Elections yield few candidates

Amendment to ban Student Association co-presidents will be on ballot

An amendment to the Student Association constitution prohibiting the election of SA co-presidents will be on the General Elections ballot, but eight positions in the SA and other blanket tax organizations will not be.

The SA Senate voted 31-1 Monday to place a constitutional amendment on the General Elections ballot that would require that the office of the SA president be held by a single person. Houston College senator Ian Everhart cast the sole vote against placing the amendment on the ballot.

When SA co-presidents Brian Deblock and Michael Leggett were elected, they promised to bring to the issue of whether having co-presidents would be enough to accommodate both a band and a bor.
Take yourself out to a ballgame

Trust me, it’s not long until we feel like winter outside — for Texas at least — but you know spring is coming when the spring semester starts. We are excited for the upcoming season, which unofficially starts with the alumni game tomorrow at Reckling Park and hope student turnout reflects the spring is coming when baseball season starts. We are excited for the advance. The closing of entrances was implemented fairly smoothly, as compared to past security increases.

As you can see, this week we only received one letter by our medium and the Rice Soccer/Track Stadium as well as banners and community opinion at Rice.

Our mailbox is lonely

Here’s a little secret: We print, after barely editing, almost all of the letters to the editor we receive.

We believe our letters section should be preserved as one of the most direct, unencumbered and unfiltered forums for student opinion at this university. That’s why we generally only accept letters for grammar and clarity, and generally only decline to run letters when they are truly tasteless or repetitive of another letter.

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RUPD’s ‘lockdown’ avoided headaches

We appreciate the relative lack of inconvenience the Rice University Police Department posed to students, staff and faculty during Super Bowl weekend. Under the circumstances, the additional security put in place by RUPD could have become a headache, but thanks to their extra measures we were barely felt — especially given the scope of the operation and when compared to past security increases.

Specifics on the planned additional security were publicized well in advance of the opening of entrances was implemented fairly smoothly, as the establishment of checkpoints at the entrances remaining open. And when Super Bowl weekend ended, so did the additional security. It is also reassuring that RUPD was able to successfully implement a campus “lockdown.” We hope Rice never has to seal off its campus because of a security threat more pressing than a major football game, but now we know that if such an emergency arises, RUPD will be ready.

Hopefully such foresight and attention to detail will become habitual to those who plan and implement Rice’s security measures.

Keep up the not-sickeningly-safe tree house

Sometimes, a tree house is just a tree house.

We all know about tree houses if we didn’t have one when we were little, we probably kid someone who did. Eonsold becoming something we wanted to be: a clubhouse, a spaceship, a fort, a place to hide — but always a place to have fun.

The allure of the tree house has not waned much now that we are in college. Tree houses now could be a novel place to study, hang out or (the more adventurous) get some action. A tree house is the quintessential representation of what it meant when we were younger — and can still mean — to have fun.

Just once, let’s make people... responsible for themselves.

Unfortunately, in today’s world, the simplicity of what it meant to have fun as a child is being tamped by the reality of litigation. Sometimes, at places like Rice, a tree house is seen first as a liability.

Under the conditions, a simple tree house erected in the academic quarantine by an anonymous crew (possibly for the fun of it) is unfairly tainted by the nature of today’s society and is symbolic of the direction in which our country is headed.

Perhaps instead of a tree house, you had a rope swing over a water hole when you were young. Maybe one day someone let you go, took one tumble and hurt himself. Back then, everyone probably felt sorry for the kid, but no one thought of usingarsi.

Danger was part of the deal; in fact it was part of what made swinging on that rope such a thrill. If someone got hurt, it was a shame, but that was life. We would learn to be more cautious, and more on. Today, Americans seem less willing to take risks and discomfort which is an integral part of living. That something as simple as a tree house in the quad can so well represent this situation so well shows just how bad things have gotten in this country.

It is commendable that the administration decided to immediately remove the tree house, with Vice President for Student Affairs Josephine Canacho going so far as to say it was “absolutely marvelous.” However, I think they should be bold and consider the consequences, not let it go one step further.

The tree house is sagging as it settles on its ropes — and this should be corrected. How do we know why it is not up? Just once, let’s make people who use the tree house responsible for themselves, instead of worrying that the university will be held liable in the event of an accident.

