Committee to consider alcohol policy changes

by Katherine Corley

Proposed changes to the Alcoholic Beverage Policy could be instituted as soon as March. Alcohol Beverage Policy Advisory Committee Chair Steve Cox said ABPAC will consider the changes at its next meeting.

The most significant proposed change would require each college to create a set of college-specific rules for what constitutes public and private space.

"The proposal is such that, given the fact that each college has its unique history, traditions and architecture, it might be wise to ask individual colleges to put together a review board of what they believe constitutes a private party under the alcohol policy," Cox, a Sid Richardson College master, said. "The goal is to balance the interests of colleges, what constitutes a private party.

In 1987, the University Senate adopted a policy stating that private parties must be approved by the SA at large. Developers of the Student Association General Elections ballot requiring that the office of the SA president be held by a single person. The senate voted on the proposed amendment at its meeting Monday, and the amendment did not pass, but the senate did decide to vote again on the issue because two senators were not present.

Following the votes of the 22 members voting in favor of the amendment, this total was one vote short of the four-fifths supermajority required to place it on the ballot for approval by the SA at large. In a roll-call vote, three college sena-tors—Sid Richardson College senator Marshall Agnew, Jr., and me Hall co-senator Ian Fverhart—voted against placing the amendment on the ballot. Voting members of the senate are the SA president, the nine college sena-tors, the four college presidents; and the nine college sena-tors. SA co-presidents Bryan Debbink and Leggett are the SA president.

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We appreciate that the Alcohol Policy changes being considered by the Alcoholic Beverage Policy Advisory Committee are, in theory, a good idea. (See Story, Page 1.) Current definitions of public and private space are ambiguous and some degree of clarification would benefit students, the Rice University Police Department and other members of the Rice community.

However, we worry that the changes will involve too many observations from previous policy review committees to constitute an improvement over the current situation. We fear college-specific definitions of public and private space will be poorly understood and, thus, poorly honored by students. And the same may hold true for RUPD officers, who enforce the current policy but who do not seem to have mastered an understanding of it. RUPD’s institutional memory may be too short for complex regulations to be effective.

We hope that any clarifications will be kept as simple and possible as will be disseminated widely so that they help rather than hinder.

Of course, differing definitions between colleges is not the only problem with the Alcohol Policy. While ABPC is considering changes to the Rice Thresher, the alcohol policy also looks into the efficiency of the enforcement of the rules. It often seems that the policy is unevenly and arbitrarily implemented on a case-by-case basis by those who enforce it, and we hope ABPC will make an effort to do something about that.

We are open to hearing your comments on the Alcohol Policy. Speak to your college president and chief justices to let them know what you like and do not like (either a president or a chief justice represents all college of ABPC). Similarly, we hope that presidents and chief justices will seek out students at their colleges. As with any major issue debated on this campus, the broader the input, the better. It ensures the new policy will be well supported, which in turn will ensure that it is generally followed.

Amendments to the United States Constitution are not directly voted on by the general public. That’s a good thing: the public is irrational and so large that truly informing a decent number of the them about a critically important issue is impossible. But Rice students are not irrational, nor are they very numerous. They should be trusted to choose whether to add an amendment to the Student Association Constitution banning co-presidents.

A motion to include an amendment limiting the office of SA president to a single individual on the General Elections ballot fell short by one vote in the SA Senate. Moslander partially due to two absentees. (See Story, Page 1.) The senate should pass the motion when it votes again next week; the issue of whether co-presidents should be allowed is one that affects the entire student body, and the entire student body should decide on it.

Scene wish to leave the question up to the senate and not the student body—probably not because they think Rice students are irrational, but instead because they probably think the average Rice student is uninformed about the pros and cons of having co-presidents. But at a small school, there is plenty of opportunity to educate a sizable portion of constituents. If the SA puts its mind to it, it can generate interest in the issue and draw a reasonably large and well-informed voter pool. For example, publicity of last spring’s proposed Honor Council changes drew intense debate and a high turnout. It is selfish of members of the senate to attempt to keep the co-president question under wraps. An open and informed vote is the best way to resolve this critical debate.

The tree house in the academic quad is just the kind of thing that gives Rice its distinctive character. (See Story, Page 1.) It’s fun and creative, and it is a part of Rice’s cultural preservation. It’s too simple to say that the reason people have never been across Highway 209 in between. At least, the tree house makes Rice students feel like they are “in the mainstream.”

Yet in Turkey, where more than 99 percent of the population is Muslim, wearing a hijab is prohibited in government offices and in any public school (including universities). Is Turkey targeting a Turkish religion? No, Turkey is a secular country, and this is what secularism suggests. Secularism, by definition, prohibits its exhibition of religious symbols in public areas. This is not to put pressure on any religious group, but rather to protect people against discrimination.

We need to keep that in mind when discussing local issues. The issue to discuss, if there is any, is whether secularism is a good doctrine or not, whether symbols of any religion can be worn in public schools in a secular country.

Let’s try again.
Lessons in risk-taking from children

We play the game.

