Co-presidents give first addresses

by Clarence Yong

As the nation stopped to hear President George W. Bush give the State of the Union, so will Rice students have an opportunity to hear from three Student Association co-presidents.

SA co-Presidents Bryan Debbink and Michael Leggett presented their State of the University address at the Baker College Cabaret meeting Tuesday and at the Will Rice College Diet meeting Wednesday.

The co-presidents, both Wees College seniors, will continue to visit college government meetings during the next three weeks.

Debbink said the message of the address is that students can make a difference on campus.

"We are happy that the bottom line is that with the shuttle service is promising. The take-home message is that students that the administration doesn't listen, but in our experiences, that's not true," Debbink said. "They look to the campus for a variety of opinions, including students."

The address focused on the SA accomplishments of the past year, its current projects and its future goals. The co-presidents also solicited opinions from the audience through informal polls.

Debbink and Leggett said the SA's accomplishments include achieving the re-establishment of spring recess for the Spring 2004 semester and creating a campus-wide fasters.

Debbink also said the future of the shuttle service is promising. "I think we're going to get the best of both worlds," Debbink said. "We expect shuttle service will decrease, and that in turn will increase revenues, fees will not grow as much as expected."

Debbink said the successes of the basketball team, women's soccer team and men's basketball team have made this "proud year" for athletes. He said the Board of Trustees has commissioned McKinsey & Company, a consulting firm, to investigate the rule Division IA athletics, should play at Rice, and student opinion will be part of the firm's research.

Leggett said he and Debbink have improved the SA Website and added a calendar and other features. They said they are working to enhance the online campus directory by making more information available.

The Phantom Treehouse

Wes College senior David Ban hangs out on the treehouse that appeared near Fondren Library Monday night. The treehouse came complete with rules on its use and a plaque dedicating it to Vice President for Student Affairs Zanaduo Camahe.

Bookstore still missing half of late textbooks

by Rita Gordon

Ten days after the start of spring semester classes, 200 book titles ordered by instructors had not yet arrived at the Rice Campus Store.

At least 25 professors teaching approximately 250 courses in the School of Humanities have reported missing textbooks.

Dean of Humanities Gary Wilt said the shortage of textbooks has been "very disruptive" for students and instructors. He said professors have had to find alternate readings, make photocopies, delay using textbooks, and order textbooks through online bookstores.

"I think the most important aspect of this is that we created on so many different courses is simply unacceptable for a major university," Wilt said.

Rice University Police Chief Mackenzie Moser said she had left off campus to find the missing book for her undergraduate religion course. The book is also requested for the 200 students in RELI 101.

"I really wasn't very happy that the books were not available," Moser said.

Mosher said Associated Vice President for Finance and Administration Neil Blanford said he became aware of the missing books when he visited the Campus Store during the week of Dec. 15.

"The idea of the bookstores not having books ready for class, when the faculty had at least gotten the bookstores in on time or close to it, is unprofessional," Blanford said.

Religious Studies Professor Bill Parsons, who teaches RELI 101, said there is widespread agreement that Campus Store operations need to be analyzed and problems fixed.

"We are happy that the bookstores responded in a positive fashion, but we do think there are some structural problems with the way they do business and that should be investigated and corrected," Parsons said.

Blanford and Campus Store Manager Michelle Vanderwater defended personnel on the measures the Campus Store will implement in the future to avoid such delays. However, Blanford said changes will be instituted, although they may see BOOBS, Page 1.

Staff member caught driving drunk

by Mark Berenson

A Rice staff member was stopped on campus by Rice University Police officers early Tuesday morning for speeding and admitted to officers that he had been drinking. The staff member was released to his on-campus residence.

RUPD Chief Bill Taylor said officers stopped the vehicle after observing it enter Residence Hall.

"I was moving through the campus at a high rate of speed," Taylor said. "The officers then got the vehicle stopped (in front of Lovett Hall)."

Taylor said officers did not conduct a Breathalyzer test on the staff member but determined he was intoxicated based on his own admissions and his behavior.

Last day of more for free

Today is the last day to add classes without a fee, so if you already know that you're going to end up taking PHYS 203, Weather, go ahead and add it now before you have to pay for it.

Pettions for elections due

Petitions for the Student Senate General Election are due Jan. 30th noon, in the SA office on the second floor of the student center.

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Security precautions and events start Monday

by David Brown

Rice students will not be permitted to watch quarterback Tom Brady and the New England Patriots practicing on Rice's practice fields, but they will be able to see San Diego Chargers quarterback Drew Brees and other current and former National Football League stars in the Celebrity Flag Football Challenge at Rice Stadium.

The Celebrity Challenge, a benefit for the NFL Alumni Kids Charities, will be held Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. at Trifield Park, but the first 1,000 Rice students to present a student ID at the Autry Court ticket office will receive free tickets.

Students may pick up the tickets Thursday or Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NFL stars playing in the Celebrity Challenge include Andre Ware, Shannon Sharpe, Tim Brown, Clinton Portis, Antwaan Randle El, Deion Sanders, Billy Sims, Bob Gulick, Dan Pastorini and Rod Smith.

Rice Stadium will also be used Friday night, when BMC Software hosts a private gathering that will conclude with a fireworks display.

The events at Rice and the anticipated influx of fans into the Houston area will bring heightened security throughout the week leading up to Super Bowl XXXVIII.

NFL security will need to secure the Patriots' practices, which are off-limits to the public and the media. The 2003 Super Bowl champions will practice three or four times at Rice. The Houston Police Department will escort the Patriots' team buses to and from Rice.

Rice University Police Chief Bill Taylor said RUPD will be involved with security for practices but will increase security for games.

See SUPER, Page 8.
Visit different downtown during Super Bowl week

There's going to be a lot going on in the week leading up to the Super Bowl on Feb. 1, and most of it won't be at Reliant Stadium. (See Story, Pages 10-11.) Houston has been gearing up for this for years, and the downtown area especially will look and feel different. Even if you rarely frequent the clubs and cultural centers downtown and are scared by the crowds, the change in the atmosphere will be well worth the trip and the chaos.

With thousands of people coming to town and the streets blocked off to traffic, a taste of a world-class pedestrian downtown area is only a light rail ride away.

Put down your books, get on a train and enjoy it. It isn't every day that Houston is the life of the party. Don't waste it.

Put Apathy in its place; run for student offices

The deadline for declaring an intention to run for an elected student body position is one week away — and so far, only three people have signed up.

Unless you want “Apathy” busyly serving on University Court, the Housing Court and the Rice Student Volunteers Program (which would admittedly be interesting), you should give some thought to becoming part of the leadership of a student organization.

Rice thrives on the energy of involved students, and these students usually get a great deal out of the experience themselves.

If you decide to run, make your intentions known by signing the list posted on the door of the Student Association office, which is located on the second floor of the Student Center. A petition signed by 25 students is also needed (which can easily be completed at a single college meal). “Apathy” is generally not considered a student in good standing, so there are many openings to fill.

Co-Presidents’ address a valuable communication

The State of the University Address instituted by Student Association Co-Presidents Bryan Debbink and Michael Leggett is a welcome development. (See Story, Page 1.)

We appreciate the effort to reach out to students who do not regularly attend SA meetings, in order to keep all students informed of past events, current accomplishments and challenges as well as initiatives for the future.

As most students are more involved in their college’s goings-on than in the university as a whole, delivering the address separately at each college is the right choice.

This institution should be continued in the future, and possibly expanded by occurring earlier in the president’s term when change would still be feasible. We regret, however, that the co-Presidents did not deliver the speech in union.

Unsigned editorials represent the majority opinion of the Thresher editorial staff.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Powderpuff deserved more coverage

To the editor:

Upon reading last week’s Thresher I was a little disconcerted to find that your coverage of the powderpuff playoffs consisted only of a picture and a brief caption (“Eyes on the prize,” Jan. 16). I feel this is a bit of an insult considering the number of students through-out campus who participate in women’s flag football.

The exciting regular season games combined with the exceptional level of play that characterized the playoffs merited at least a short article in your sports section. By relegating powderpuff to a picture and caption you ignore the incredible amount of talent concentrated on each team.

Not only did Sid Rich complete a perfect season but so did Will Rice. Lovett, Baker and Jones became serious competitors and the traditional powderpuff rivalry added an additional dimension to the game and acted as a cohesive factor for each individual college. The athleticism, sportsmanship and dedication demonstrated by all the players is a testament to the strength of women’s flag football at this university.

Simply put the coaches, players and fans who participated in powderpuff throughout last semester deserve better treatment from the Thresher. For a newspaper supposedly for and about the student body, you missed one of the prime examples of college athletics at its best.

Jennie Lee
Sid Rich senior
University Coordinator of Powderpuff

Space program would merely be distracting

To the editor:

James Sulak hopes that Bush’s proposal to send Americans to the moon and then to Mars will rekindle the spirit of national resolve at the first lunar mission (“Space ambition out of print too long,” Jan. 30).

National projects that capture the imagination of the public and push the limits of our collective abilities are certainly worthwhile, but must resist the proper aim of such projects. A new space mission would only be distraction from the more pressing concerns that our nation faces, such as persistent poverty and the destruction of the environment.

Sulak says that we should resolve to return to space with our former boldness and daring. Such a return would, however, be merely an indulgence in childish fantasy; true boldness and daring are essential to resolve the many serious challenges we face at home.