The builders have given all the warning necessary by placing rules at the tree house’s base. If they are following the rules, they have no one to blame besides themselves. But why not leave it up? Who knows how long it will last, but as long as it serves a purpose, perhaps one of the builders, takes the responsibility to check the ropes periodically to ensure that they are not about to snap, I don’t see why it should come down.

It is representative of a different time, arguably a better time, when fun was and children (or age or in fact) were not held down by lawsuits and safety considerations.

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Tree, it is a concern that some- one could disregard the rules, fall off, hurt themselves. But how much fun is something when your safety is completely guaranteed? I don’t mean to suggest that some- thing needs to be dangerous to be fun, but one of the reasons the tree house is still up, according to one of its builders, is “to remember the art of play.”

Part of that playful appeal is that it was a clandestine project by stu- dents and not official construction of the university. It was built to be fun, not permanent.

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Blame game must cease in AIDS battle

There are many opportunities for substantive issues, and the candid- 
ates — or an explanation.

It is an excuse.

It is a grim situation, and since it is happening half a world away it is easy
to ignore. Moreover, AIDS is hardly the exciting disease that Ebola or even
Zika can be, in that it is not a disease that strikes fear into the
world. It is a slow, plodding disease, similar to the cancer we all imagine
system. Neither the subtlest of used cars or even a Ford Escort
will solve the problem.

Yet something has to be done, and preventing the virus is always
the first step. In the case of AIDS, socioeconomic conditions are so poor that
counterproductive behaviors are at work. We should treat it with care because
it is the world's disease, not ours. We have to support our loved ones,
people who have AIDS, in the United States. We have to ensure
that the drug companies do not exploit them, that the
procedures are effective, and that the social, political, and
economic obstacles are effectively
overcoming the apathy and recognizing
how complex the battle will be.

James Sulak

in AIDS battle

when you talk about the prevention
of HIV, you're talking about
the health care of the middle consumer class,
he will exhaust every domestic
alternative because he is
also not given rise to a U.S.
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itself. We are hearing the grind of loose
currency, but not in this region. The
Mexican middle class, which has
broadened its consumption habits, is
building a Mexican infrastructure,
investment. Meanwhile, the ensuing economic growthrate
will be strong enough to fuel the
economy. The Mexican middle class
is both a danger. While the chances
are very small, an economic disaster
would be very bad for America, and
could very well usher in a recession.

As for the trade surplus, it is a
problem, but it is not a problem that
we can solve through trade agreements.

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**Wiest College** Jan. 29
- Student overheard a stabbing.
  - Suspect: Alex Smith
- Police officer intervened.

**Jesse H. Jones Graduate College** Jan. 29
- Student reported a theft.
  - Suspect: John Doe
- Police officer investigated.

**Management Building** Jan. 27
- Employee reported a break-in.
  - Suspect: John Smith
- Police officer responded.

**Greenbriar Building** Jan. 30
- Employee reported a break-in.
  - Suspect: Jane Doe
- Police officer responded.

**Parking Lots** North Jan. 29
- Employee reported a theft.
  - Suspect: Jane Smith
- Police officer responded.

**Other Areas**

**Entrance #1** Jan. 29
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- Police officer responded.

**College Way** Jan. 30
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**Entrance #13** Jan. 30
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**Entrance #11** Jan. 31
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**Recreation Center** Feb. 2
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The Community Investment Center started the spring semester with its newest member, assistant director, Liath Sharon.

Sharon's responsibilities include coordinating the alternative spring break trips and working with student leaders.

"The job of assistant director has a high degree of student contact," Sharon said. "I'm looking forward to the time I'll be interacting directly with students, and that's exciting."

CIC Director Mac Grisdold said, "He thinks Sharon is well suited for the job. "Liath interviewed really well and we are very lucky to have him. Someone was very qualified as her," Grisdold said.

Grisdold began the search for an assistant director in September. The search committee chose Sharon in December.

Grisdold said the search committee included a large number of students.

"Usually, universities pre-select candidates before they consider student opinions, but at Rice, students are involved every step of the way," Grisdold said. "In this case that meant a lot more work for them."

Sharon shared at Baylor University and the London School of Economics, where she received a masters degree in economics and political science. She also worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and coordinated relief after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

She began looking for work in the Houston area when her husband was transferred to Houston.

Sharon said she looks forward to her new job.