One factor was ranked higher than I expected it (analog: tripped). Thirty percent of college admissions consider a student’s “demonstrated interest” in the school to be moderately or considerably important, interest ranks above subject tests (Advanced Placement, ACT, SAT), and is considered a Baccalaureate, SAT, among other factors.

The trend is accentuated among colleges that accept fewer than 50 percent of their applicants. Ninety percent of such colleges assign “considerable” or “moderate” importance to demonstrated interest, while only 57 percent of less selective colleges do likewise.

Just like the postgraduate job and summer internship market, this desire for specific interest leads to plentiful BS-ing. Even if a kid finds a school that is a great fit for him or her, he will usually need to do some research to demonstrate that interest.

For example, I have friends who did award-winning research at their high school. If I were applying to schools where the important criterion was research, I would mention my research endeavors on my application. I would not want to overlook any opportunity to demonstrate interest in a particular school.

But demonstrating interest also too highly sends the wrong message to high school students (who are less likely than college students to shrug off such a message). You must have a fairly specific long-term plan to be worthy of a good college. I have found that a reasonably competitive college admissions environment requires that you actually matter if you cannot force yourself to show up at a job.

Just be sure to lead with something unselfish — similarity and interest decisions on where to go based upon similarly unhealthy decisions on where to earn are equally detrimental. And that’s not what a college search should be like, it should be broad, bold and self-discovering.

Gaining high value to interest is invaluable only if the early job market and its utilitarian, silly and dangerous capriciousness has been your only tool.

Just let kids be kids — imperative. College is an opportunity for those who are perfectly capable of figuring out their lives later.

Getting paid to tell stories

A love of reading got me a job that I love, but reading is not what got me into college. Attending Montessori Country Day School, they call me “Ms. Nishita,” and think I am one of their teachers, but I am not.

They are teaching me.

I remember the excitement about going to my own classes, instead of trying to figure out which days I can strategically skip. Back at my apartment, I find myself actually enjoying the stories — even some of the optional pages. I have even been known to do some of the work. No, I tend to read them as well.

I rarely recognize myself. But I remember doing homework assignments. I remember hard work at the same time at which I know I could succeed or surpass others. I tried to study so hard, and I still do, even if I’m not trying.

Some days I have told what I know, but I have of course believed it. The whole point of studying is learning, right? Or, at least, that’s how I’ve come to realize it.

They have shown me what I have missed by shutting myself out of the stories. They have taught me that no matter what I do, I can always do better. And I have gotten taught by them.

They don’t care if I’m not good at basketball — they just want me to play them. If I made a mistake, they help me correct it; they don’t give me an excuse for why I did not do better. And they have taught me how much everything is connected.

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I never actually fell in love with a school. I do love Rice now, but for reasons I could never have anticipated or expressed when I was 17.
CBS struck at its principles. It said it won't air "issue" ads during Sunday's Super Bowl, and they re-
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world don't hold back, letting their liberal anger spew forth like a drunken frat boy hugging a toilet.
MoveOn members chose their favorite submissions and a celebrity panel, which included musician Moby and actor Jack Black, picked a winner from those voted into the top 1,500 submissions, 1,000 of which are currently viewable at the organizations' website, http://www.bushin30seconds.com.

The Baker Institute for Public Policy is seeking applicants for its new Washington DC summer internship program. The program will provide stipends sufficient to support Rice undergraduates conducting policy-making research at government agencies and private think tanks and NGOs in DC in summer 2004. Those accepted must participate in two policy and global affairs seminars with their peers (with 3 credit hours for non-graduating undergraduates, pending approval of university administration). Applicants are responsible for establishing internships and residency in DC, with assistance by the Baker Institute when appropriate. Interested students should send the following materials by Feb. 14 to Steven Lewis, Washington internships committee, Baker Institute, MS-49.

1. A letter of application with your campus and home background, your most number one and two, and what you hope to gain from the internship.
2. A short essay of no more than 600 words describing your career goals, your internship plans, and how they relate to the mission and policy research of the Baker Institute.
3. A resume.
4. An official transcript.
5. A letter of recommendation from an individual who can discuss your ability to conduct policy research.

Questions should be addressed to swl@rice.edu
New Jones RA resigns from position

by Lisa Gordon

Melanie Thomas, a chemistry professor, has resigned her position as a resident assistant in Jones for personal reasons. In November, the Jones search committee chose Thomas and her husband Rob to replace current RA J.J. Rosas when his term ends at the end of the academic year. Thomas informed RA search committee chair Rachel Whitmire of her decision to resign Jan. 10.

The Thomases were to become RAs at the end of the school year and move into Jones in July. Whitmire, a junior, said, "Thomas said she regrets being unable to fulfill the position next year. "We're sad because we were really looking forward to doing it, but we're confident that they'll be able to find somebody else who can do it that will be, hopefully, just as excited about it as we were."

Thoms said. Thomas said she intends to remain a Jones associate and may apply for an RA position in the future. Jones College President Reed Macy said Thomas's decision to resign was a loss to Jones because of her "students' extraordinary personalities, interest in helping students and an open-door policy."

"I completely support her decision because I understand there are personal circumstances," Whitmire said. "It does upset me because they're absolutely amazing candidates, and we were really excited about having them as our new RAs."