Stephen Milligan
Will Rice senior

Kinesiology site not as erroneous as purported

To the editor:

John Donalski’s letter to the editor (See Story, Page 10) brought to public attention some potential etymological inconsistencies in the Kinesiology Department’s Web site (http://kinesiology.rice.edu).

The site contains the phrase: “Kinesiology Department,” which is Greek to Kinesiology Department ("kinein, meaning "to move" is Greek to Kinesiology) and not as erroneous as Donalski suggests.

For a newspaper supposedly for and about the student body, you missed one of the prime examples of college athletics at its best.

Contact with Donald Morrison, a professor of Classical Studies and Philosophy at Rice, revealed that the Greek components of “Kinesiology” are kinesis, which is a noun meaning “movement,” and logos, meaning “knowledge.” (From the American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition. Thomson.)

Kinesis, which is a noun meaning “movement,” does not derive from kinein, meaning "to move." (From The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition. Thomson.)

Kinesis is perhaps a bit too long for use in class names, but the deviation is not excessive.

As for logos — which Mr. Donalski considers a "poor maiden" — the word is a noun, not a verb as the Kinesiology site may suggest.

However, of the many meanings of logos, the single applicable meaning is "the science, theory, or study of." While there is a difference between "to study" and "the study of," the discrepancy is hardly a salutary afford to our linguistic heritage. Also, the phrases "to move" and "to study" may be interpreted as not actually verbs, but infinitives, used as noun substitutes, if hairs must be split.

The Kinesiology Department appreciates Donalski’s concern for the etymology of our favorite field of study.

Benjamin Smith
Hansen junior
Kinesiology Department assistant

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RUDP: Warn students of security measures

In anticipation of the Super Bowl, the Rice University Police Department will begin to restrict access to campus Monday. (See Story, Page 1.) We appreciate the need for increased security and support the measures RUDP is taking to ensure our safety.

However, with the memory still fresh in our minds of the portable fences that came with Vice President Dick Cheney’s October visit but didn’t leave with him, we are concerned about the potential — and avoidable — hassles to students.

In the past, students have not been adequately informed about security-related blockades and gate closures. We ask that RUDP send an e-mail to all students, faculty and staff to inform us well in advance of the measures being put in place. As much as we wish everyone read the Thresher, we know many people check their e-mail.
Irony is overrated

Ways—obsessed public needs perspective

Have you heard the news? Americans are fatter than ever!

Well, okay, it’s not “news” in the traditional sense (I’ve never been seeing the headlines about once a month for the last 5 years, but I always knew that the Internet is death to the typical American fashion, which is why they decided to address this problem the same way we always address it: with a billboard handout over). Our reaction to this: “There’s no time to waste. Tell your neighbors! Tell your friends! Get on the Atkins diet! Hurry! Obesity is rampant! Your children are next!”

You know what else is rampant in America? Hope, domestic abuse, poverty, homelessness, corruption, gun violence, rape. Let’s face it great deal of which is willful, blatanst, racist, xenophobic, sex discrimination, energy waste, and oil driving, and yet we’re choosing to concern ourselves with the weight of our people’s weight. Now, to be fair, obesity is not a top priority, but it remains a cause of great concern and has been a widespread phenomenon over time. It is in the interest of every individual to eat a healthy diet and engage in regular exercise. Likewise, it is the obligation of the health care profession to encourage their patients and clients to eat a healthy diet and engage in regular exercise and maintain such habits.

What we do not need, however, is a country full of entitled narcissists whose prescription with weight loss is quick and easy and fat-free and quick-fix diets causes them to develop and propagate hopelessly anorexic attitudes about food and eating.

Ironically, it is overrated

Unfortunately, that is precisely the problem. We are all talking about food, weight, and dieting — in our gyms, at home, in casual conversation — everywhere. This phenomenon is not just a matter of anorexic or fatty weight concerns, but it is dangerous. Other people, especially children, who pick up on these new eating behaviors and attitudes, are subjected to the unfortunate result that many of them develop a fixation on food — a fixation that manifests itself as an obsession or peoples propel toward the horrors of eating disorders.

Given the increasing barrage of news stories and advertisements directed to the general American populace, it is surprising to trip the blame for the nation’s food and weight obsession on media itself. Certainly, the media, as a source of every message and truth, is not innocent, but they’re not the direct cause of the problem.

The other culprit is none other than our own public, a public filled with people who believe and implement everything they see or hear. In other words, if the news world offers us a critical thought or an ounce of skepticism, it is the public who are force-feeding us the ideas and prioritizing these mealier more warped aspects of our culture, if anything, we’re gobbling up ideas and shallow truths and asking for seconds. America’s appetite for food, as well as anything—food or the hijab—is nothing compared to our appetite for publicity. Why do we so willy-nilly accept these

A true revolution of the heart is not just. A true revolution of the mind will be to quit talking so much about weight in particular and anything to do with weight. After all, it’s boring and pointless and, at worst, it’s rude and suppression of free thought.

Among all the headlines and the media cameras, the actual stories of what is happening to our country today are being ignored. It is our responsibility as a society to care for our country’s minds and bodies.

We must recognize our weaknesses and our advantages and we are the ones to make those decisions for them.

Dr. King further said that true revolution “comes to see that an affair which produces upheaval and restructuring, a reality when the response of the world and we won’t stop because of our pride and so our arrogance as a nation.”

Stephen Fry is a Hansen College senior.

The Rice Thresher
Changes being made for Fall 2004

Books from Fall 1 be expensive.
"I can say that [the problem] will be addressed in future administrative and management style," Blaford said. "We'll, I'll be what's humanly possible to fix."

The idea of the bookstore not having books ready for classes on time, and having to take care of the problem last minute, was reported in on time or close to time, is unforgivable.'

Vanderwater said she is discussing plans with members of the administration on how such a problem does not occur in the future.
"Best assured that we will have a backup plan in place by May 13 [the date by which professors are required to order books for Fall 2004]," Vanderwater said.

Wihl said he has been assured by senior members of the administration that such a shortage will not happen again.

"What the assurance says to me is that everybody is now vigilant about the problem and that I will be vigilant about the problem, and before we get to this point again, I will be asking the bookstore what steps they've taken to make sure that the orders are complete and on time." Wihl said.

History Professor Irma Gruber said he has been pleased with the Campus Store's efforts to remedy the problem.
"They've made heroic efforts, I think," Gruber said. "They tried really hard to catch up, and they have been extremely attentive in the past ten days. In those ten days, they have really re- ally worked hard to keep us informed, tell us where the shipments were, when they would arrive, so they have done a huge amount of work."

Many students are unhappy their textbooks are missing.
Baker freshman Jessie Gill said all of her courses are missing textbooks. She said students and teachers have gone to great lengths to ensure material is not omitted due to missing books. In her HIST 144: Freshman Seminar, the approximately 15 students in the class had to order titles online or go off campus in search of missing books. However, Gill said her professors have been helpful in providing students with material.
"Teachers are taking their own time to make Xerox copies available so that we can actually even hold class," Gill said.

Vanderwater said 300 of the 500 titles missing Jan. 12 had arrived by noon Wednesday.

Wihl said although the Campus Store failed to place some book orders, a communication also occurred within the School of Humanities regarding the deadline for book orders. Vanderwater said some professors ordered books after the initial deadline of April 31 and the last deadline of Dec. 15. She said the Campus Store works in stages to provide the first day of classes. Vanderwater said the majority of the books ordered are now on the shelves. She and other Campus Store staff members have been working since December to fix the problem.

Gruber, who teaches HIS 203, The Art of War from Machiavelli to Napolean, said four of the six books he ordered had not arrived by the start of classes. The Campus Store Web site shows that Gruber ordered his books Oct. 29.

Unfortunately the first book [used] in the course arrived last, on Tuesday and as I've had to delay the discussion of the book and just rearrange the discussion and lectures, which can be done,'" Gruber said. "I was less affected, I think, than a number of my col-

"Teachers are taking their own time to make Xeroxes available so that we can actually even hold class."

— Jenny Gill

Baker college freshman

With said Rice should re-eval- uate the importance placed on ordering books.
"There shouldn't be one person who [takes the blame for all of this]," Wihl said. "It just means that the university does not appreciate how important it is to have a well-stocked bookstore if you are a major, highly- ranked national university with a great student body. The students deserve to have their books available to them when they start their courses."

By Terry Kennei

The 14th Court of Appeals de- nied the appeal of Katrina and Booker Law, a married couple seeking a temporary restraining order that would have allowed Katrina Law to graduate last May despite being on suspension the couple received for Honor Code violations. The judgment against the Laws was returned Dec. 11.

The Laws' attorney, Allan Cesee, said the Laws will con- tinue to pursue all options.
"I respectfully disagree with the appeals court decision, and we are filing a request for review with the Texas Supreme Court this week," Cese said. Rice Associate General Coun- sel Carlos Garcia said the ruling may provide an advantage for Rice during the case's trial in April.
"The ruling means that the decisions of the Honor Council, the student dean and president were upheld by the court of ap- peals, and the plaintiffs were unsuccessful in obtaining a court order overturning these deci-

On the 14th Court of Appeals is available at http://www.14thcoa.texas.gov/opinions.HTMLOpinion.

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— Allan Cese

Lawyer for the Laws

The court also determined probable injury claims by the Laws to be unfounded. The Laws contended that monetary dam- ages could not repair the harm to them. Katrina Law was unable to take a job with Teach for America because she could not graduate, and Booker Law could not obtain a job in the medical field for at least another year because of his suspension. The court ruled that monetary com- pensation could remedy all these things.