"I get to work with such great student leaders," she said. "This year we already have a lot of programs in place, and I can't wait to start." - Jenny Ross

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Envision and Janus grants due Thursday

The deadline to apply for the Janus Award or the second round of Envision Grants ranges from $2,000 to $3,000 and are awarded every three times per year by the Leadership Rice office. They can be used for projects that will serve Rice or the larger community.

The Janus Award, which is given only by Leadership Rice, is a $2,500 award used to explore a scientific or environmental issue from multiple perspectives.

Assistant Director of Leadership Rice Natalia Kierkow said Envision Grant applications are judged on the basis of service, creativity, leadership and sustainability.

"There are better ideas and worse ideas, so the ones that seemed to be better thought out, more likely to be implemented and keep going are the ones we want to help," Kierkow said.

Each of the three rounds of Envision Grants usually yields six to 10 applications, Kierkow said.

Past Envision Grants have been used to fund the Turf House, the Rice Dance University Marathon and the Undergraduate Manufacturing Symposium. Grants have also financed projects outside Rice, including a flight around the world and the Chamber Music Outreach Project, created to enhance music education for elementary school students in the Greater Houston area.

Three grants were awarded in this year's first round of applications. One will be used to build a playground-temples outside Mississippi College in honor of Erin Fock, a Brown student studying applied physics and astronomy, said Grisdold.

One grant will support the University of Pennsylvania and the Free Library of Philadelphia, which will produce a series of public lectures and a book. The other grant will help the Children's Defense Fund in Houston, which will produce a series of event materials and help the organization's Houston education and health strategies.

"This award is very much merit-based, and each applicant will be judged on the quality and creativity of the application," said Kierkow. "Funding in addition to leadership is also highly important."

Past winners of the Janus Award have examined various methods of energy production in the Tennessee Valley; the relationship between job security and job safety in South Africa; and flood control in Clear Creek Watershed.

Information about the Envision Grants and Janus Award can be found at http://www.rice.edu/leadership - Holly Shilo

Wellness assistant director begins work

Eilane Heywood, a former public health worker from England, started as the new assistant director of Wellness at the beginning of the semester.

Health and Education Wellness Director Mark DeFord began his search for a wellness assistant director in October. Following a two-month process that started with more than 50 applicants, the search committee — which included Page, several staff members and student leaders — recommended Heywood.

"She was actually far and above the other candidates," Page said. "There was no comparison. We interviewed three candidates on campus, and she definitely stood out from the three. She was very approachable and student oriented. She also enjoyed speaking with her."

Eilane Heywood

Chemistry graduate student Raj Wahi, a member of the search committee, said he was impressed by Heywood's energetic personality.

"She's friendly, funny, approachable, and very committed to working with her students," Wahi said. "We wanted a person who would be comfortable working with Rice students within the context of the health-related mission, and she brought it all to her new role."

Heywood earned a masters of science in accounting from the University of Bath in England and worked in public health for three years. When her partner wanted to move to the United States, they both came to Houston.

Heywood began looking for a job in Houston and was impressed by her role at Rice.

"I think my background is going to be a huge help," Heywood said. "I think the UK gives us something worse and some things better. I think we have a lot of room to improve here, but I can also learn a lot from Rice."

Heywood said she will need time to adapt to issues specific to the United States and to Rice.

"I'm used to working with populations that are a lot larger than what we have here," Heywood said. "But I am looking forward to working with Rice students and learning more about Rice in the context of health issues."
McGinnis asked the audience to say whether they felt safer than a year ago by a show of hands. Almost half said they did, and a majority of those remaining said they felt about the same level of safety, with a minority feeling less safe. McGinnis that said nationally, the response has been a feeling of greater safety.

Hutchinson said the United States is "undeniably" safer and that the public has expressed greater confidence by continuing to utilize air travel. He mentioned new security measures, including hardened cockpit doors and screening of all baggage, as examples of quantifiably improved security.

McGinnis asked whether U.S. security is on a scale of 1 to 10. Kimbrough said he did not want to use a number, but that he feels safer, and he wouldn't have been much safer.

"There's always going to be crazy people out there, and people that are mad at us, whether we call them some terrorists. We're always going to have some threat. It's a Biblical thing — the world's full of mean and evil people. But the accomplishments of the last three years aren't worth it."