Whitmire said the RA selection committee has been reconstituted and will review the application process to anyone who wants to apply. She said finalists from the fall search will also be contacted about applying again.

Whitmire said the committee looked into two to three months to select the Thomases as RAs in the fall. Though the committee has less time now, she said, the committee will not rush the search process.

"What's most important in this decision is what's best for Jones — what's best for us as a college, and however long it takes to make that decision is going to be what it takes," Whitmire said. "We're not going to rush through anything just for the sake of getting through it."

Jones Master Robin Forman said he is certain the committee will be able to find another person suitable for the job.

"I believe that in many ways the RA position is more important to college than ever before," Forman, chair of the mathematics department, said. "The term is longer, and the RA actually lives in the college with the students, so it's hard to be a really good RA — someone with the potential to be a great RA. I'm confident that we will find someone who will be great in the job."
Air quality sign in RMC

by Audrey Walstrom

The Rice Speech and Debate team found success at the United States Air Force Academy Forensics Classic Jan. 12-13, taking third place overall with 42 individual speaking event competitors representing 33 colleges participating in the tournament, which was held at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Transfers and four debate awards contributed to the Rice speech team's success.

Assistant Director of Forensics Jerome Garcia said the tournament was the third biggest in the country in terms of number of teams and skill of competitors. Rice's strong finish against nationally-ranked teams is a pressing sign for future success this year, he said.

Director of Forensics David Worth was also pleased with the team's performance.

"It means we have another strong showing on the national stage," Worth said. "It signifies retaining a certain level of national competition."

Dr. of Humanities Gary Wilk said the team's recent performance is a continuation of its tradition at Rice.

"Under Coach Nowak, the team is on a winning streak, and the team is now widely recognized by Rice in the national debate circuit."

Rice teams will qualify for the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament, to be held in California State Long Beach April 25. Rice debaters will also compete at the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship at California State-Northridge April 17.

Worth said the team's success is a result of the strong history at Rice, close cooperation between team members, a strong coaching staff, natural talent and dedication.

"We've already got some names of people who sound like they're going to be great potential candidates," Friedberg said. "We've already had emails from different campuses.

Villard said she and Camp will miss living at the college but plan to stay involved however they can as associates in part because of the impact of the two years she and Camp have lived at the college. She said:

"It's a good environment. It's been really good at doing creative things and appreciating and valuing making.

"We want them to be able to meet the college before they move in so it's not so much of a shock."
**OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS SEEK SUPER PROFIT**

**by Catherine Adcock**

Students might be surprised to know that renting out their on-camp-Us rooms for $1,250 during the Super Bowl weekend could earn them up to $2,500. The move has even made them household names on campus.

By the time Super Bowl XLII kicked off on Sunday, Feb. 4, these students were already an internet sensation. The students, who are known as members of the "Bowlgans," are renting their on-campus rooms for up to $2,500 for the Super Bowl weekend.

The move has sparked debate among students and faculty alike. Some argue that renting out rooms during major events like the Super Bowl is a violation of the on-campus housing agreement, while others believe it is a way to make money and take advantage of the high demand.

Leggett said he and Debbink concluded those two provisions in the on-campus housing agreement should be passed on to the entire SA, not only the voting members in the senate, should make the decision. "It's pretty clear that letting someone unapproved live in the college, that's an intolerable security risk for the college," he said.

In response to the concern that making decisions and interacting with us are going to make it work," Leggett said. "Having served with co-presidents, we recognize the pluses and minuses of such an arrangement and feel that the student body should be able to weigh in on the issue," Barcelo, a junior, said.

Brown College President Kathleen Wilunts agreed that the entire SA, not only the voting members of the senate, should make the decision. "It's important to recognize that the student body should have the chance to consider the issues because the number of voting members in the senate is small," Milazzo said.

"There are some hard issues I'm comfortable just voting on and having the voting members of the SA decide on but something like this that has an impact on students' lives I think they should have a chance to vote on."

Leggett and Debbink asked members of the senate to vote based on whether their co-presidents should be allowed or whether the decision should be passed on to the entire SA. However, they decided to vote in favor of placing the amendment on the ballot. He said the votes of the senate will send a message to students about senior members' positions on the issue, and therefore senior members should vote based on those positions rather than on the narrower issue of placing the amendment on the ballot.

"We asked the senate to vote on whether or not notices to senior members should be allowed and whether or not they should go before students," Leggett said. "That's how we're viewing their vote."

Milazzo agreed senior members were unsure whether they should vote based on whether they thought co-presidents should be allowed or whether the decision should be passed on to the entire SA. However, she said she decided to vote in favor of placing the amendment on the ballot because she believes students should be able to vote.

"It was a difficult thing to decide, even if we were voting on it. Milazzo said. "We're voting right now, the rights to write or to give our names on a personal opinion on the issue? We took it as deciding to give students the right to write, not to vote, and in that vote, that vote takes place, that's where I'll express my personal opinion just like any other student would."

Debbink said he thinks it is appropriate for the senate to vote on the issue again given the level of support for placing the amendment on the ballot.

"With something that piques the interest of the senate so much I say by one vote with two senior members present—that's the worst way to kill something," Debbink said.