With respect to an irrevocable blow to their careers, the Laws would have been granted. Only the Fa would appear on the student's permanent records. The Fa and record of the suspension would only be re- corded on internal documents at Rice, out on transcript if permanently held in Rice's human resources office for America because she could not graduate, and Booker Law could not obtain a job in the medical field for at least another year because of his suspension. The court ruled that monetary com- pensation could remedy all these things.

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Warrant issued in drug possession case

A student caught driving under the influence of alcohol and in possession of an unprescribed prescription drug smashed charges from the Harris County District Attorney's Office. Rice University Police Chief Bill Taylor said.

During a traffic stop early Jan. 15, officers Pete Alvarado and Jesse Salazar noticed that the driver, a student, seemed intoxicated. The officers suspected there were illegal substances in the student's car and obtained the student's consent to search the vehicle, Taylor said. He said the officers found marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a prescription drug that had not been pre- 

cribed to the student.

Taylor said the officers decided to contact the DA's office about the case.

"I think they felt the nature of the thing was such that they would run it by the DA's review," Taylor said. "I believe the individual may have had prior contacts with [RUPD]."

The DA's office accepted the case and obtained a warrant for the student's arrest, Taylor said. He said the student was released to his college major before the police contacted the DA for a warrant. Taylor was unsure whether the student had turned himself in to the Harris County sheriff's office.

Taylor said RUPD will also work with the Office of Student Judicial Programs on the case. Any discipline ary action against the student will be independent of the criminal proceeding against the student, he said.

— Jenny Blood

Rec Center eliminates free laundry service

Beginning in June, the Recreation Center will no longer offer free laundry service — or supply uniforms and large towels — in its washers. The service is being eliminated due to high costs necessary to maintain the Rec Center's washers and dryers, replace towels and uniforms every four full- time wash cycles, and provide customer service.

Assistant Dean for the Rec Center Beckwith said the Rec Center will, however, continue to offer small washers and dryers to improve customer service and reduce wear on workout equipment, he said.

Beckwith said the Rec Center spends about $30,000 per washer and $6,000 per dryer per year to replace towels and uniforms due to theft and wear. In addition, most of the Rec Center washers and dryers have been removed to make room for free commercial washers and eight dryers.

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Warranty

The free laundry service will be eliminated as of July 1, Beckwith said. While the Rec Center will not maintain the laundry service but will no longer need to hand out and collect towels and uniforms.

In addition to saving money, Beckwith said eliminating the laundry service will help the four staff members find on-campus employment. According to a survey conducted by the Rec Center, only one of the four staff members in the country provides free laundry service, although some other schools provide a similar service.

The free laundry service will be gradually phased out sometime between March and the end of June, depending on when staff members find alternative employment.

Beckwith said Human Resources will help the four staff members find other on- or off-campus jobs.

In the past, the Rec Center has provided laundry service for all the university's athletic teams except the football team, which has its own laundry facilities at Rice Stadium. Beckwith said the Rec Center will continue to provide equipment for the teams' laundry service but will no longer provide the staff.

Hanszen College sophomore Caroline McGiff said she's disappointed the service will be terminated.

"Personally, I don't like to get my clothes dirty when I'm working out, and it's easier and more convenient to use the Rec Center," McGiff said. "They will be missed." 

Silk Richardson College sophomore Bryan Swainford said he doesn't think the change will affect many undergraduates.

"Most students... don't actually use the towels — they'll go back and shower at their room," Swainford said. "It's mainly the grad students and professors who use the towels."

— Prateeksha Bhargava

Directory addendum sent to printer

After months of waiting, students may soon be able to call their friends. A final version of the student addendum to the 2003-04 campus directory was sent to the printer Wednesday, Student Media Adviser Jen Couper said. While the printer is not contractually obligated to have the publication completed by a particular date, the addendum will likely arrive within a week, Cooper said.

The campus directory printed in October contained incorrect information for almost all undergraduate students. Last year's addendum was listed for uppercase, and home contact information was listed for new students. The addendum to the campus directory with corrected information for new students will be distributed in the colleges.

The addendum will cost between $2.50 and $5.99 to produce. Vice President for Enrollment Amy Wright said Wright said the cost will be shared by the Enrollment and Administrative Systems offices.

Registrar Jerry Montag said his office, which collected the data for the addendum, took its time to ensure all the entries were correct.

"We wanted to make certain that data does not make a mistake," Montag said.

Martel College freshman Felicia Seaton-Larsen said she was thrilled the addendum could have been printed sooner.

"I would have been an advantage to have a new one printed," she said. — Catherine Adcock

Student & Rec Centers add online reservations

A new online room reservation system for the Student Center and the Recreation Center debuted at the beginning of the semester. Each department and student organization was given a username and password to access the system and reserve space for events and meetings.

In addition, students who do not have access to the system can make requests by sending an e-mail to access@rice.edu, Vega said.

Beckwith said the purpose of the new system is to make reserving rooms easier for organizations that hold many meetings and events, not to prevent individuals from reserving rooms.

"The intention is not to keep people from being able to make reservations," he said. "The intention is to make it easier for the organization that request rooms a lot."

Vega said he hopes the limited access to the system will help eliminate repeated room requests for the same event.

Rice Program Council President Mary-Margaret Miller, a Wren College senior, said the new system has been convenient for RPCS.

"Our adviser has looked all the spaces for the meetings this year," Miller said.

The new online system can be accessed from the Student Center's Web site, http://www.rice.edu/sc.

— Holly Shiao

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We are located 2 miles directly west of campus, 6218 Auden between University and Rice. Free round-trip shuttle service is provided each Sunday morning leaving at 8:15 AM and 9:15 AM on the loop in front of Rice's Allen Center. See www.wubc.org for more details, or call 713-668-2319.

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Sunday School: 9:45 AM
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Civilians rights activist Nyameko Barney Pityana speaks in the Grand Hall Tuesday as part of the President's Lecture Series.

by Ian Everhart

Nyameko Barney Pityana spoke Tuesday as civil rights in South Af-
rica and the United States. Pityana, a lawyer, theologian and civil rights advocate, gave the annual Martin Luther King Jr. lecture, the third address in this year's President's Lecture Series.

Pityana said King, though an American, is revered in other coun-
tries for his civil rights work.

"Remarkably, this is an [Israel] who becomes significant, not just in the United States of America, but also among Africans in other parts of the world," Pityana said.

"We recall his gigantic contribution and the role he played in the transformation of American society. He became the conscience of the nation — a moral force that called the nation back to its founding values."

King believed American society should be judged by the standards of the Scriptures and the U.S. Constitution, Pityana said.

"I came naturally to Martin Luther King Jr. to declare that civil rights was a moral issue as old as the Scriptures and as clear as the American Constitution — two authoritative guides, which, paradoxically, he shared with the segregationists of his time," he said.

Pityana said major events in the American civil rights struggle, such as the March on Washington and King's "I Have a Dream" speech, resonated strongly with South Africans in the 1960s as South African activist Nelson Mandela was freed from prison, which led to the end of apartheid.

"Both King's and Mandela's moves remain to this day their moral foundations, which were based on principles of universal equality," Pityana said. He King and Mandela shared philosophical outlooks that allowed them to follow a vision of what they might become.

"Pityana said Mandela's philoso-
phy was perhaps best articulated in a speech he had given about being opposed not only by whites but also by domination by blacks, seeking a free and democratic soci-
ety in which all citizens could enjoy equal opportunity.

Pityana said many African lead-
ers, including Mandela, drew upon the thoughts of American leaders in developing their views and poli-
cies. Pityana said the writings of King and other American civil rights leaders inspired many Afri-
cans to join the liberation and antiap-
partheid movements, and many African leaders were educated in the United States for example, a founder of the African National Congress — the Black South Afri-
can political organization — stud-
ied in America and had links with black American leaders. In addi-
tion, many African leaders had ties to black American churches and civil rights organizations.

"There were some American influences on the men... who later became the founders of ANC," he said.

"They were inherently American trained, maintaining strong links with the American thought and drawing inspiration from African American intellectuals like W.E.B. DuBois, Marcus Garvey, from the Baptist church, and from the ongoing resistance to the passage of the Civil Rights Act and South Africa celebrates 10 years of democracy, and democratic society based on the ideals of human dignity, equality and freedom," he said.

"While South Africa has made tremendous progress over the past 10 years, Pityana said, great prob-
lems remain, including high crime rates and levels of HIV/AIDS in-
fection.

"I think Pityana said he was confident South Africa's leaders are taking the right direction.

Stephen Finley, a graduate stu-
dent in religious studies, said he thought the lecture was insightful and focused.

"He had the way be related the two circumstances of oppression, one the other, he said. "I had one critique, it was that he had a lot of names but he had at least heard the voices of the Afri-
cans he presented them.

The speech was held in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center.

Ownnet printer prices increase

by April Goldman

This semester the price for color posters announcing every party-
campaign poster is increased.

"Printing changes on Ownnet printer prices increase at the beginning of the sem-
ster. All printers now cost an extra per cent except for the prin-
ters in Midd 100, which cost 5 percent more per page." Distinguished Professor of Educational Technol-
ogy/Network Infrastructure William Deigaard (Wiess '93) said the increased prices are necessary to prevent the increase in printing costs from running a deficit as it has in the past two years. He said the defi-
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"The price change has caused dis-
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tecture student, the price increases translates to a 600 percent increase in printing costs, which is kind of absurd," Hamblin said.