Panelists also discussed how to measure success in the area of security. Hutchinson said gauging progress is particularly important because the DHS now receives a $40 billion budget. "There are some things you can measure," Hutchinson said. "Do you see a correlation between asking the panelists to comment on the security director, Texas homeland security director, the three RCs of security are "regionalism, regionalism, regionalism." Kimbrough said homeland security depends on many layers, starting with the projection of force abroad and ending at the neighborhood level. In the end, security depends on the citizen who sees suspicious activity and thinks, "That guy, that woman, that person doesn't belong," Kimbrough said. He said citizens who witness suspicious activity should call their local sheriff or police department.

Stan Merriman, chair of the Prairie View, Federal and Civilian Affairs, spoke next. "I'm here today to ask a question of the administration," Merriman said. "Do you see a correlation between a helmet and reflective foreign policy and the very reason that we are sitting here today, studying this?"

Hutchinson said he does not see such a correlation and said current foreign policy provides important security for the United States. He said he thinks the $85 billion spent in Iraq is the best investment the United States could make.
The alcohol policy is something people just hear about. Whether it be on a campus visit, during Orientation Week or in the heaps of information received during the summer, phrases like ‘Rice is the only wet campus in Texas’ are familiar to Rice students. They determine the alcohol policy, and it’s a privilege, not a right, that is nothing new to Rice students.

But what isn’t told is why it got started and how many times Rice has been described in Thresher editorial as becoming ‘dangerously close’ to becoming a dry campus.

The alcohol policy has been created by the students, for the students, and is expected to be altered by students. The alcohol policy has been repeatedly expanded or even deemed ‘about right’ by 83.1 percent of students in a 2002 Wellness Survey on campus.

The most surprising fact of the alcohol policy is that it has remained relatively unchanged since its inception in 1989 - the overall concept has remained the same but the details refined - to keep a supportive and safe environment for alcohol at Rice.

The alcohol policy is born

In 1986, the legal drinking age in Texas was raised to 21 from 19. The transformation of a campus with a majority of legal students to one where the majority were minors meant that the university’s approach to campus drinking needed to be re-examined.

“At that time, I think three-quarters of the freshmen on campus could drink one day and not the next day. So it was a bigger problem because they were drinking, but then they couldn’t anymore. We weren’t in a bind, because we needed some sort of policy,” Gerry Jump, who was Lovett College’s director of residential life, said in 1996. Rice College was one of the colleges that purchased the hands-on approach to drinking in the early 1990s.

“The current review is really trying to re-establish that students put it together and that it is student-owned.” — Bill Taylor, Rice University Police Department chief

Rice also developed a hands-off attitude toward alcohol during this time.

“We can’t force a student breaking the law in the privacy of his room, but we will police it,” says the University’s director of student conduct.

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The 1990s

The 1980s featured a custom examination and clarification of the policy.

Beginning in September 1991, legal drinkers had to have their hand stamped or a wristband, when drinking at public events. The bill of 1992 saw two changes in the alcohol policy implemented. The clause exempting students’ rooms and non-employee residences from the alcohol policy was removed in order to comply with new state laws. However, student usage was maintained private, making TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission) unable to enter private rooms with only a suspicion of illegal activity.

The 1992 changes also clarified policy to the public, adding that it was publicly mentioned or merely public in which wasn’t the case before the restrictions placed on public parties.

The Nov. 13, 1992 Thresher reported three colleges were tracking down on alcohol violations. Lovett College instituted a policy that gave members of the college court the power to issue citations to underage drinkers at public parties, with the goal of encouraging them to keep closed bards.

Wesley College instituted a policy requiring students to maintain the hands of parties that spilled outside and do not contain alcohol during the gathering after being warned.

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In the spring of 1985, ABPAC clarified and restricted the terms of identification needed in order to get alcohol at public campus events.

The passing of alcohol between individuals was also allowed, as was prohibited at all times. Out-of-state vehicles over the age of 21 needed to have a temporary validation sticker on their door to register.

In the fall of 1997, Texas College held a private meeting that, according to William J. Petit Jr., was prohibited from having public parties and was fined $400 by the assistant dean of student affairs.

