the House that Ruth Built to the Yankees for almost a decade. In the winter of 1966, the stadium was painted blue and white. Coincidence? We think not. The City of New York eventually forced Rice to sell Yankee Stadium in 1971 for the meager price of $2.5 million. (12 points)

8. Rice is a cemetery
False: While several people are buried on the Rice campus, no Texas law requires Rice to be registered as a cemetery. Who are the lucky ones with their permanent resting place at Rice? William Marsh Rice’s ashes are underground his very own statue, and the Cohens are both buried within the walls of the Cohen House. And those are the ones we know about. (7 points for knowing Rice is not a cemetery, 7 for knowing the Cohens were buried in the Cohen House)
9. The Presidential Toilet

True: The advance team for then-President Bush decided the toilet in then-Rice President George Rupp's office wasn't of acceptable quality for the President during the 1990 Economic Summit. It was the original Lovett Hall toilet, almost eighty years old. At first they asked the President's Office to replace the toilet, but when the President's Office refused, on the understandable grounds that the toilet was in fine working condition, the White House broke down and paid for a new toilet seat to be installed. That wasn't the only inconsequential detail changed during the economic summit. According to the master of Rice history himself, Professor John Boles, the old Wiess College was substantially changed to make it more appealing to the eye since the window of Bush's Hermann office overlooked the loading dock. A wall complete with a line of shrubbery was constructed to make sure the president wouldn't have to see such a ghastly sight as the Wiess loading dock, should he happen to glance out his window. (8 points)

11. Only white men were allowed to go to Rice when it opened

False: The Rice charter specified that both white women and men would be allowed to attend Rice. However, up until the construction of Jones College, women were not allowed to remain on campus for the night. Blacks were not allowed to attend Rice until 1965. Rice was advanced when it came to gender relations, but fell a wee bit short when it came to race. (4 points)

RICE
GAY AND LESBIAN ALUMNI
SCHOLARSHIP

WHAT? A $1000 scholarship endowed by Rice Gay and Lesbian Alumni will be awarded.

WHY? The Rice Gay and Lesbian Alumni Scholarship is designed to encourage and reward leadership and service to the lesbian and gay community, both on campus and in the community at large.

WHEN? The deadline for scholarship applications is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2003 AT 5PM IN THE CLUBS OFFICE.

WHO? The scholarship is open to all Rice students, both undergraduate and graduate, without regard to race, gender, color, ethnicity, age, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of service to the lesbian and gay community, with special emphasis on contributions to the Rice community. Students can qualify for a scholarship through a wide range of activities, including leadership in organizations, scholarly research, and personal involvement in issues of concern to the lesbian and gay community.

HOW? Applications are available online at http://www.ruf.rice.edu/staff/qala.html or they can be picked up in the Clubs Office.

For more information, contact Holly Williams x5115 or hollyw@rice.edu

The John-Boles-Rice-History-meter

1 to 15: Are you a Rice tour guide? Your knowledge (or lack thereof) resembles that which you might find on a prospective tour.

16 to 30: You have potential for greatness, just try sobriety on for one day of the week or at least look for institutional history at places other than the pub.

31 to 45: You've been around Rice for 25 years or more, not unlike one half of Debbegget. But don't worry, it took more than four years for over half of Rice's first class to graduate — you deserve a victory lap too.

46 to 60: Either your name is John Boles or you are an archivist at the Woodson Research Center. Congratulations, you have a frightening mastery of Rice history.
Esther Update!

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

Esther is the new web-based information tool that students began using on Wednesday, October 15, 2003.

All degree-seeking students, please note this important information...

You should have received an envelope containing the URL, your 9-character user ID, and your initial login PIN.

- If you are a grad student or an undergraduate professional...Check your mailbox at your academic department.
- If you are an undergrad...Check your mailbox at your residential college (even if you don’t actually live there!)

Please spend some time over the next few weeks exploring the site. We hope you will find it both informative and easy to navigate.

Registration begins on 11/17/03. Please adhere to the advising policies applicable to your student level. Remember, undergraduates are required to obtain a Registration, Add/Drop PIN prior to registering for classes.

Remember, all students are required to register for classes the week of November 17-23. Failure to do so will result in a $50 “Failure to Register” fee automatically being assessed to your account.

If you have questions about the login process, please contact reg@rice.edu.