A constitutional amendment to limit the SA presidency to a single person was last considered in October 2001. Due to a procedural error, the senate voted on the change itself rather than on whether to make the change to the Homecoming Elections ballot for the upcoming undergraduate student body. Eleven senate members voted for the amendment and 14 against it. The current SA co-presidents, Janis Luger (Hansen '02) and Tanis Parks (Martel '02), broke the tie by voting against the change.

The senate will vote again at its meeting Monday on whether the amendment should appear on the General Elections ballot. A constitutional amendment requires support by at least 75 percent majority of the SA at large, with at least 20 percent of the student voting.

Leggett said he hopes if the amendment is placed on the ballot, students will be informed about the issue and vote on it. "Think the worst thing that could happen is the seniors approve and not enough students vote in," Leggett said.

AMENDMENT, from Page 1

**Senates to vote Monday on proposal**

**by Catherine Adcock**

The 2003-'04 On-Campus Housing Agreement states in Section 5a, "This agreement may not be assigned or sublet, in whole or in part... except with written approval of the executive committee members.

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"If you are pursuing a degree in:

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- Mechanical Engineering
- Aerospace Engineering
- Electrical/Computer Engineering
- Electrical/Systems Engineering
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Biochemistry
- Biotechnology
- Microbiology
- Materials Science
- Aeronautics/Sciences
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Aesthetic location and treehouse worry some

Thresher News:

Still waiting for the Gillis Bobblehead

The Bahá'í Faith

Uniting your world ... one heart at a time

Patrons, from Page 1

May said the Texas' facility offers local privacy, a flat field and good security.

Patrot's coach Bill Bellchick said at a press conference Wednesday that the team would have to get used to practicing inside. "We're going to work indoors (Wednesday), so that will be just a little bit of an adjustment for us," Bellchick said.

May said he is sorry to see the Patriots go. "We were enjoying having them," May said.

The departure of the Patriots from the Rice camps will not affect the on-campus security precautions that began today.

Rice University Police will screen entry to the camps today until 10 p.m. Sunday. Officers posted at the limited open entrances will allow vehicles with Rice parking permits to pass through as long as possible, but drivers entering camp will likely encounter wait, May said.

Today, the open entrances will be at University Blvd. at St. John's UU, Stockton St. at 11th (Rice Blvd. at Shepherd St.) and 13th (Rice Blvd. at Shepherd St.), the latter serving only as an entrance and not an exit Saturday. Entrances 8 and 11 will be open, and Sunday all vehicles must go through Entrance 8.

Weekend rain blamed for field conditions

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State of the University

Student Association co-presidents Michael Leggett and Bryan Debink give their State of the University address at the Lovett College Central Committee Tuesday night.

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Students love to complain about the quality of food on campus, but probably think about how it compares to food in the past — or how it compares to food in neighboring institutions with diverse popualtions.

"The real beginning was seven years ago," Housing and Dining Director Mark Ditman said. "If you look seven years ago versus what it is now, it's radically different. It doesn't resemble the old type of service at all.

Food Quality

"I was a master from 1976-1981, and the concept of the service at the Hitchcock College (previously known as the Rice Rice Cafe) was really good good salad bowl about the size of a punch bowl, and when it was gone, it was gone." Ditman said. "The problem was that increases were not tied to changes in key input factors, such as labor, food, or distribution. Obviously, if you change the price of the plan to support student preferences, you have to change the price of the plan, which is what we did.

The Future

"Hanszen College took over the new Wiess College Commons for the 2001-02 school year while its new commons was constructed.

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Rice students infuse talent and energy with poetry

Striking costumes and dynamic sets mark this ‘Jenufa’

Christina Frangos
FOR THE THRESHER

The Houston Grand Opera's production of Leos Janacek's 'Jenufa' offers austere settings, contemporary costumes and rich musical performances in a powerful rendition of the 1901 story of love and violence. Based on the play 'Her Stepdaughter' by Czech author Gabriela Preissova, Janacek's opera tells the tragic story of Jenufa, whose illegitimate pregnancy drives the plot.

Jenufa

Houston Grand Opera Rating: ★★★★ out of five

Weintraub Center's Brown Theater
Jan. 31, Feb. 4 and 7: 7:30 p.m.
Tickets starting at $24.

Jenufa is the stepdaughter of Kostelnick, the revered village sage who prays that Jenufa's lover Steva will marry her before her pregnancy becomes known. Meanwhile, Steva's brother Laca truly loves Jenufa. Vulnerable Jenufa leaves her future hopes of marriage and motherhood in the hands of her stepfather, but the audience might wonder whether Kostelnick is acting in the best interest of Jenufa or attempting to maintain his own position of power within his village. This gritty opera poses questions regarding those holding social service offices in our own era. Do they make decisions for the betterment of the populace, or for their own interests?

In the Houston Grand Opera's production of this 20th-century opera, Janacek's rustic Moraik setting becomes an industrial Anytown, making the opera applicable to everyone. The simple sets, designed by Charles Edwards, starkly contrast with the ornate backdrops for the earlier production of Puccini's 'Tosca.'