"The architecture graduate stu-
dents and architecture students can no-
longer deal off campus.

"AIEE Graphics Complex has a plotter that produces higher quality prints more quickly," the student said. "With rice prices coming at us at least as much, we may as well go to a private business and get better quality faster."

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"With the price of Rice might as well get them."

"It is not that we are dealing with a plotter," Hamblin said. "It is that the students should supply the following to the Baker Institute as soon as possible:

- a letter of application, including areas of interest
- a resume
- a letter of recommendation

Information should be addressed to:
Baker Institute Internship Committee
Baker Institute, MS-40

Application consideration will start immediately. Decisions will be made on a first come, first serve basis. For more information contact Jillene Connors at x2374 or jconnors@rice.edu.

The Baker Institute emphasizes the availability of new student internships to run through the spring semester.

These internships involve working with Rice faculty and Baker Institute fellows on ongoing public policy research in the areas of energy policy, health policy, U.S. foreign policy, and Chinese culture and possibly other areas.

Economics, political science or engineering background is required. Students use the plotter printers multiple times per semester for projects. Lower College junior Lisa Testa

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Monday's holiday was more than a day off for students, faculty and staff who attended a candlelight vigil in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. About 100 members of the Rice community gathered on the academic quad to light candles, sing and listen as part of the Black Student Association's ninth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. vigil.

"We must be careful to stay awake during our period of social change."

— Akilah Mance
BSA president

In keeping with this year’s theme, “Universal Message for All People: Let Us Celebrate His Life, Legacy, and Dreams,” student and faculty members sang and recited works focused on truth, peace and social justice. The ceremony began in front of Fondren Library with a recitation of King’s “I Have a Dream” speech by Baker College senior Jonathan Chism. After the speech, attendees sang “We Shall Overcome” as they proceeded toward the Rice Memorial Chapel, where an evening of song, prayer and oratory in honor of the civil rights leader followed. President Malcolm Gillis spoke about the need to address racial inequality that still exists today.

“Our society still struggles with the cost of centuries of legally-sanctioned racial discrimination,” Gillis said. “Measures to correct this problem still remain to be finished.”

Gillis said institutions of higher education should adopt admission policies that are more inclusive of minorities.

“By standing up for inclusiveness, we honor Dr. King day by day and year by year,” Gillis said.

Four students spoke on the universal message theme. ADVANCE Student Coordinator Mary Slater, a Jones College senior, encouraged listeners to use their individual talents to promote King’s dream.

“Which of your many gifts will you use?” Slater asked.

Student Association co-President Michael Leggett, a Weiss College senior, spoke about nonviolence, not only as a way of enacting social change, but also as a way of life.

“Rice NAACP President Alicia Malik, a Lovett College junior, discussed the concept of peace, both as an abstract ideal and as a guiding principle for public policy.

Barnes College Junior Stephanie Bor, founder of Asian Pacific Americans for Social Change, said American society is far short of achieving King’s dream of social justice. Bor’s speech was a series of invocations to King, each one addressing the problems of racism and bigotry that exist today.

“What use is it for people to say that racism is gone when they never venture beyond [Highway] 288?” Bor asked.

Melodious Voices of Praise sang two songs, and Lovett junior Charlene Berry sang Yolanda Williams’ “The Things We Do.” In addition, Sociology Professor Holly Heard presented a chronology of the major events of King’s life and legacy, including his assassination in 1968 and the establishment of his birthday as a national holiday in 1983. BSA President Akilah Mance, a Jones junior, concluded the event. Mance said King admonished the people of his own generation to “stay awake” as society changed.

“We must be careful to stay awake during our period of social change,” Mance said.
Rice joins Texas Medical Center

by Katherine Cortez

Rice formalized four decades of collaboration with the Texas Medical Center by becoming its 43rd member institution and ninth university system Dec. 17. Provost Eugene Levy said becoming a member of TMC will allow for greater collaboration between Rice and other TMC institutions.

"It has become increasingly clear to us that with this huge medical center across the street, it is abundantly clear in both of us to have closer communication and closer relationships," Levy said. "It's a lot of sense for us to be thinking about our common problems and our common potentials."

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- Kyriacos Athanasiou

Bioengineering professor

Bioengineering Professor Kyriacos Athanasiou said most bioengineering faculty members already collaborate with researchers from Baylor College of Medicine and other TMC institutions.

"Membership is a tremendous decision for Rice because this could prove to be the catalyst of us truly becoming one of the top three or four bioengineering departments in the nation," Athanasiou said.

Bioengineering Professor Michael Deem said a connection with TMC will also increase Rice's ability to attract students interested in the biosciences.

"Membership highlights Rice's biological sciences to prospective graduate and undergraduate students and helps with student recruitment," Deem said.

Another reason for joining TMC is Rice's tentative plan to build a research tower that would be occupied by both Rice and TMC employees at the corner of University Blvd. and Main St. The bioengineering department, which is currently split between Rock and George R. Brown Halls, would move to the new tower.

"The idea is to create an area where both ourselves as well as participating institutions from the TMC can meet up and work on various collaborative projects," Athanasiou said.

The bioengineering department has maintained close ties to TMC. Bioengineering Department Chair David Hellums said, "We have had a very close interaction with the medical center for many years." Hellums said, "In fact, the [bioengineering] department was initiated by Dr. Michael Deem, the former surgeon at Baylor College of Medicine. In certain sense, we have been part of the medical center since our inception.

In addition to building a research alliance, Rice's membership in TMC may help solve longstanding practical questions.

"We know we have a lot of wade-tic identities — research, teaching great competition and so forth, — but we also have a lot of issues related to traffic and transportation, development, security, resource and energy savings," Assistant to the Provost Mark Scheid said.

President Malcolm Gillis agreed. We deal with many of the same governments of relational issues that TMC does," Gillis said.

Rice was a member of TMC in the 1960s, but the membership apparently expired, Gillis said. TMC Vice President Mary Schleiff said the membership re- national real this in the continuing relationship between Rice and TMC.

"This is just to recognize that Rice and TMC have been working together for so long," Schleiff said.

"It makes a lot of sense for us to be thinking about our common problems and our common potentials."

- Eugene Levy

Provost

Rice already has more than 60 joint programs with TMC, including the Rice/Taylor Medical Scholar Program for pre-med students. Bioengineering Professor Rohankr Deek said Rice's membership in TMC will result in more opportunities for students to do research.

"Students will benefit from significantly increased research opportunities and increased course offerings and clinical interactions," Deek said. "Even a lot of strengths where we might not think areas are for potential collaborations — the business school, public policy, medical ethics — there are all sorts of things going on at Rice that can be done in an even better way in collaboration with the TMC."

Some students said they think the new development is a positive step.

"Since I'm pre-med, that's a really great opportunity, so that's exciting," Baker freshman DerZen Fan said.

TMC is the largest employer in Houston and the largest medical center in the world. Other TMC member institutions include the Texas A&M University System, Texas Southern University, Texas Women's University, and the University of Houston.

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Co-presidents discuss accomplishments, priorities

“President Gillis listed a new recreation center as one of Rice’s three largest needs,” Debbink said. “Student leaders need to continue to press this issue at the highest levels.”

“Going college-to-college was a good idea because it reached people involved in the colleges, but not in the SA.” — Michelle Mejia, Baker College junior

Leggett said another important issue is the shortage of on-campus housing. He said the SA would support the creation of a 10th college, under certain circumstances.

“Once, to accommodate a larger percentage of students to live on campus, our-dorm must not in- crease,” Leggett said. “Two, it would not be built before a new rec center or college equalization.”

Debbink said student organizations should be allowed to occupy the space in the Student Center left vacant when the Office of Alumni Affairs moves to O’Connor House in the fall.

Leggett said improvements to Fondren Library — possibly including a sixth-floor student lounge with a 360-degree view of campus — are scheduled due to the recently completed Library Service Center, located on South Main St., and the move of the English Department from Fondren to Herring Hall.

The co-presidents decided to go college-to-college with the address largely because of the low turnout at several campus-wide events earlier this year, Leggett said. “We did the SA fall retreat and an address by President Gillis, and people didn’t come,” he said. “In all likelihood, not a high amount of students would turn out for us.”

Baker College junior and External Vice President Michelle Mejia agreed.

“Going college-to-college was a good idea because it reaches people involved in the colleges but not in the SA,” said Mejia. “If it was campus-wide, not a lot of people would have gone.”

Mejia said the SA address was a good idea and should be continued.

“A lot of students aren’t involved in the SA,” said Mejia. “Once a year, a speech like that allows them to find out about them and their events.”

Future-SA presidents may or may not continue to give the address, Leggett said.

“It’s up to whoever’s president next year,” Leggett said. “I expect to see R, though.”

Debbink and Leggett will address Lovett College Jan. 27, Martel College Jan. 28, Sid Richardson College Feb. 3, Jones College Feb. 4, Brown College Feb. 10, and Wickers and Hanssen Colleges Feb. 11.

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Not the Olympics, but it'll do

A guide to Super Bowl Week 2004

With so much going on during the next week-and-a-half, this "Best of Super Bowl Week 2004" will guide you through what could be a trying time for our great city. As outsiders pour in, the biggest sporting event of the year takes place. Simultaneously, city organizers will put on a show like none other and Houston will take on a feel it's never had before. Here are some of the ways to take advantage.