If you have questions about the advising process, please contact aadv@rice.edu.

Undergrads, please join the Office of the Registrar and the Office of Academic Advising for a question and answer session about the new Esther student information system. Items on the agenda include:

- All About Esther
- New Advising Procedures
- Course Reference Numbers (CRNs)
- Priority Registration
- Login PINs and Processes
- Registration, Add/Drop PINs
- Your Academic History On-line
- Snacks will be provided

Missed the session at your college this week? You’re welcome to attend one of the remaining sessions as scheduled below. We’ll look forward to seeing you in the college commons.

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PEANUTS' gallery's comments, music enough to drive show

Raj Wahi
THRESHER STAFF

Say what you will about Charles Schultz, the man certainly had a firm grasp on the experiences of childhood. His long-running comic-strip Peanuts was remarkable for how well he depicted the confusing mixture of innocence, vulnerability, generosity and narcissism common to all children, whether loudmouthed bullies like Lucy van Pelt or soft-spoken, blander-clutching intellectuals like her brother Linus. As savagely funny as Snoopy is, I think Peanuts was truer.

you're a good man, charlie brown!

Lovett College Rating: **** (out of five)

Tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. $4 Rice-affiliated, $6 non-Rice.

The appeal of the Peanuts world alone is enough to make Clark Griswold's 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' worth seeing, but Lovett College's production of the play is infused with such goodwill and natural energy and genuine affection for the characters that I understood for the first time why it is so musical for a musical to have even less of a plot than a Christmas special.

From the first rumbling piano chords of the now-famous Charlie Brown theme music, we can sense we're in for that rarest of experiences: a musical that knows how to be pleasant without resorting to soppy sentimentality.

The play consists of a loose collection of moments from a day in the life of Charlie Brown (Brown College freshman Philip Hodge), a natural loser whose basic decency is often obscured by his personal self-pity. His insecurity and social insecurity have made him a lightning rod for ridicule at the hands of his peers, especially the obnoxious Lucy (Lovett freshman Becky Shaw), who is so compliant in her role as the school bully that she actually tells Charlie Brown he's going to play a trick on him before she does it.

Of course, the other children have holes in their armor as well, whether loudmouthed bullies like Lucy van Pelt or soft-spoken intellectuals like her brother Linus. As savagely funny as Snoopy is, I think Peanuts was truer.

SINGING ME BABY ONE MORE TIME

Raj Wahi
THRESHER STAFF

I've heard people describe Shakespeare's 'Taming of the Shrew' as a play about the battle of the sexes, but that's not quite accurate; it's really always been a battle between two imperfectly understood individuals. Katherine (Sally's reply that she's right for each other after all.

'Always True to You (In My Fashion)' Iilli.

In terms of acting and technical achievements, there's a lot to admire. Coles certainly has the knack of capturing the essence of 'Taming the Shrew'. She's an accomplished actress and she's able to make the world feel like the play. She's an accomplished actress and she's able to make the world feel like the play.

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Jonathan Schumann
THE THRESHER\nENTERTAINMENT STAFF

‘Mystic River’ dives into characters’ murky pasts

Daw may have committed the crime. The situation is further complicated when he was mugged and fought off by his attacker. When his wife Celeste (Bridget Moynahan) discovers that he was mugged, she becomes suspicious of Dave’s involvement in the murder.

‘Kill Bill’ alive

When the titles of this movie roll, the first words we read are “The 4th Film of Quentin Tarantino.” It takes an awful lot of courage and ambition to choose such a title to lead a film, especially if this is only Tarantino’s fourth. The plot is a very densely packed story. An early draft of Tarantino’s script tried several of the abrupt transitions with explanations in the form of voice-overs by The Bride; he has removed most of them, leaving the audience to assemble the puzzle themselves. The result is not an extravagant loss of control, but an unpretentious display of expertise that gives the film a sly, intellectual and sensual texture.

Savvy directing keeps ‘Kill Bill’ alive

Mike Mathews
THE THRESHER\nENTERTAINMENT STAFF

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But the filmmaker focuses up to the title. Unlike Peter Bogdanovich, who created the best promotion of CQP with Brenden as the title character’s great gift in “The 4th Film of Quentin Tarantino,” Tarantino has kept his distinctive string of creativity in great shape throughout its fourth installment while simultaneously providing his favorite female star, Uma Thurman, with a challenging, quaint and personalizing role.