In Act I, the small shops and houses of bucolic Czechoslovakia become a blinding backdrop, a work table and a simple act. Act I and II are both set in an evocative representation of the Kostelnick's house. The upward slanting floor and the downward angled walls give the set a sinister feel. Black wallpaper covers all but the rickety, boarded window and the door to the outside, while a single ceiling lamp casts yellow light reminiscent of a stuffy school classroom. The shabbily empty backdrop of the first act and the thinly simplicity of Kostelnick's house, the actors onstage appear much more the center of the opera.

The lighting is particularly stunning in this David Mild production. The lighting artists make use of bright lights focused through horseshoe-shaped gels and heroic blasts to achieve the dramatic effect. The audience is forced to wonder whether the grimness of the set and the lighting enter fully into the lives and the musical performances of the characters.

Current National Poetry Slam champion Mike McGee performed at Willy's Pub Friday Night.

Underneath immediately attracted Bor's piece about being loved "underneath it all."

All four poets and an alternate will be attending the National Finals in Berkeley, California this spring. Last year Rice took third place, and if Friday's performance was any indication, another strong showing is in the cards.
Blood lines cross in this taut urban drama 'Top dog/Underdog'

Elizabeth Mims

Struggling between love and hate, brothers Lincoln and Booth (David Rainey and Booth E. Todd Freeman), whose lives cross in this taut urban drama 'Top dog/Underdog', have found themselves caught between the two. While Lincoln has grown less profitable and a former con artist who cleaned up his act, fights with his street hustler brother Booth (K. Todd Freeman) in Top dog/Underdog.

The play's characters, who Parks mockingly names Lincoln (David Rainey) and Booth (E. Todd Freeman), come by with income from their respective hustles: Lincoln as an underground Abraham Lincoln impersonator and Booth as a talented street thief. Even though they live together in a meager studio apartment, they are unable to cover their bills for running water or a phone line. Booth soon grows impatient with their 'day jobs', and finds ungodly enjoyment in helping to unravel the skills of a street hustler. However, Booth fails in most of his attempts to solve the riddles of the street, and turns to time travel to solve his problems in the past.

The structure that resulted from his previous life on the street keeps Lincoln from relapsing into an easy habit of old ways. But the pressure of easy money begins to tempt Lincoln's soul, especially as his day job grows less profitable and alcoholism begins to take the best of his conscience. And as Booth's pressure on Lincoln heightens, so too does the tension between the two brothers.

Midway through the play, skeletons erupt from the doors of their broken home's past. The script becomes increasingly less humorous, taking on a piercing, vengeful tone. Near the close of the performances, Lincoln says to Booth: "I didn't know this shit went so deep with you." The subtlety of these sibling rivalries reaches the ultimate depth that brings about their fore- shadowed fates.

Park's rightfully won the Pulitzer Prize for drama, the first African American woman to win this category. And a Tony Award for the play in 2002. Like many of her other works, Top dog/Underdog speaks of an unfolding event in a disturbing way asking them to consider the legacy of America race relations that linger in society.

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Kutcher fails to save 'Butterfly Effect'

Mike Mathews

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Strong leads add to opera's success

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The ambiguity of the setting in *Jenufa* is enhanced by the costuming which comes from virtually every decade of the 20th century, again emphasizing the timeless nature of the story. To counter the bleakness of the set, the costumes add an element of humor to the production. Some villagers sport mini skirts, go-go boots and kimonos, while others seem to have come from a '50s diner. Respectable mid-calf dresses and suits of the '40s bedeck many cast members. Steva himself dresses and suits of the '50s and '60s. The costumes accentuate the bleakness of the set, the costumes, the nature of the story. To counter the anachronistic set and costuming, the orchestra felt solid and, for the most part, secure.

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Soprano Patricia Racette gave an impassioned performance in the lead role of Jenufa, sung by soprano Catherine Malahizo, clearly presented the most effective female performance. Her voice was heard in the upper registers and was just as powerful in the lower reaches of her vocal range. Raymond Vassy's Steva was a strong, rich tenor who deserves recognition. Stefano Margiotta, as HGO debut as Laca, sung like the faithful character he portrayed. His sweet voice and sympathetic duets with Steva stirred the audience into unimagined applause at the opera's conclusion.

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The Owls got a defensive boost from the defense, as Rice scored 16 steals, junior forward Joan McKrieth scored eight points and made four steals during the run following the timeout to key our outing," head coach Victor Lopez said. "I saw a lot of good things, but there were some mistakes that we have been training for that a lot of years.

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"It's a credit to the guys to be able to play without him," Wilson said. "We really count on him. But we also really count on our backcourt — that's why we do the doubles, to get the point." — Tony Haele, Sophomore tennis player

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Lady Owls ride west with home-court momentum

by Amber Ostermeyer

Freshman Devon Fanfair, a Western Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week nominee, won the triple jump in his first collegiate meet. Fanfair placed third with a time of 15.54.65 in the 900-meter run, which was won by Nevada junior Adam Davis in 1:52.91.

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Larry Izzo: hungry for another ring

Most of the New England Patriots practicing at Rice Monday in preparation for Super Bowl XXXVI were on unfamiliar territory. For Patriots linebacker Larry Izzo (Sid '02), it was a return to old stomping grounds.