BEST WAY TO WRANGLE UP TICKETS:
Bedford Larry Izzo (Sid Rich '96). Not only does Izzo already have one of those $15,000 Super Bowl rings - a gift for helping his team, the New England Patriots, come out on top in Super Bowl XXXVI — but as one of the Patriots' current linebackers, he also has a few tickets to this year's big game at Reliant Stadium.

BEST WAY TO STEAL AWAY BEOYONCE:
On Saturday, Jan. 31 promises an up-close-and-personal look at Beyonce, a Super Bowl-related concert has to be SuperBash, the biggest sporting event of the year, Houston Chronicle society columnist. "If you want to be rubbing elbows with the stars, the best thing to do is hang around downtown Houston late at night," she said.

BEST WAY TO ACT FAUS:
The Red Carpet Star Walk (www.redcarpetstarwalk.com) on Saturday, Jan. 31 promises an up-close-and-personal look at Beyonce and other superstars as they enter the downtown club, the Mercury Room. For a price, you can take your place among 1,400 other Houstonians on the bleachers flanking the carpet. Seating begins at 6 p.m., but you should probably arrive a bit early to get a place in the stands. Just remember, carrying an "I'm crazy in love with YOU, Beyoncé!" sign might get you beat up.

Of course, if you decide to forego the traditional Hollywood fare at Red Carpet Star Walks, you still have a good shot at seeing some stars all over Houston, said Shelby Hodge, Houston Chronicle society columnist. "If you want to be rubbing elbows with the stars, the best thing to do is hang around downtown Houston late at night," she said.

BEST WAY TO DAMAGE YOUR EARS:
Outside of the Superbowl, those of you over 21 can get in to see Staind at Minute Maid Park for free with a ticket from local radio station giveaways. And finally, you can go for free down to the "Main Event" and see Jerry Jeff Walker, Bob Schneider or the Sunshine Band performing for opposing teams during MTV's "Rock 'n' Jock," to be broadcast on MTV Super Bowl Sunday, at 2 p.m. Amy Barr, MOB drum major and Sid Richardson senior said. "The event features entertainment stars and professional athletes in a flag football contest. Dan Marino traditionally plays quarterback for both teams. Barr said the groups were supposed to act as pep bands for their respective teams.

The MOB was contacted by MTV looking for a local band to play at "Rock 'n' Jock." The band sent MTV a DVD of its shows, and MTV selected the MOB based on the DVD, said Barr. "They liked our look," she said.

The band has been invited to perform with rapper Chingy during the halftime portion of "Rock and Jock," said MOB drum minor and Lovett College senior, Mike Powell. The format of the performance hasn't yet been decided, Powell said. "I'm not sure what will be involved and if we want to associate ourselves with that," he said.

Paul said the MOB will consider mocking MTV and the pop culture it provides. "There's that possibility," he said. "Everyone talks about using that song Money for Nothing as a possible way to make fun of them." Powell said it wasn't clear what the MOB was going to be capable of doing, since MTV will control the show. "I don't know how much free reign we're going to have to do the "Make fun of MTV bit," he said.
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Corinthian, the details aren't so certain yet, the plaza in front of City Hall. They're cover-
hot party, "Hodge said. "It's taking place in
invitation-only soiree.
It's impossible to decide which is the best
theme. We're not certain, but they're testing
bicker and make up in person.
dying to see Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson
herein Houston. Sadly, all the tickets for this
program have been snapped up by teenagers
coming straight from the Aquarium located down-
camera. It's like being in New Orleans, only with

"Rock 'n' Jock" to be
broadcast on Saturday, Feb 1.  The only
way to get on an MTV program now is to join
the MOR.
Of course, questions have been raised as to
whether or not MTV is actually cool. They
might have Outkast on heavy rotation — when
they actually play video — but you can't for-
gort that John Mayer also makes it on the MTV
playlist as well.
BEST NEW ORLEANS
IMITATION:
If you're a Super Bowl partyer, you
can't complain all the time
that Houston isn't a pre-
dominant city. Will know-
what: They're closing
downtown traffics. OK, they close down the
Main Street corridor ev-
ery weekend night, but
not only are they block-
ing off Main (and a few other streets) starting
Thursday night, they're also serving liquor
outside for parties named "The Main Event."
While nothing has been decided, rumors
abound that the now light rail will be open
late into the night for this special weekend.
If not, a cab ride shared between friends
costs little more than one of those tiny, wa-
ter-downed Cabo margaritas.
Not only can you take public
transport downtown, you can also walk around
the streets, enjoy free live music from one of the
two "Main Event" stages and drink — out-
side. It's like being in New Orleans, only with
more smog.

Plenty of parties available to NFL franchises
182: Counties to which the Super
Bowl XXVIIII broadcast
1,000: "Case of Peanuts" sold at the
game, it stacked on top of
each other, that's enough to
 reach the top of the Empire
State Building.

Super Bowl VIII at Rice Stadium
The Minnesota Vikings 1974 trip to Rice foreshadowed the future of Owl football. Yes, the
Vikings played the Miami Dolphins in Super Bowl VIII at Rice Stadium. At the time, the
Rice football stadium was the largest athletic facility in Houston. The Vikings lost to the
Dolphins, 24 to 7. Draw your own parallel between Rice-UI and Viking-Dolphins match ups.

Despite their loss, "Purple People Eaters" defense, the Vikings got stonewalled by the
Dolphins, who started the game by returning the kickoff for a 62-yard touchdown and
never looked back.

The practice fields for Super Bowl XXXVIII are excellent compared to those of Super
Bowl VII. The Patriots are practicing at Rice; the Panthers at University of Houston. The
conditions 30 years ago weren't quite as even. The Dolphins, as the home team, were
given the Houston-Oiler's practice facilities and dressing quarters, while the Vikings were
relegated to Delmar School, a Junior College in Corpus Christi. Delmar, according to
Fred Grant, head coach of the Vikings during this period in the sound's life, featured a
locker room without lockers, only three shower stalls, a few bathrooms and a single ENG
system  —  but you can't forget the柬埔寨的girls with
22-inch waists, you can't

"But Houston isn't a pe-
town. You could go to Galveston,
leave town. You could go to Galveston,

Texas, to some friends. "No self-respecting
Texas woman goes to college and doesn't
know the rules of football. And there's no
way to watch football without learning the rules
should certainly learn them (and how to break arms,
fingers and ribs) playing powerhouse foot-
ball.

BEST WAY TO AVOID THE CROWD:
Leave town. You could go to Galveston,
but that might not be far enough. The drive to
Baton Rouge or even New Orleans will help
you escape some crowds. Otherwise, do as
most Rice students are planning: Staying on
campus and watching the big game in your
college's commons with some free food and drink.
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Summer Jobs Workshop 6pm-7pm
Farnsworth Pavilion

Summer Opportunities Fair 7pm-9pm
Grand Hall, Student Center

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Anne Wilson's (art) work is never finished

Carly Koenert
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Anne Wilson's work seems at first glance to be a personal reflection of her life and her work and reconceives them. Her pieces seem part trash-can scaven-ger, part alchemy, needlework.

‘Perspectives 140: Fragmented Images’
Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston

The installation of three of Wilson's pieces currently on display at the Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Perspectives 140: Anne Wilson: Fragmented Territories reveals in the middle of “an artist's work.” The first of the three works is “A Chronicle of Days,” a series of 100 framed rectangles of damask fabric. From a distance, the designs Wilson has made on the material look like stains, but upon closer examination, they reveal themselves as intricate patterns. The patterns are made from varying colors of human hair, stitched by Wilson, who completed one piece a day for 100 days.

The contrast between the elegant stylized fabric and the messy human nature of the designs added by the artist makes demands of our expectations and challenges them. Why are those slightly creepy hair designs any less legitimate than hummingbirds embroidered on tablecloths?

But where “Errant Behaviors” seems to eliminate the textile, the third and final piece in the exhibit, ‘Topologies 2002’ completely reveals it. The piece consists of a long white table surrounded by benches. The table itself is covered in dis-sected and reconstructed bits of black lace. The effect is something like a Frankenstein experiment, with bits of flowers, ruffles and curls transformed into odd, and often ominous, abstractions. The pieces are grouped, with most planted like insects in a collection. Seemingly immovable lace flowers rest in a hoop at the end of one table. From a distance, the work resembles an abstract line drawing. Close up, the individual elements become clear, with reconstructed lace pieces appearing.
Top Ten Movies of 2003: Pirate ships, sword-wielding assassins and stories of grief dominate cinema

by Jonathan Schumann

The Best


When you think about it, this film offers as much exciting action and good humor as any other typical Hollywood blockbuster. So what made it special? Johnny Depp. As a pirate captain, Depp has never been more enjoyable to watch. He elevates this film above its summer peers and made it especially fun to watch.

9. Laurel Canyon

This light dramedy from High Art director Lisa Chodrakova explores the complex relationship between straight-faced doctor Sam (Christian Bale) and his petromaniac, love-hating, record-producing mom (played with ferocious energy by Frances McDormand). This is wonderful as the tormented artist, while Hope Davis and Harvey Pekar with great skill and originality. Paul Giamatti Gwyneth Paltrow's out being boring, morose or overly sentimental (for a film by Jonathan Schumann)

8. American Splendor

It is almost impossible to produce a film biography without being boring, morose or overly sentimental (for a film that provides all of these dreadful elements, check out Gus Van Sant's Elephant). Here, filmmakers Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulitanos chronicle the life of cartoonist Harvey Pekar with great skill and originality. Paul Giamatti is wonderful as the tormented artist, while Hope Davis and Judith Friendlander provide ample support.