There is not much to say about this movie in terms of premise or multilayered characters. Uma Thurman plays The Bride, an assassin who gets dressed down her wedding by her double-crossing lovers and boss, Bill. The result of his murder, the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad (DVAS), is a young woman who does not get along with her partner. In the second installment, she loses her charm and, when she wakes up from a coma four years later and realizes this, she resolves to wipe out Bill and his cronies.

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Quirks and tics make film a New Jersey spaghetti western

Jonathan Schanman
THE CINEPLEX

This year, most of the exciting and accomplished films have been indies — Thirteen and American Splendor were but two of the year’s best-reviewed films. What about The Station Agent, an intimate and moving comedy that will surely win audiences over. Writer/director Tom McCarthy has created three unique, multi-layered characters whose interaction provokes the film’s sole action and plot.

When chainsaw-wielding maniacs and pro-wrestlers-turned-actors invade the CINEPLEX, it’s time for a soft, quiet character study.

Fin (Living in Oblivion’s Peter Dinklage), a dwarf himself is a train obsessed dwarf from Hoboken, New Jersey. After his only friend, with whom he worked at a toy train store, dies, Fin inherits a railroad station in neighboring Newtonville, N.J. and moves in. Here he meets Olivia (Patricia Clarkson), a quirky, neurotic dwarf from Hoboken, New Jersey who he worked at a toy train store, and Joe (Bobby Cannavale), a dwarf who appears as a dwarf in the lead.” After Fin delivers a heavy monologue regarding his love for trains and his desire to go “train chasing,” Joe takes his new friend on the adventure. The audience sees a steaming locomotive charge forward, and Joe’s last dog vanishes — a commonality of the ridiculous nature of the situation, but because of the actors’ honest laughter and excitement.

In such a character-driven film, performances are key. Joe, the lead, Dinklage is marvelous. Like many of cinema’s best actors, his facial expressions do wonders. There are many quiet, still moments where Dinklage’s face carries the scene.

CANNES — The Station Agent, which opens in theaters Dec. 9, has offered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug additive George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a drug-addicted George Plimpton in High Art and as Julianna Margulies’s savvy best friend in Far From Home, is nominated for Best Screenplay (Tom McCarthy) and Best Actor (Bobby Cannavale), who has delivered memorable performances as a...
The general theory is that when the economy is doing well, the arts are better funded, and greater chances are taken with the material presented. The converse is also assumed to be true; with a down-turned economy, and especially in a country at war, the arts suffer. In this situation, theaters tend to resort to a fairly stock set of choices including small shows, conventionally safely written and generally safe options. While not what anyone would call bad, Sherlock Holmes at the Alley fits in here: It is safe.

Sherlock Holmes' rating: ** (out of five)

Through Nov. 24

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The only authorized adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes was written by William Gillette. Gillette both originated the role and defined this immortal icon, and the popular conception of Sherlock Holmes probably owes more to his characterization than to the original stories themselves.

The title role Sherlock Holmes created is the quintessential perceptron (or occasional comic seducer) of title detective. His good friend and accomplice Dr. Watson and his arch nemesis, master criminal Professor Moriarty. This tale was never changed, the formula was never changed; in the mystery genre resulting from the acquisition of a bundle of dazzling stories that are presenting a continuous show. Count Von Stanzfurst, from narruring with a clean conscience. Written to his former lover, and now in her sister's possession after her lover's death, the letters spark revenge and possession after his lover's death, and they even out each other nicely. James Black (Shin) and Elizabeth Helin (The Goat) are much more comfortable in their roles as Dr. Watson and Alice Faulkner, sister of the defamed lover, than any lack of talent, but from a lack of convention. While my steel guitar gently weeps

The cast is filled to the brim with the Alley's resident company of actors, and there is a lot of talent. Todd Waite (The Goat or Who is Sylvie?) is the model detective. I can't really imagine the company having a second choice about casting him here. Though the moment I heard Sherlock Holmes coming to the Alley, I could have told you Waite would play him. This is not to say he isn't brilliant. Mr. Waite's nervousness as a detective works fairly effectively as the ever present Wall Street analyst, Though sometimes he seems so frantic that the obvious discussion towards the end of the first act seems necessary to explain the speed at which Sherlock unravels his explanations. Jeffrey Bean (Shin) as Fox (Red) and Elizabeth Helin (The Goat) are much more comfortable in their roles as Dr. Watson and Alice Faulkner, sister of the defamed lover. Here, and not even after each other nicely. James Black (Shin) and Elizabeth Helin (The Goat) are much more comfortable in their roles as Dr. Watson and Alice Faulkner, sister of the defamed lover, than