"How many guys get the chance to take their team to their old college and say, 'hey, this is where I used to play, and this is where I used to live when I was a freshman?'" Izzo said. "How many guys get to play tour guide for their teammates at the Super Bowl? This is not something I ever imagined happening, especially when I was at Rice."

Izzo was so appreciative of how his career has brought him back to its inception.

"I was just sitting in the [Rice Stadium] weight room, getting a little lift in, and when [Rice people] came in, it was just surreal," Izzo said. "Yeah, I've sort of come full circle — going back to the place where things really started for me."

Izzo is in his seventh NFL season and third with the Patriots. He played in two Pro Bowls and has already won a Super Bowl championship ring with the Packers in the Super Bowl XXXVI. Like many Rice athletes in professional sports, however, Izzo did not have an easy road to the NFL.

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Izzo's career was a testament to the qualities that then-Miami Dolphins head coach Don Shula was looking for when he signed Izzo as a free agent in 1996. Although Izzo entered camp as an undrafted free agent, he was the first of a wave of Rice players that year. According to reports, Izzo received offers from such notable non-Pro Bowl linebacker Zach Thomas. Izzo has since proven that size is not the only factor in success in an NFL environment.

"I think I'm available to people out there who like my style of football players," Izzo said. "I don't fit the prototype linebacker's size, but I feel I can be as capable as anyone at producing on the field. I think the media puts more of the stereotypes out there. But when you look around the league and see the top outside linebackers, they look at production — this is a production business."

Izzo played four seasons for the Dolphins between 1996 and 2000, missing the 1996 season with a knee injury, before becoming a free agent and heading to rival New England. In his first season with the Patriots, New England won the Super Bowl, and Izzo was selected to his second Pro Bowl. He was also selected to the Patriots' special teams captain, an honor he still holds.

Izzo's Pro Bowl trip, however, was not the only printed powersion Izzo received in 2002. After many years as a part-time student and part-time athlete, Izzo was awarded his Rice degree and crossed the stage at commencement in May 2002. Several of Izzo's former Rice teammates also graduated that year, including current Philadelphia Eagles defensive end and N.D. Kalu (Baker '02) and 1991 Doak Walker Award (nation's top running back) winner Trevor Cobb (Jones '99).

"I regretted not being able to finish up sooner, but I wanted that degree, and it was important to myself and my family to get it done," Izzo said. "Fortunately in the offseason, I was able to take some correspondence classes and graduate. I think I'm a good friend of mine, and Trevor and Cobb, when I was our star running back."

It was a great experience to all walk on the same day.

If the Patriots win Sunday, Izzo will carry his second championship ring, but regardless of the result, a more important event awaits later in February. In three weeks, Izzo and family members are scheduled to marry in Houston.

This has also been a season of sadness for Izzo, however. On Oct. 25, one day before he was scheduled to take the field against the Cleveland Browns in his 10th NFL game, his father Larry died after a long battle with cancer. Izzo flew home to be with his father, a United States Armed Forces veteran, during his final hours before returning to New England to play the next day.

"There was no question that losing my dad the day before the Cleveland game was tough, but there was no doubt that I was going to play," Izzo said. "That was what he would've wanted. He would have been disappointed if I didn't play. My career has always been very important to him and my family, so for me not to play in that game was not even an option."

Izzo enjoyed relaxed events earlier this week before returning to a full practice schedule Wednesday. He hopes to help lead the Patriots to a 15th consecutive win Sunday.

"I can remember being four years old and playing football in the backyard with my dad and brothers and dreaming of playing in the Super Bowl," Izzo said. "But to do it here, in my hometown, is something that I don't think I could've ever imagined as being possible."

Larry Izzo (Sid '02) pretends to eat a lizard at a 2002 NFL Draft party. (No animals were harmed in the shooting of this photo.)

Izzo has enjoyed his time at Rice University, both on and off the field. "I'm not concerned about it at all," Izzo said. "I had a legitimate opportunity with a supplemental contract and, unfortunately, I went out and had an injury. That there are no repercussions from that, and it was what it was..."
Wilson shows thanks to students in e-mail

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hit on 25 of 24 free-throw attempts, while the Rainbows were 8-for-8 from the line. Senior point guard Rashid Bashir nailed the key score by hitting all eight of his free throws.

"You gave us the home court advantage..." — Willis Wilson

When we're playing a close ball game, every little thing counts, so you have to take advantage," Smith, who also had seven assists, added. "A free throw misses here, a free throw misses there and before you know it, you've gone from up one or two to down one or two. You just get to take advantage of all those opportunities and make them when they count, especially in close ball games.

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Senior Analee Goodrich breezed at No. 1 singles, while Chao and junior Erika Villalobos each recorded 62, 63 victories. Forced inside by the rainy weather, the team did not have time to play doubles.