7. The Station Agent

Another example of a great character-driven fare, this story of a lonely dwarf and the friends he makes in rural New Jersey is a cheerful indie that explores the dark corners of relationships — without ever being too dark. The film displays Hollywood-level production values and are excellent as two very different men joined by tragedy, love, grief and revenge. It is the year's best — and most enjoyable character actress in Hollywood today.

6. The Missing

Perhaps the year's most underrated and misunderstood film, this revitalization of the Western genre from director Ron Howard is a classically structured thriller that boasts memorable performances as well as a memorable story. Joaquin Phoenix is unforgettable as the tormented artist, while Hope Davis and Judith Friendlander provide ample support.

5. Kill Bill: Vol. 1

Talk about fun — this was the year's most energetic and stylish movie. The plot is a story only Quentin Tarantino could concoct — a member of an elite group of assassins is gunned down by her associates on her wedding day, only to wake up four years later seeking revenge. "The Bride," as she is called, embodied perfectly by Uma Thurman, slices, dices, beachheads and engages in some swan swordplay.

4. Mystic River

Clint Eastwood's tragedy leaps into an emotional space similar to that of 21 Grams, but while 21 Grams director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu toys with sequence, the storytelling here is conventional Hollywood. This traditional approach is not a bad thing — Eastwood has constructed a deeply felt, sorrowful film that recalls the best of American cinema. A great script from L.A. Confidential's Brian Helgeland and Oscar-worthy performances from Sean Penn, Tim Robbins and Martin Sheen bring this story of a man seeking vengeance for his daughter's murder to a level of near-unparalleled greatness.

3. The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

Certainly the year's most satisfying studio film, this one is certainly a crowd pleaser. As the culmination chapter of the most successful cinema trilogy ever made (yes, I believe in the whole the quality of these three films surpasses that of Star Wars and Indiana Jones), this film blends the strong character development of The Fellowship of the Ring and the heart-stopping action sequences of The Two Towers to become the series' strongest installment.

2. Lost in Translation

During a year in which the best films were well-written, character-driven fare, this one emerges as a close second. Sofia Coppola does the year's best directing job (please folks, let her be the first woman to take home the Best Director Oscar) with this atmospheric, lyrical tale of two lonely Americans lost among the hustle and bustle of Tokyo. Bill Murray has never been better as a famous actor shamming it by doing bourbon commercials, and Scarlett Johansson is this year's real "sex" as a disenchanthed married woman. Heartfelt, melancholy and hilarious, this one will be remembered far years.

1. 21 Grams

This film from Amores Perros director Inarritu is a sum- mer, heavy and at many time-do pressing tale of redemption, love, grief and revenge. It is the year's best — and most emotionally charged — drama. Penn and Bono del Toro are excellent as two very different men joined by tragedy, but the best performance belongs to Naomi Watts in a career-defining role as a mourning widow. The transcendent Watts performance can be best likened to Halle Berry's in Monster's Ball.

The Overrated

Instead of naming one film to be the year's worst, I have decided to list the year's three most overrated films. While this year did offer some truly terrible movies (Identity, Gigli) there are far more bad films that have garnered unjust praise.

3. Cold Mountain

This may be the most overrated of them all, I cannot explain my shock when the raves came in. The New Yorker, Newsweek. Who knew? Maybe I am wrong about this one, but I found Anthony Minghella's adaptation of the Charles Frazier novel to be disjointed, poorly paced and unengaging. While Jude Law emerges unscathed, the woman fare less well. Nicole Kidman offers a fealing, modernized portrait of the 19th-century Southern belle (and she don't even get me started on that accent). And then there's Renee Zellweger, whots so poor to have walked in from a touring company of Annie Get Your Gun. Scencry chewing at its most desperate and pathetic.

2. Elephant

A hit at the Cannes Film Festival, this pretentious chronicle of a Columubus-native school shooting won the prestigious Palme D'or and earned director Gus Van Sant the Best Director prize. This one's nothing more than a maudlin, vacuous examina- tion of violence and youth.

1. Swimming Pool

Supporters of this film — which also somehow received near-universal praise from audiences at the Cannes — claimed it was an intriguing and thrilling mystery. Instead, the tale of a mystery writer played by Charlotte Rampling, who engages in a love affair with a man and should, frankly, keep her clothes on for an exchange.
"Pearl Earring" dazles with rich visuals and performances

Raj Wahi

Tracy Chevalier's Girl with a Pearl Earring is probably the only movie I've seen that convincingly demanded a film adaptation. Cleverly adapted from Louiseucks's novel which is itself a fictionalized name, Girl with a Pearl Earring is a costume piece that takes us into the world of van der Veen and his world of art. The decision to have Leonardo DiCaprio as the painter is a stroke of genius. DiCaprio is perfectly cast as the lead, and his performance is one of the highlights of the film.

The Girl With a Pearl Earring

As Scarlett Johansson, a New York Times bestseller, stars as the insecure Catharina, but for reasons other than sexual or material jealousy, that makes Catharina hate Griet as well.

The first thing people will notice about Girl with a Pearl Earring is its gorgeous film. What we see is a magnificent production by Stages Repertory Theatre. The only way to describe it is a visual experience.

Bright Ideas

And the minimalist design drew focus on Genevra's sidekick in the film, though, is Johansson's sensitive, quiet performance as Griet. The supporting performances — in particular, especially Davis and Calene-Black as the insecure Catharina and Firth as the enigmatic van der Veen — are formidable. Bernadette's character is a fascinating one. The intertwining of issues and ideas — sexual politics, domestic power struggles, jealousy, poverty and, of course, the process of painting — all are expertly observed by Johansson, whose brief foray into the world of a painter gives her an outlet for feelings and ideas about Vermeer, whose role in the narrative is primarily catalytic. The story is compelling because it keeps its focus on the seemingly ordinary Griet, whose brief foray into the world of art gives her an outlet for her feelings and ideas about the painting.

The Problem with the play is the script.

Adding to Koosin's strong lead is a smooth style that complements Merrett's strong sense in this harrowing and gripping, delivering his lines with droll wit and excellent timing. In one particular scene, he oscillates between being a charming host to the future-victim of deadly games and Genevra's sidekick in the murderous food preparation. Merrett's presence in the film is equal to the rest of the cast, yet he is more than capable of being a little too pleasant, a credit to his ability as a performer. The main theme of the play is the relationship between the characters and the power of the power that borders on being a little too pleasant, a credit to his ability as a performer. The main theme of the play is the relationship between the characters and the power of the power that borders on being a little too pleasant, a credit to his ability as a performer. The main theme of the play is the relationship between the characters and the power of the power that borders on being a little too pleasant, a credit to his ability as a performer. The main theme of the play is the relationship between the characters and the power of the power that borders on being a little too pleasant, a credit to his ability as a performer.

The onesequence, Griet surreptitiously removes a chair from the ill Vermeer has been painting, quickly leaves the room and comes back the next morning to see if the painter has implemented her suggestion. Johansson's face during this scene is a fascinating mixture of naivety and determination: She isn't sure whether Vermeer will be angry at her presumption, but she knows she's right about that chair.

Despite its, at least 99 minute running time and sparse dialogue, this movie explores an amazing number of issues and ideas — sexual politics, domestic power struggles, jealousy, poverty and, of course, the process of painting are all expertly observed by Johansson, whose brief foray into the world of a painter gives her an outlet for feelings and ideas about Vermeer, whose role in the narrative is primarily catalytic. The story is compelling because it keeps its focus on the seemingly ordinary Griet, whose brief foray into the world of art gives her an outlet for her feelings and ideas about the painting.

Edmundson's witch of a parent and Clark's lighting seem to be the hottest things in the whole damn play. The set design, direction, and lighting were extremely well done. The use of space was apparent, and the minimalist design drew focus on the actors, without hindering the plot. It was a great finish. It is the way human emotion can be conveyed with such clarity that the play drives the audience. Ultimately, Bright Ideas is the story of a man whose ambition causes both his success and his downfall. Bright Ideas has its own charm, and the director, excellent direction, and an exceptional cast make the film a success.

Lynne (Shelley Calene-Black, right) attempts to defeat the Golden Pony against Genevra Brady (Susan O. Koenig).
Wilson works lace into alien art topography

SEWING, from Page 13

Although "Topologies 2002" easily makes a trip to the CAMH worthwhile, the exhibit overall is not quite as compelling as some of the other pieces I've seen displayed at the museum. This is probably due to the large sizes of Wilson's works, which meant the gallery space could not handle more than three pieces. However, I found myself wanting more to look at, hopefully something to make the message a little clearer.

Regardless of these weaknesses, "Fragmented Territories" does hold a lot of appeal for anyone who has an interest in needlecraft, sewing or other "women's work," since Wilson seems to take these functional arts and turn them into something else entirely.

As an artist, Champion longs to become a cyclist.

ANIMATION, from Page 13

inked portions and allows for breathtaking sequences, which would have been too costly to accomplish any other way.

As the STEREOTYPE goes: It's French, such is life.