In the end, what keeps Sherlock Holmes from coming up to the potential of its cast and crew comes not from any lack of talent, but from a lack of daring. If you watch the show simply to be entertained, you will be. It goes instead to be challenged and engaged. Sherlock Holmes probably won't accomplish this. A smash hit at the turn of the century, the play's dialogue, humor and many of its themes are dated, but by no means lost on anyone in the audience. Accents are competent and most scenes are believable and good fun, though the classic lines and jokes last far too slowly. Sherlock Holmes is a decent escape for a little over two hours, and if that gets people into the theater in the first place for the art, it's definitely bearable. But let's hope things don't stay so stuffy.

Sherlock Holmes (Todd Waite, left) pontificates to his trusty sidekick Dr. Watson (Jeffrey Bean).
Odls score road wins
by Scott Selinger

After winning three of its last four away games, the volleyball team showed its strength away from Autry Court are over. The three victories improved Rice's Western Athletic Conference record to 4-0 on the season. The most crucial win on the road against Fresno State in a hard-fought battle of two good teams.

Place to play. Its not a place you pencil in to take your wife the game — the offense was not able to score a touchdown, and the defense could not put a halt to Navy's drives until the end of the game. The Owls have been playing with enough intensity and enough fire," Calahan said. "We've seen more of greatness. If we get everything on all cylinders, there're no doubts in my mind that we can win out. We still have a chance to win the WAC, and go to a bowl and have a better next half."头 coach Pat Hill said at a press conference on Oct. 25, "We didn't do well, but we definitely corrected a lot of the mistakes in the future. We usually do really well in the first game, and then things go downhill in the rest of the match, and that's something that's hard to fix." The team was reversed in a non-traditional relay events, including the 6500-yard kickoff relay and the crescent relay 60-100-150-200.

Junior quarterback didn't play for two games he has played this season, he has been sidelined him since mid-August. In the only two games he has played this season, he has collected 353 passing yards and three touchdowns.

Football travels in search of first-ever win against Fresno State
by Dylan Hedrick

Head football coach Ken Hatfield said. "They've got some good players, but they're not as good as us. We're a lot more experienced. They're a lot better at blocking and tackling. I'm looking for a good performance in this game." Hatfield said. "We started the game with the same offensive line, and they couldn't do very well. They started the game with the same offensive line, and they couldn't do very well. They started, and their linemen are a lot more experienced. They're a lot tougher to play."

Rice must also stop Piterow, who is running a torn meniscus muscle which has sidelined him since mid-August. In the only two games he has played this season, he has collected 353 passing yards and three touchdowns.

San Jose State (Autry Court)
Powderpuff Week 6 (Powderpuff Field)
Saturday, Oct. 25
10 a.m.
Volleyball vs. SMU, Sat. 10/25
2 p.m.

Freshman swimmer Denise Bear competes in the 3x100-yard butterfly relay at the Bayou City Relays Friday at the Rice Pool. Rice and Tulane mixed their swimmers to form relay teams for the lightweight meet.

Swimmers dominate Aquathon

The three victories improve the Owls' defense pulled up its hill and played a really good brand of volleyball in the first two games," Goodwin said. "Then they picked up their service intensity, and we really didn't have an answer to their slide attack down the right.

The football team travels to California for their Western Athletic Conference game against McNeese State University Oct. 14, as the Owls continued the Countdown in four games.

Football travels in search of first-ever win against Fresno State
Soccer team rides three-game winning streak to California

Although, Rice beat two of the conference’s weaker teams at home last weekend with a 3-1 win Friday against the University of Nevada and a 2-1 overtime triumph Sunday against Boise State. Huston said she was not entirely pleased with the performances.

“I didn’t think we played our best this weekend,” Huston said. “Maybe that’s a good sign when you can’t play your best and still win.”