In February 1999, the alcohol policy was the subject of a second time when RUPD took a stricter stance against alcohol, shutting down parties that

“the alcohol policy

Relatively unchanged since its inception in 1986, the Rice alcohol policy has been refined to follow the law shown on Valhalla’s wall (left)

The Future

One provision of the alcohol policy requires that it be re-examined every year. Thesen’s discussions about its status are never closed,SessionFactory.currentSession(). The alcohol policy is the lifestyle of the students very well.

“I think we can continue to handle our alcohol policy in a way that can make the future great. It's definitely a privilege.”

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The alcohol policy doesn’t just allow alcohol a presence in student residences—it allows Rice to have two pubs on campus. While sometimes a sticky spot on tours to prospective student’s parents, both Willy’s Pub and Valhalla are well integrated into undergraduate and graduate student life.

The beginning

In the mid-70s, several Rice students were involved in drunk-driving incidents. Rather than allowing this trend to continue, the student senate proposed and the administration accepted the proposal for the creation of an on-campus pub to get students off the road. Thus, in 1975, Willy’s Pub, named after the Rice founder William Marsh Rice, was created in the basement of the Rice Memorial Center. Then-Rice President Norwalk Haukerman presided over the first pitcher of beer in a crowd of 760.

Baker College senior Ryan Ferguson, one of the assistant managers of Willy’s Pub, said she works at the pub because the beer is a vital part of campus.

“[It’s the] structure of a healthy structure,” she said. “Picture you’re out and you’re drinking and you’re happy. You want a place to go to under the supervision of people that understand you’re going to do the right thing. You don’t want to go to a bar. You want a place to go.”

Ferguson said the pub takes safety and regulations into account, getting insight from both the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission and the Rice University Police Department.

“We have had TABC come and speak to our bartenders about intoxication levels,” Ferguson said. “Our relationship with RUPD is great. I think that we have open communication and a great working relationship. They know that we’re going to do our job and that we’re going to do our job well.”

Paul Sutera, associate director of the Student Center, served as an advisor to the student management of both Willy’s Pub and Valhalla.

He said that his role is to counsel the students who run the pub on issues such as dealing with vendors and providing an institutional memory.

Sutera also has served a very formal role in the process acting as vice president and treasurer on the board of Val&W Permits Inc., the corporation that holds the beer and wine license for both Willy’s Pub and Valhalla. Sutera said the board, which meets monthly, was formed when TABC instituted a rule forbidding a single person to hold such licenses. In this capacity, Sutera deals with financial and government aspects of running a pub: state taxes, income tax, paying rent to the university for the space used and other such financial obligations.

The pubs are run as nonprofit enterprises—hence their profit is reinvested in the facilities. However, breaking even has not always been as easy as it might sound.

“We’re students, so we have a vested interest in our peers,” Ferguson said.

By 1984, Willy’s Pub saw a severe dip in the years of paying rent to the university. In April, Gillis waived the distributive charges and reduced the charges for the next year in order to keep the pub from closing down, lowering the rent from $12,213 to $4,080.

The fire

A week before its 20th birthday in April of 1995, Willy’s Pub was severely damaged in an arson incident committed by Alberto Youngblood, a Will Rice College sophomore. Everything was destroyed except the pub’s sign which still graces its stairwell.

“Those that are not in the treatment that within 18 months of the tragedy we had downtown here, we decided to rebuild so that this would be a gathering place for all of our students,” President Malcolm Gillis told The Thresher in a 1995 interview. Just five months later, the pub was reopened with a new look after a $26 million facelift. This time, Gillis poured the first pitcher for the 800 students that turned out for the reopening.

Youngblood, however, was not in attendance. That June, a federal jury found Youngblood guilty of arson and sentenced him to 20 months of imprisonment in a federal penitentiary. He was released in November 2002.

Now

Though the price of a pitcher has increased from its 1975 price of $1.75 up to today’s $8.00, the pub serves as it always has, a centralized location for Rice students to socialize and drink. To have club meetings, college pub nights, and other popular Thursday night pub nights.

Still, the pub stresses that all are welcome.

“Just because you aren’t drinking doesn’t mean you can’t socialize with your friends,” Ryan Ferguson said.

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Above Left: Along with the beer taps, the original Willy’s Pub sign is all that remains from the first pub. The sign is still proudly displayed on the stairwell leading down to the pub.

Above: Students enjoy the atmosphere of Willy’s Pub at International Beer Night of Willy Week 2001.