However, this piece is not a slave to style. What makes this truly a work of art is the ability to tell a simple and engaging story. Drawing from his past and what he holds dear to him, Chomet's story is magical in ways similar to the work of Jean-Pierre Jeunet (Amélie, The City of Lost Children). The style enhances instead of justifies, creating a real world full of everyday magic that speaks of the joys in the act of living.

There is a melancholy twinge to the story, but as the stereotype goes: It's French, such is life. This is a moving, emotional masterpiece of animation, with visual awe and creativity to boot. The Triplets of Belleville is proof that not all accessible and well-crafted animated tales have to come from Pixar.
The men's basketball team took out the frustrations of an embarrassing road loss Saturday with an 80-40 drubbing of Southern Methodist University, and the game was one of the most electric events I have attended at Rice.

This is one of the best Rice has played in a while. The Owls came out to play on Saturday, and it showed on the scoreboard.

Eric Jean

With the campus buzzing about Rice’s other basketball teams, the women’s squad has quietly gotten off to a 4-1 start in Western Athletic Conference play.

The Lady Owls remain in contention for the conference title (see standings). Below on the strength of a victory over perennial conference favorite Louisiana Tech University Jan. 5 at Autry Court. Three other teams had mixed results earlier in the year.

The Lady Owls won’t take anything for granted.

“Tulsa was the most lopsided game for Rice, but we let our guard down, we’re as vulnerable as anybody,” assistant coach Walt Chancellor said.

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Junior trio leads men’s basketball rout, 80-40

By Amber Obermeyer

Junior forward Walt Chancellor said the Owls are up to the challenge on the West Coast road trip but must be more prepared than they were against Tulsa in Saturday’s showdown.

“We know what can happen when you go on the road and you don’t come ready to play, and that’s a lesson that we’re going to have to deal with,” Wilson said. Right now, it’s about learning how to deal with success. We can beat anybody we play if we play, but if we let our guard down, we’re as vulnerable as anybody.”

Fresno State entered last night’s contest with a 1-1 record in conference play, while preseason favorite Nevada currently holds a record of 3-3 in the WAC but has a key conference victory to their name.

The Owls came off flat Saturday, falling behind by more than 20 points in the early going because the same win took an unexpected turn, especially on offense. Junior guard Brock Gillespie thought Rice’s performance was especially disappointing, because the Owls never looked out of synch.

“We felt like we played the program down at Tulsa,” Gillespie said. “We didn’t have the perfect gamplan ready, we just didn’t do our part.”

Since that rough start, however, the Owls have outscored their opponents by a commanding 140-83 margin, which included juggling a 29-10 advantage early in Tuesday’s game.

“We were pretty anxious to come out there from the start (against SMU),” Gillespie said. “The players took a lot of ownership tonight.”

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Eric Jean in Will Rice College junior and a member of the Rowdy Owls club.

**WEAKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE**

**Where and when to support Rice Athletics**

Tennis FanFest (Jake Hess)

Both men and women’s teams will be on hand for several matches and the open player of the day.

Women's Tennis vs. SWSU (JHTS) 10 a.m.

Women’s Rugby vs. TSU (Rugby Pitch) 12 noon

Men’s Tennis vs. Texas State 3 p.m.

Women’s Tennis vs. A&M-CC (JHTS) 3 p.m.

Men’s Tennis vs. New Orleans (Met) 5:30 p.m.

Women’s BBall vs. Hawaii (Auhy) 7 p.m.
Wilks (Sid Rich '01) is in Houston on XXXVIII, NBA point guard Mike be in town to play in Super Bowl backer Larry Izzo (Sid Rich '96) will professional teams in a little more than Houston Rockets.

Wilks dazzled the older and bigger — the state's top player — after his season, he was named Western Statistically in his Rice career, Wilks' year, Wilks became his second season.
Me and [forward Kelvin] Cato pick on him a lot, but it’s all in good fun. He’s like our little brother.

Maurice Taylor
Rockets Forward

There’s every reason for Mike to give in or even to look elsewhere. He stayed loyal to the program, and I have nothing but the utmost respect and admiration and appreciation for Mike for that.

Willis Wilson
Head Men’s Basketball Coach

I’ve had the privilege of living a dream and playing in places like Madison Square Garden against players like Michael Jordan.

Mike Wilks
(Sid Rich ’01)
Rockets Guard
Doubles focus helps women’s tennis rout

WOMEN’S TENNIS

IN FOCUS:

Last week:

Record: 1-0

WAC record: 5-0

Match season with a 7-0 win at The Woodlands Country Club, with home matches against Sam Houston State at 3 p.m., and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (3 p.m.) at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium.

What made the difference:

Senior Karen Chao and junior Tracy Chong won at second doubles 6-5, and seniors Tanmiah Fisher and Anikar Goodrich clinched the doubles point by winning 6-3 at No. 3. Sophomores Lauren Archer and Blair DiSesa concluded the doubles sweep with an 8-4 win at No. 1.

DiSesa said the Owls’ focus on doubles continued their dominance.

“I feel we were exceptionally focused but still had fun,” DiSesa said. “This was a game we knew we had to win because we have struggled in the past. We realized that getting the doubles point would be huge in our further success.”

Head coach Roger White said he was pleased with the team’s development in doubles play and particularly with the teamwork of each pair.

“Doubles [have] been a work in progress, but I feel the team members have developed some chemistry amongst each other and have really come together,” White said.

Assistant coach Julie Thad said the players’ mental approach to doubles matches is crucial because of its one-set format.

“It is really important for the doubles players to get a good start, because of the point being the end of the match. We remained dominant throughout our doubles play this time, which has been our weakest point.”

In singles, 51st-ranked Archer breezed to a 6-0, 6-2 victory at singles, and the rest of the Owls followed with straight-set wins. DiSesa at No. 2 and Chong at No. 3 were tested the most, losing four and five total games, respectively, but Chao, Fisher and Goodrich breezed through in the lower half of the order.

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All three of us are really excited,” Goodrich said. “We haven’t experienced a winning team. We have a really good chance this season of finishing higher than we have ever been. Our team is extremely motivated, and we definitely want to win [the WAC Championships].”

For most people, waking up early on a chilly Sunday morning to run 26.2 miles is considered insane. For a few Rice students, however, competing in the HP Houston Marathon or the 13-mile Half Marathon was just another milestone they had always wanted to surpass.

“It had always been one of my life goals,” Hansen junior Mindy Ko, who completed the half marathon, said. “Train in high school and work hard to revive the passion.”

Over 14,000 runners shared that passion Tuesday by competing in the race. After a military jet flewover, the loud blast of a cannon started the race with a bang and sent the competitors scrambling.

The course started in downtown Houston, wound its way through many of Houston’s neighborhoods and passed popular city sites. The race route passed along the campus around mile marker 10, making its way southbound from Main Street and turning onto University Boulevard before passing through West University. For the Rice runners, seeing their classmates supporting them along this stretch was the most memorable part of the race.

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Men's track in the running for WAC title

by Dylan Bedrick

After last year's weight point has totaled 120 in the WAC Indoor Opener, the men's indoor track and field team is making a claim for the WAC indoor conference title—a feat that the Owls have not accomplished since '04, a member of the Southwest Conference.

"We lost last year at the indoor championships by eight points which is six percent out of our total score," head coach Jon Warren Jones said. "We didn't score in the mile, the 1,500-meter run and the 3,000-meter run. This year, we will see significant scores in those events."

Those significant scores will come from the junior Marcel Hewawatte and freshmen Pablo Solares and Steve Magness. Last year, Hewawatte was third in the 3,000-meter run in the Houston Indoor Opener, but finished 12th in the Mountain Athletic Conference indoor championships. Solares and Magness are two highly regarded recruits who excelled in cross-country in the fall. "Runners, to a whole different person," Warren said. "They really have pushed him in the [5,000-meter run] and the [10,000-meter run]. Plus, our freshmen, Pablo Solares in the mile and Steve Magness in the mile and 3,000-meter run, should be pretty big scorers in those events." In addition to the freshmen, seniors Adam Davis, Daniel Pessing and Tommy Oleksy are the three major seniors who have exhausted a final indoor season. "Wiggins, who contributed a conference victory with the University of Houston team, is the most heathy. Also, seniors Ben Oleksy and Ben Walwynback [who have exhausted a final indoor season.]

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"I think we have a chance in [junior] Ryan Walsh stays healthy for the heptathlon and [junior] Brad Butterfield is healthy, we can enter someone with a significant chance to score in every event," Warren said. "If [freshman] T.J. Fairhans is learning to throw the 56-pound shot put and he and [sophomore] Lake Stadel will both throw the discus.

After winning the indoor meet last season, SMU returns as the favorite to repeat their conference victory with the University of Texas-Pan and Boise State in the hunt for the title. Rice will have their first meet of the season tomorrow in the Houston Indoor Opener at the Yeoman Field House on the University of Houston campus.

For more information about the Owls, visit www.riceowls.com or call 713-971-3000.
Young women's track team ready for season

by Dylan Hedrick

Much like the men's team, the women's track and field team will be without its star runners for the indoor season. Because the Owls will be without seniors Allison Beckford and Tanya Wright until the outdoor season begins March 19, the Owls will have to rely on other talent for another title.

"I wouldn't say that we have the weakest team [in the Western Athletic Conference], but we don't have Beckford and Wright [who have exhausted their track eligibility]," women's track and field head coach Victor Lopez said. "The team is very young, and there's some talent there that we expect to come through."