Sunday’s game matched more dramatic of the two, as Rice conceded a 1-0 deficit midway through the first period. The Owls responded late in the match, as sophomore defender Fadool served a cross into the box and freshman midfielder Maria Fadool met it at the penalty spot, deftly touched the ball past the goalkeeper and slotted it home.

Rice dominated play, forcing seven saves from Boise State goalkeeper Kim Parker, and found the game-winner seven minutes into sudden-death overtime with scintillating ball movement.

Freshman midfielder Vanessa Serrano played a long ball from behind the halfway line to unmark sophomore forward Ashley Anderson down the left sideline. Anderson pulled up and crossed the ball to the top right side of the box for Fadool, who did well to turn and play the ball toward the penalty spot. Junior forward Becky MaFleister did to poke the ball just a charging Parker for her first career goal.

“I was a bit ahead of my girl, and I just had to get it toward the goal,” where Becky was making a perfect run in,” Fadool said. “You could see it develop at the very beginning — it was cool to watch what was happening and say, ‘She’s going to get it to me, and I’ve got to do my part.”

Junior goalkeeper Lauren Shockley made four saves for the win and maintained her lead in the WAC goals-against average race with a mark of 0.90. Rice is tied for the WAC lead in fewest goals allowed in conference games by being tied for fifth in the nine-game conference schedule.

The Boise State match was Rice’s final home game of the season, and Rice finished with a 6-1-1 home record, equaling its win total from the first two seasons combined.

Senior midfielder Kristen Lindsey started and turned in a solid performance to celebrate her three-year career at Rice after transferring from Auburn at the soccer program’s inception in 2001.

It was the first-time starters, however, who made the biggest difference last weekend. Serrano was the most consistent offensive player in central midfield, while Fadool and Lindsey in the midfield, and Anderson in the front, settled the ball on the left wing, waited for her teammates to get inside and floated a near-post ball. Sophomore midfielder Angela Futia, another substitute, reached the ball first on the half-volley and lobbed the onrushing goalkeeper to seal the win.

They weren’t incredibly good performances,” Fadool said. “We managed to pull off two solid wins in conference games.”

It was Futia’s second goal as a late substitute in as many games after her dramatic game-winner against the University of Texas El Paso Oct. 12.

The Lady Owls beat Rice 6-2 in the WAC tournament semifinals last season, but the Owls turned in what Huston, Lindsey and Fadool said was its best performance of the season in a 1-0 win.

Shockley made four saves to earn her fourth shutout, and Futia took only six minutes after entering the game in overtime to blast a 30-yard game-winner.

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“Their best game was the second game of the season in a 1-0 win,” Shockley said. “I thought the UTSA game was their best game, and we did not do anything to win.

“We beat their team that was out of the conference, and we got an opportunity to stay in the game when they shouldn’t have gone into overtime, and we have to work that much harder to win the game.”

Rice hopes to avoid overtime this weekend as San Jose State, one of the conference’s better teams, faces Fresno State in an overtime game.

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Freshman midfielder Maria Fadool (22, right) screams at the referee over a disputed handball while junior forward Sarah Yoder fights for the ball. Although no handball was called, Rice beat Boise State Sunday 3-1 in overtime.

“You could see the goal develop at the very beginning — it was cool to watch was happening.”

— Maria Fadool
Freshman midfielder

You don’t have to wait for that high paying job to afford the original SUV
Women's tennis sends three to quarterfinals

by Zach Epstein

Over the last few weeks, the women's tennis team has been reaching new heights. As a team and as individuals, the Owls have played some of their best tennis all year, giving the competition a real challenge.

"It's been a great atmosphere, and we feel like we're having fun," coach Roger Archer said. "I was impressed with how not just one person really stood out, but because everyone stepped up and pulled their own weight." Corcoran said. The opening weekend gave the team its first several in years against of competition in which teams large enough to fill all the lanes. In the past, the team had to rely on consistent first-place finishes in order to accumulate enough points to win. Now, with a full line-up, the Owls can capture first place as well as more of the second and third place slots to contribute to the score, Suzon said. Corcoran said the larger team made for a more enjoyable experience in the matches.

"It was a great atmosphere, and we felt like we were a big team as well as a big group to cheer. For once, we actually felt comfortable when we walked into the pool."
Men's tennis heads to indoor regionals

by Adam Taubkin
11/18/87

Just one week after being upset in the finals of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., seniors Richard and William Barker, along with the rest of the men's tennis team, are back in action today as they battle for the ITA Indoor National Championship in Fort Worth. The Aggies also lost 5-2 to second-seeded Lester Cook and Apte Mallapragada from Texas A&M University in the final, but Rice now turns its attention to regionals.