Firemen clean up the burnt-out remains of Willy’s Pub after an April 1995 arson incident. The pub was back up and running by the start of the 1995-'96 academic year.
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The Magic Flute’ one of Houston Grand Opera’s best

Mitali Ranjee

The curtain is drawn and the lights go down. Somewhere in the effect of an illuminating moon. Through a jungle, three young boys in poofed wigs stand beside a pavilion in which Mozart sits with a feather pen, composing the brilliant music which fills the Wortham Center.

The opera transforms the conducting of Claus Peter Florsheim’s final opera, The Magic Flute, with elegance and lyricism. Imaginative costumes and sets result from the brilliance of Maurice Bejart, the architect/costume designer/author and illustrator of Where the Wild Things Are and who designed the Houston Grand Opera’s first production of the show in 1980. Since then, The Magic Flute remains one of the most popular operas in HGO’s repertoire.

The audience may expect a story revolving around universal themes such as princes rescuing damsels in distress, good triumphing over evil and love conquering all. Though filled with conventional themes, the seemingly simplistic story of a man, Tamino (Chad Shelton), on a quest to rescue a kidnapped princess, Pamina (Alexandra Coku), appears to have richer meaning. There are numerous symbolical illusions to Freemasonry, the secret society to which both Mozart and his librettist Emanuel Schikaneder belonged. This is the same society detailed in Dan Brown’s The Da Vinci Code. Like cryptographer Sophie Neveu from The Da Vinci Code, Tamino and Pamina find themselves in a frightening world in which good and evil cannot be easily distinguished.

The performances propel this production to great heights. As the evil Sarastro, Pamina’s kidnapper, Iro- lindian bass Kristinn Sigmundsson is magnificent. Sarastro’s traveling companion, Papageno the Queen’s bird-catcher, is energetically embodied by baritone Daniel Briëcker, who sports an elaborate masque crutch on his head.

As the story progresses, Belcher adds comic relief with his cowardice and indifference in a quest for knowledge, crossing only wine, food and feminine company.

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The play’s production values are also of high quality, as a breathtaking scene involving the three young boys from the play’s opening scene illustrates. The scenery consists of 29 drops which can be quickly changed to create the effect of turning pages in a storybook. In one scene, a hot air balloon manned by the three young boys glides past scenes of ruined Egypt where Papageno finds Pamina, trying to escape from Sarastro’s chief slave Monostatos (Ivan Jelokha) who demands Pamina’s love.

The three boys (Austin Thomas, Joan Stewart Schenck and Glenn Paulk) in the hot air balloon descend to guide the escaped duo to their destination. This trio of young Houstonian singers is a group of exquisite voices. The group wears the costumes of a circus

This French pistol, made from walnut, steel, silver gift, gold and ivory, was designed by Nicholas hood Beu-...
While he will surely be compared to Mayer and Yorn, Bartell most closely resembles a straight-man's Rufus Wainwright. Though their voices and approaches vary greatly, their subject matter — longing, regret and lost love — is certainly comparable.

With the whole swing of a slide guitar detectable in the background of several tracks, Bartell's soft rock isn't without a dash of country. Playing both acoustic and electric guitar and layering piano in multiple songs, Bartell's overall sound is melancholy and introspective — very appealing to those looking for soulful recollection.

— Joe Schammn

The Like Young

ART CONTEST

Porcupine Records

Rating: 1/2 (out of five)

Joe and Amanda Zoncha, the Other cool pair that comprise The Like Young, infuse their new album Distiller with a fun, punchy, light rock sound that keeps listeners on their toes. Their style has a bit of post-punk, a dash of folk and pop style. Distiller is more than just the sum of all its parts. It's a thoughtful and soulful exploration of this specific era.

However, weakness lies in their subject matter, which can cover such high school fare as flaky friends. Still their catchy vocals and instruments are a saving grace, as are their occasionally insightful lyrics. In "Nobs and Slides" when talking of the whole to-do, Joe proclaims, "You two got so swell it makes me think I'm less / You gress your pocketbooks and win our art contest."

The album's highlight comes in the form of "Looked Up," an ode to making movies for fun, not out of brute force. As Joe laments, "I am talc and I cry clothes off. I'm cutting all my hair so you can see my acne." For the second track, I was truly waiting for you to make sure you were satisfied. Is it all over or is it other people too?

Bartell [is] a straight-man's Rufus Wainwright.