Most of the talent on the team this year will come from Rice's sprinting corps, which earned 64 points in the indoor meet last year.

Senior Keia Watkins and junior Yvonne Umeh will lead the young squad through their experience from last year's indoor championships. Watkins finished fifth in the high jump, will also be back. "We have a bunch of freshmen, and we'll see how they come through making the transition from the high school and college," Lopez said. "Lopez said. "[Derrickson] is looking very good, and we should get a lot of points in that event. In the high jumps, we have a bunch of people doing marginal events so we'll get a lot there."

In the high jumps, Watkins is expecting big results. "They have to work on those two areas," Lopez said. "But we're proud of our kids for just hanging in and didn't rebound very well, and we've got to work on those." McKinney said. "We need to come out and play hard and get our intensity back, since our kids are in very good shape."

"Even though we couldn't put them against a strong University of Nevada team that won the indoor championships before placing second to Rice in the outdoor meet."

"The expectations as a whole are not going to be like in the past, where we didn't have that many good runners in the track and field," Lopez said. "Louisiana Tech runs very well, and Nevada's always very strong. Fresno State [also] has a strong team, and UTSA and SMU are always competing places. We're going to have to have a good team effort to try to win the conference."

THE SPRING BASKETBALL Lady Owls face Nevada tomorrow

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Maynard scored 14 points against the Golden Hurricane, her first consecutive game with at least 10 points. Maynard emphasized the importance of the Lady Owls' consistent intensity against Tulsa. "We've had problems this year getting up, losing a little bit, and then slapping them," Maynard said. "Even though we couldn't put them away, we kept fighting the whole time. We've got to realize that we can't afford to give teams a chance to come back."

Tulsa mounted a second-half rally, shooting an impressive 55 percent from the field, but Rice held on for the win. McKinney praised her team's defensive effort against the hot-shooting Golden Hurricane. "We had some stretches where we didn't shoot very well, and we didn't rebound very well, and we've got to work on those two areas," McKinney said. "But we're proud of our kids for just hanging in and getting some defensive stops when we needed to do it."

The significance of the victory against the Golden Hurricane was not lost on Singleton, especially given the Lady Owls' tenuous position atop the conference standings entering the Tulia contest.

"It was really important to keep us tied for first, and we want to stay tied for first," Singleton said.

McKinney said she hopes her team can build on the win against Tulsa in games against Fresno State last night and Nevada tomorrow. "We need to come out and play hard and get our intensity back, and bring it home helps us to be able to do that," Singleton said.
Deadlines ... Rock on!
Today is the last day to add courses without a fee. It is also the last day to add a course without obtaining the instructor's permission. Finally, if you have the urge to withdraw from Rice or drop your part-time status, today is the last day to do so and still get a 100 percent refund on tuition.

The Rice Wellness Center Grand Opening
Our brand new Wellness Center hosts its grand opening celebration this morning. At 9 a.m. cholesterol screenings will be offered followed by the opening ceremony at 11 a.m. A reception follows and tours of the new facility will be offered. The new center is adjacent to Brown College.

"If I live with my parents after graduation, will I have a curfew?"
Steve Wilson from Texas A&M, Prairie View presents a seminar on "Career Options for Scientists," today at 4 p.m. in the Baker Institute. Information contact Tom Littman at (713) 348-4933.

Better call the Slamdance ... It's the RICE SLAM-OFF!
Tonight the Rice University Poetry Slam Team will host a slam-off at 7 p.m. in Willy's Pub. This slam-off will determine who will represent Rice in the national collegiate poetry slam. Rice's poetry slam team was ranked third nationally last year. Watch the best poets at Rice throw down to see who will qualify to represent the school in regional and national competitions. There is a $1 cover at the door. If you would like to sign up to slam, send an e-mail to cpoetry@rice.edu.

The Shepherd School of Music has announced its fall schedule:
Shepherd Performance
The Shepherd School early music ensemble and Director Henry Meconi present Elisabetha's Delight at 8 p.m. in the Duncan Recital Hall. Admission is free to this evening of English Renaissance poetry and music. For more information, contact Tom Littman at (713) 348-4933.

Rice Media Center
As part of the 11th annual Iranian film festival, the Rice Media Center will be showing Nasser Rejaf's Zoro tonight at 8 p.m. The film is in Persian with English subtitles. Admission is $5 for students. The festival continues through next Friday. For more information go to http://ricemedia.rice.edu.

What is the definition of endless love? Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder playing tennis.
The Rice men's and women's tennis teams will host Tennis Fan Fest 2004 starting at 8 p.m. tonight at Jack Heus Tennis Stadium. There will be a free clinic for children and games for all ages. Additionally, there will be an exhibition play from members of the team and a fastest serve contest. Activities will conclude at 10 p.m. with the auctioning off of four players for beneﬁts.

SATURDAY: 24
Hey Nevada! Your mom called! What'd she say? She said you suck!
The Rice Lady Owls take on the University of Nevada tonight at 7 p.m. at Autry Court. Come watch the Lady Owls dominate!

MONDAY: 26
Fun things to do while giving blood: When they're not looking, substitute a bag of orange liquid and complain they gave you too much Tang. Come give blood in the Rice Student Volunteer Program blood drive today! The drive will be held today and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Student Center. For more information visit http://rice.givesblood.org.

TUESDAY: 27
Songs and Arias
The undergraduate voice students of the Shepherd School will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall. Admission is free. For more information contact Tom Littman at (713) 348-4933.

Faculty Recital
A Faculty recital featuring Laura Price on violin and Jiri Kuras on piano and the Enso String Quartet will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. Admission is free. For more information, contact Tom Littman at (713) 348-4933.

WEDNESDAY: 28
Fun things to do while giving blood: Eat all the free cookies you can.
In case you couldn't come Monday, your last chance to give blood at the RSVB blood drive is today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Student Center. Come by and give blood. It's time to stop assuming the plate for you and pinch hint. Hit a home run by donating some blood!

Why did the chicken cross the court? Because it heard the referee was blowing fouls.
The Rice Owls take on the University of Hawaii Rainbow Warriors tonight at 7:05 p.m. at Autry Court. Come out and cheer on the Owls as we luck some more WAC too.

THURSDAY: 29
Coffee Talk
The monthly Baker Institute Student Forum Coffee Talk will be at 4 p.m. today in the Baker Hall Commons. Speaker Lewis, the head of the International China Project, will be taking questions from students about Sino-American relations and Chinese politics. For questions or information, contact the forum office tonight.

Opera is when a guy gets stabbed in the back and instead of bleeding profusely, he sings.
The Shepherd School Opera presents an evening of scenes from opera and musical theater tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in the Wortham Opera Theatre inside Alice Pratt Brown Hall. Admission is free.

I Want YOU to write for the Thresher
**The State of the Backpage Address**

President Gillis, President-elect Leebon (Bron-bron!), distinguished readers, and fellow students, the Backpage this evening is a half-page called to great responsibilities. (Applause)

As we gather tonight, the students of Rice University are engaged across the campus in the war on ignorance. By studying and attending classes at least occasionally, they are bringing mounds and mounds of knowledge, some useless, some vaguer applicable to a future profession, into their cramped little brains. (Applause)

But this task is not without risks. Every day, the dangers of hand cramps, eye strain and fatigue of the utmost extremity assault these noble students while they strive to achieve their holy quest against the evil of ignorance. This evil, which threatens to corrupt the minds of our youth, in its most rancid form, has attacked the Ricean way of life, and we must strike back. (Applause from S/E only) Only with the help of our sister universities, Harvard, Stanford, MIT, Harvey-Mudd, Andover, the Backpage this evening tells us that every day, the dangers of hand cramps, eye strain and fatigue of the utmost extremity assault these noble students while they strive to achieve their holy quest against the evil of ignorance. This evil, which threatens to corrupt the minds of our youth, in its most rancid form, has attacked the Ricean way of life, and we must strike back. (Applause from S/E only)

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We will not be intimidated. We will not surrender. We will not hesitate to take the full blunt of our forces. We will not hesitate to employ our Weapons of Math Instruction in the quest to eliminate this evil from the face of the earth. (More applause from the dams S/E)

There is another danger which threatens the Ricean way of life: the marriage, of course, and tampering with this balance can only lead to an unforthcoming disaster. (Raged applause and a wave of flowers bided by a hiss from Academs)

My fellow Owls, the state of the Backpage is strong. Our politics may be considered to be comparable to that of a mentally retarded chimpanzee, our sense of humor may be crude and juvenile, and our grooves may be slipping due to hours upon hours devoted to playing video games, but we are in no danger of being taken out of the Backpage unless we do something stupid that we get rusticated for it. The Backpage is strong, and it is time for us to face the challenges of the new semester. And remember, its pronounced "mukula."

"The state of the Classifieds is unreportably capitalist."

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DUPLEX (SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS). Master bedroom. Suite include contractor coordination, architect construction technology, or similar background and knowledge of Spanish is helpful. This job is a good opportunity to get construction coordination experience. Must be well organized, energetic, self-directed and have transportation and e-mail. $15,000 plus plus, depending on qualifications. Send resume of applicable experience and your current class schedule to apoggy@msn.com. (Office)

RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS needed. The Jones School of Management is seeking volunteers who are fluent in English with normal or corrected to normal vision to participate in studies related to development of a computer task for measuring social and market phenomenological. The task takes about 10 minutes to complete. For more information, please e-mail research@wonderspace.com (preferred), or call (713) 348-3014.

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