The final four singles draws and the winners of the doubles draws in each of the eight regions will automatically qualify for the ITA Indoor National Championships next month. The remaining 16 singles and eight doubles spots will be filled with at-large bids.

Because they are the defending champions, the Aggies will not have to play doubles at the regional tournament, which ironically is held indoors, but they, along with other Owls, will pair doubles in the event.

Three doubles pairs will also compete in the tournament. According to head coach Ron Searle, because of their high national rankings, the Barkers and sophomore Robert Searle might receive a bye in the first round if they don't advance in the first round, but the players know they can't be complacent.

"You can't think of that," Richard Barker said. "We've just got to go there and play tennis."

As usual, the competition will be tough in the national tournament, the Barkers and Searle are set to win four matches to reach the final round in the regionals and to report as national indoor champions.

"We're going to play [Cook and Mallapragada] again in the finals and see who can win," Richard Barker said. "At the regional championships, there was a move that should have played to the Barker's advantage.

"The Aggies played out of order in the regional, the Barker's doubles team lost four matches to report as national indoor champions."

"Play pretty good tennis as usual. Just didn't get the results," Richard Barker said. "In terms of coming back from a big loss, this is our best performance and every match has gotten better."

Searle, ranked 14th, was upset in the first round and didn't manage to win two matches in the consolation bracket, including a grueling three-set match against Stanford'sreed student Jason Warburg 62, 57, 76 after falling behind 6-1, 1-4 in the third set. The Barker's doubles team lost four matches to the Aggies. The Barker's doubles team also went on to win the match in a 6-1, 6-0 sweep.

"We didn't have any sort of traction," Searle said. "We did come back, and they won two and lost two. The good thing about that is he competes."

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Cross-country teams race well on the road

by Melissa Dominguez
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Both cross-country teams were on the road Saturday against top-notch competition, as the women finished 11th at the Penn State Invitational Cross Country Race at University Park, Pa., and the men finished seventh at the Chile Pepper Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. in their final tune-up before the WAC championships.

IN FOCUS: CROSS COUNTRY

Last week: The men's team finished seventh out of 12 teams at the Chile Pepper Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. The women's team finished 11th out of 19 teams at the Penn State National Cross Country Race in University Park, Pa.

What made the difference: The scores added up to trouble adjusting to the hills in Pennsylvania.

Women's race: Senior Steve Magnes continued his remarkable year by finishing 12th out of 263.

Up next: Both teams compete in Penn State's most important event, the WAC Championship, Nov. 1, at San Jose State University.

As Penn State the women faced a challenging course, a full field of 255 runners and 44-degree weather.

Jim Bevan, senior assistant women's track coach in charge of cross country, said the tough competition was the best part of the race.

"It was their biggest race of the season thus far," Bevan said. "The competition was amazing, with five of the present competing schools ranked in the top 10 nationwide."

Senior Shannon Munro led the way for Rice, finishing 51st overall with a time of 22 minutes, 26 seconds for the six-kilometer race. Munro said that despite preparation, the hilly course impeded the team's performance.

"Penn State was much more hilly than anywhere else we've raced this season," Munro said. "We've tried to prepare for that as much as we can, but it's hard since the Western Athletic Conference championships [will] also be hilly, but it's always a shock to race true hillys for the first time."

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Golf plagued by fall inconsistency

by John Hanley

The golf team finished the fall portion of its season on Tuesday with a last-place finish in the Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions in Knoxville, Tenn., one week after placing seventh out of 13 teams in the Southern Crown. Chrysler Classic in Lubbock, Tex.

'We felt like this was a tournament we could do well in, but we took a few steps back.'
— Ryan Morgan
Senior golfer

After a disappointing finish in Chicago the week before, the Owls came out firing in the Southern Crown, with their top four golfers combining for a five-over-par 205 in Monday's morning round — Rice's best single round of the season and good for fourth place overall.

However, Rice slipped back with a 305 in Monday's afternoon and evening sessions, and came apart on Tuesday, posting a 318 in between conditions to finish in seventh place out of 32 teams.