The Owls went on to dominate again against the Rainbows, breezing to the doubles point by a combined 6-2 margin. Archer and DiSesa teamed up at No. 2 doubles, with Chao and junior Trace Chong at No. 2, and Fisher and Goodrich finishing at No. 3. In singles, Chong, Goodrich and sophomore Melissa Back cashed in on three points by sweeping their respective matches without dropping a game. Archer, DiSesa and Fisher also recorded easy victories over their respective opponents.

"We went out there and showed no mercy," DiSesa said. "All the wins were pretty much extremely decisive, which is good to see. Hopefully, this will carry over to next weekend when we play tougher teams."

"The girls definitely have the talent to make things happen," White said. "They completed two dual matches this week in a four-hour time span, which is amazing. It is like playing two football games or basketball games in four hours. We're looking to be aggressive and to come in and take advantage of all the opportunities that we create."

Head coach Roger White said the team's impressive performance last weekend bodes well for the tournament tomorrow and Sunday.

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Track from Jan 23.

Reeve placed 10th in 5:22.12.

"I think Rate was a bit disappointed," Lopez said. "That's not her main event. We're noting that as preparation for her 5,000-meter run. I think that in her main event, she is going to be afactor — and just in the conference, but in nationals..."

Sophomore Nina Myers is already looking in midseason form, as she posted a 7.65 time in the 60-meter dash. Myers' best time from last year's indoor season was a 7.48 in the conference indoor championships. Junior Yvonne Umeh finished four places and 0.09 seconds behind Myers' sixth-place finish with a time of 7.65. Umeh also competed in the 200-meter dash, running the lap in 25.60 and placing ninth. Sophomore Fani Jimoh took seventh place in the event by crossing the line in 25.31.

In the high jump, Jimoh tied for second place by clearing 5-4 1/2. Jimoh was also Rice's top finisher in the 60-meter hurdles, as she took 13th place in 9.01. Freshman Jasmine Davis earned 14th place in 9.15.

Rice's distance medley relay crew of seniors Shannon Murto, Keri Watkins and Megan Smith and sophomore Lauren Murphy dropped the 16 seconds from last week's time to 12:26.31 in a second-place finish.

Rice will now take this weekend off before returning to Yeoman Fieldhouse Feb. 7 for the Houston Indoor Invitational. With the week off, Murphy knows it means another week of hard work to prepare for the next competition.

"When we have a meet, we usually take it eaay a couple of days before, so we have fresh legs," Murphy said. "I expect now to be more prepared for a week."

Rice scored 20 points behind the performance of three players, including Woods, Pettis and Legans.

Legans scored the most points for the Owls, with 12 points.

Pettis and Woods scored the same number of points, with 10 points each.

Legans had the most rebounds for the Owls, with 7 rebounds.

Pettis and Woods had the same number of rebounds, with 6 rebounds each.

Legans had the most assists for the Owls, with 7 assists.

Pettis and Woods had the same number of assists, with 6 assists each.

Legans had the most steals for the Owls, with 1 steal.

Pettis and Woods had the same number of steals, with 3 steals each.

Legans had the most blocks for the Owls, with 2 blocks.

Pettis and Woods had the same number of blocks, with 1 block each.

Legans had the most turnovers for the Owls, with 3 turnovers.

Pettis and Woods had the same number of turnovers, with 2 turnovers each.

Legans had the most personal fouls for the Owls, with 2 personal fouls.

Pettis and Woods had the same number of personal fouls, with 1 personal foul each.

Legans had the most minutes played for the Owls, with 25 minutes played.

Pettis and Woods had the same number of minutes played, with 20 minutes played each.

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Rice counts down to Super Sunday

Though Rice is not hosting Super Bowl XXXVIII as it did 30 years ago, the Rice community has still been actively involved in the pre-game festivities.

Above Left: Rice Stadium, home of Super Bowl VIII, overshadows the New England Patriots as they leave the practice field after Monday’s workout at Rice.

Above: CBS’ The NFL Today Show host Jim Nantz introduces Rice head baseball coach Wayne Graham as one of Houston’s 38 top sports legends Monday night.

Left: Wiess College junior Marcos Ramos (left), a former varsity baseball pitcher and Sid Richardson College Will Miller (right) volunteer at America Online Kids Day at the NFL Experience as part of a Sports Management project.

Below left: Sid Rich senior Robbie Beck (right), a former varsity football fullback, talks with Arizona Cardinals Quarterback Jeff Blake Wednesday at the NFL Experience.

Below: Some of the 38 Houston sports legends pose at the end of Monday’s Houston Salute, include Mary Lou Retton (bottom right).
FRIDAY

30

I don't know, Jim. There's obviously something wrong with him. He's taken off his shoes and one of his socks and... actually, I think he's crying.

The Rice men's tennis team will face Arizona today at 11 a.m. at Bentwater Country Club. Come cheer on the Owls as they send their opponents packing.

SATURDAY

31

What's the difference between Bill Gates and a vibrator? A vibrator is an artificial 'C.'

The Rice Linux User Group will host the Linux Installfest today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your computer, monitor and peripherals to Duncan Hall 3092. RUG members will be around to do new Linux installations, upgrade existing systems and answer questions. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. For more information, visit http://linux.rice.edu/installfest.