The University of Texas-San Antonio took top honors in both the team and individual competitions, led by John Elizondo, who finished two strokes-under-par overall.

Rice senior Scott Phillips shot rounds of 72, 75 and 78 to finish at six-over-par, ninth among all six-rounds of 72, 75 and 75 to finish the team and individual competition.

Philips' three-over-par again lead the Owls, with Morgan and senior Wynn Smith each back at 12-over-par.

Vanderbilt University won the team competition, cruising to a 13-stroke lead, and Honda, ranked 50th, and Look like backs to be the top two teams in the playoffs, but their 5 p.m. meeting Sunday is still in the same stage.

Lovett (52) should finish in third place, sitting at 5/2 with a relatively easy remaining schedule. The real battle is for the final playoff spot, with Rice (52), Jones (3-1), Hansen (2-3) and Will Rice (1-3) still in the running.

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Sid Baker top Powderpuff charts

by Jonathan Yardley

Powderpuff faucet

Brown 13-6 to avoid another three-way tie. Rice finished 3/4 and will face Martel in the playoffs this weekend, while Jones will face Gray League runner-up Will Rice (2-1).

Women's College Basketball

The playoff picture is shaping up in the women's college basketball competition with only one week of competition remaining.

Wiesen in the favorites to win the Jump Shot Division, while GSA has the inside track for the second playoff slot following its 41-16 blowout of Will Rice Monday night.

In the Slam Dunk Division, Jones is the likely winner with a 36-24 record, while Rice should earn the second playoff spot if the Devils can round up enough players just to compete.

Other Sports

Elsewhere in college athletics, Monday produced a pair of tailhunting men's basketball games. Jones edged Wiesen 50-48 in a badly-contested opener, while Brown and Will Rice battled into overtime before the Northiders came away with a 49-33 win.

In freshman college basketball, Martel, Wiesen and Lovett were among the opening week victors. In men's college volleyball, GSA has already jumped into first place with a 2-0 record. Hansen and Rice also record first week wins.

In college ultimate, Sid and Jones posted dominating opening game victories over Wiesen and Lovett, respectively, and GSA handed Will Rice 3-0.

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Chamber music concert
The Shepherd School of Music presents a chamber music concert tonight at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. Admission is free. For more information, contact Tom Littman at (713)348-4933.

SATURDAY

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Project Pumpkin
Project Pumpkin will be held today. Community kids will be here from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Will Rice College quad for a haunted house and trick-or-treating. To help out, contact greymj@rice.edu.

Rice Chorale
Rice Chorale and the Shepherd Singers perform tonight at 8 p.m. in Stude Hall. Admission is free. For more information, contact Tom Littman at (713) 348-5194.

MONDAY

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Depleted Uranium Project speaker
Doug Rodde, former director of the United States Army's Depleted Uranium Project, will hold a discussion on the outliving of depleted uranium today. The talk will take place at 7 p.m. in Space Science Building Room 106.

TUESDAY

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Club drug talk
F.Gerald Murley, M.D. and the Rice University Wellness Center will be presenting a talk entitled, "The Ill on XTC: Current Research on Ecstasy and Selected Club Drugs." Learn about new research methods in health sciences and drug research (with free food and door prizes for first 25 participants). For more information call (713) 348-5294.

Rice Rec Center water safety training
The Rice Rec Center is holding Lifeguard Instructor Training Sessions beginning today, as well as Water Safety Instructor Training Sessions. The cost is $70 for students. For a complete schedule or to register, contact Scott Wray at swray@rice.edu or visit http://www.ruf.rice.edu/ricerec.

THURSDAY

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Rice Media Center
The Rice Media Center presents Darius Dorrie's Am I Haunted?, "a panorama of social and sexual life among young Germans." The film will be screened tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit http://rncenemuc.rice.edu.

FRIDAY

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Just in case you realized that pumpkin gracess aren't all they are cracked up to be.

Hey! Yes! Stop hooking up with your advisor and get in the Allen Center pronto! Today is the last day to drop a course or designate a class Pass/Fail for the Fall 2003 semester for returning undergraduate students. To do so, visit the Registrar's Office by 5 p.m.

“Observations of the Earth: Towards an Earth Information System.” The lecture begins at 12 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion in the Rice Memorial Center. Lunch will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact cserv@rice.edu.

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