WIZONE time!
The Rice men's basketball team will triumph over San Jose State today at 1:05 p.m. at Assembly Court. Bring your bright white WIZONE T-shirt, your spirit fingers and your best taunts. Can you top "You SMUs, you lose?!"

Kick-ass concert
Baker College senior Ryan Ferguson presents a singing performance tonight in Baker Commons at 5 p.m. All are welcome and admission is free. Come by and check out an awesome voice. For more information contact Ryan Ferguson (ryson@rice.edu).

SUNDAY

1

Changes for the Holy Day.
Super Bowl Sunday, that is. I hope you stocked up on a relaxed meal and bottled water. Today the only way to enter campus will be through Entrance B by the Rice University Police station. Visitors may be subject to spot checks.

MONDAY

2

You know, like the movie... Yeah, it's it's Groundhog Day. As this is a much appreciated holiday, I feel that everyone should make a special effort to take a moment to think of all the Chucks that have done us over the decades. I mean, honestly, you are wearing sandals right now, aren't you? Exactly. Happy Groundhog Day. Here's to spring.

Salad
Ric Salmonos will start offering Sushi classes tonight. Classes will be Mondays 7 to 8 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion of the Ley Student Center. The cost for Rice students, faculty and staff is only $2 for singles and $3 for couples. Refreshments will be served. More information is available at www.rice.edu/saladbar.

TUESDAY

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"I lost you two months ago. We broke up. Are you mental?"
The Philosophy Department presents "The Mind-Body Problem from a Neuroceiunceological Point of View" this afternoon at 4 p.m. in Room 117 of the Humanities building. Ned Block, a Professor of Philosophy from New York University, will present the exciting lecture.

What seniors wish they'd known as freshman. (Besides keg stand etiquette.)
Lesson one: Don't become an academic unless you want to be homeless or an Elec's pool boy or girl. Come to Kelley Lounge in the Student Center at 7 p.m. tonight and Thursday night for an evening of fun, fellowship and laughter. The Philosophy Department invites anyone interested to attend.

FRIDAY

6

For those of you who would actually appreciate the Beer Bike theme "Beercentric: drunk versus sober."
Registration for OwCon XIII begins at 6 p.m. tonight and gaming starts at 8 p.m. in the Student Center. A student weekend pass is $15 for Rice students and $20 for non-Rice gamers. If you bring a valid Rice ID, you receive a 50 percent discount on the ticket cost! Once you have your admission badge, you can enjoy hours of a wide variety of games. For more information, check out www.owlcon.com.

Why was Lord of the Rings made into a movie? The fans were Baggins for it.
Tonight John Garth will present a lecture titled "Tolkien and the Great War." The fun begins at 7 p.m. in Room 100 of Reck Hall. Come listen to an insightful look into how World War I was reflected in the Middle Earth of Tolkien's imagination. For more information, contact Henry Meconi at medico@rice.edu.

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Student-led Siberian beer rescue a success

By Tony the Toilet

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rice students sent to assist the Russian army in a beer rescue mission returned campus yesterday after a week in Siberia.

The ordnance began Jan. 21, when a truck traveling across the Siberian tundra decided to take a shortcut over an icy lake. The truck stalled while on the ice and shortly afterwards broke through and sank into the water below.

The truck was obviously not carrying beer.

Going down with the truck were the driver, Boris, and the cargo, 10 tons of malchus Idaho beer. Fortunately, the passenger, Natasha, escaped from the sinking truck and was able to seek help. When asked to comment on the accident, she could onlyumble on about "that cursed mouse and squirrel."

"The army has not seen this many casualties since World War II," Vladimir Putin, Russian President, said.

The Russian government, calling this the "Cold War's Great Emergency," was a hasty reaction by sending in the army to rescue the alcohol. Due to typical Russian bureaucracy and organizational sloth, there were many problems with the mission. "The army has not seen this many casualties since World War II," Russian President Vladimir Putin said. "We had scuba divers who got in the beer, some were making it with a blood alcohol content of .27, if they came up alive."

These problems led Russian officials to contact Rice University last Friday. They sought the help of five Rice engineers to aid in the recovery of the sinker's treasure. "When Mother Russia can't fix the problem by herself, I knew there was only one man I could turn to for my old comrade, Rice President Malcolm Gillis," Putin said. Rice officials agreed to assist the Russians later that day when Gillis decreed, "Leave no beer behind!"

"We are sending the best Rice has to offer," President Gillis said in a press conference. "The members of this elite group are: Harry Harrison, Hang Hoo, Jehovah Johnson, Scottish exchange student William Wallace, and Billy Bubly." We also felt that Political Science Professor Richard Stoll would assist the mission, given his familiarity with the beer.

A couple of Rice engineers can turn a serious around; there's no reason why we can't recover 10 tons of beer," Thumper said. "We're on our way, college kids. Where there's a beer there's a way."

Yesterday, police chief Bill Tan


The rice engineers had already recovered nine of the 10 tons of beer and tapped three cases. "We are extremely grateful for Rice's assistance. We would be much more sober with it," Putin said. "I don't know if they drink much at all, but I hope they will accept our gift of five kegs and a case of vodka."

The group was dramatically dispelled upon arrival at Rice. The Theorist is investigating.

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