The album's opening song "Another New Year" is a sorrowful look one looks forward when looking back is so hard. This loneliness is also a thoughtful and soulful exploration of this specific era.

Unfortunately, Bartell's ultimately uneven album lacks the consistent pleasure that made the Biff soul set-up so appealing. Though there are some real gems here, the overall chart is plagued by blues.

Furtado's tribute message with this album seems to be about the dual side of fame — the shallow instrument, disarmament and damage that being a celebrity brings. This is most evident with the overtly simplistic "Build You Up," which states that the useful bubble will burst just as soon as you tear down. For a better version of the theme, check out Amazon Man's "Nothing Is Good Enough" or her Bachelor No. 2 album. Furtado lacks Maura's songwriting and ability to effortlessly write lyrics which wear a theme with ease. With them as easy to comprehend as "Baby, you build you up / Too sorry to catch it. Don't give / Baby don't lie, baby don't lie / I believe it," Furtado's few bursts of originality come as a joy. In one of the album's strongest entries, "The Cross Is Green," Furtado exclaims, "Oh yeah, the grass is green / But I think I snared your jones and everybody knows that been ink."

Though these moments of creativity are few, they partially make up for the album's many shortcomings.

Overall, the failure of Folklore is due to Furtado's title subject matter. To speak of the perils of fame is becoming almost standard for today's musicians. If one is going to make such a statement, a fresh perspective is a must.

— Jon Schammn

Nelly Furtado

FOLKLORE

Sire LLC

Rating: 1/2 (out of five)

Nelly Furtado's new album Folklore could also be titled Lilac Fair: The Next Generation. With her energizing folk and pop style, Furtado more closely resembles Sarah McLachlan than Lisa Loeb in her pop-princess contemporaries.

1. The end of Miramax domination

Since 1992's The Crying Game, Miramax Films has had at least one film in contention for Best Picture (even the muchmaligned Cleopatra made the cut in 2000). But this year, in a surprise to everyone, the studio's 13-year streak was cut short as their favorite — ...the perhaps more tragically unlettered than halfway pasted Cold Mountain — failed to make the cut. Though it received a list of seven nominations, including nods to John Lee Hancock and Renee Zellweger for Best Supporting Actor where the film did not receive nominations in Best Picture, Director, Adapted Screenplay or Original Screenplay, the film's failure to pick up an acting nomination was a shocker for a film as well acted as it was a film with a fun, punky, light-rock style that begs to be listened to. Their sound that has a bit of post-punk, a dash of fun, a dash of country. Playing both comparable.

Voters' choices. Let's face it, 'too soon to say', every slot in each category, it's nearly impossible to make everyone happy. Critics often cite the Oscar voters' tendency to reward overly sentimentational and emotional cliché in films of placing out large concentrated. This year, however, critics agreed that voters did a good job. Here is a look at this year's major trends, surprises and trends.

Surprises and misses

Watching the nominations on the announcement of the morning of Jan. 27 was certainly entertaining, the first surprise occurred in the Supporting Actors category, when House of Sand and Fog's Shohreh Aghdashloo was nominated. Last in Translation's Scarlett Johansson. Many thought Johansson could overtime favor Zellweger in the category, but it now looks acting for Yvonne Strahovski, an actress is a sell-out.

Surprise number one was an unexpected nomination for the new film Chicago. This was previously seen before the box office hit the Academy Award-winner. In fact, the only film that received three nominations was Chicago, with Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor and Maria Gaye Best Supporting Actress."
Gentrifying guns as art at the MFAH

FIREARM, from Page 11

Our featured item is the “British Style (1800-1830) Miniature Belt-Action Rifle, one-half size, 38 Mauser with Accessories.” The miniature may lack the useful functionality of full-size weapons, but it still took four men to complete the gun.

This seems to be intended to move the guns ... away from the hunting and fishing crowd, and towards the WINE-AND-CHEESE crowd.

Historically interesting pieces include a gun given to Ulysses S. Grant by the citizens of Providence, R.I. in 1867 before he was elected to the presidency. At the time that it was made, the gun cost the substantial sum of $500.

The true showpiece of the exhibit is a five-gun set commissioned by Napoleon Bonaparte and perhaps intended for King Charles IV. Elaborately inlaid and carved, the set includes a case-garanture rifle, a pair of holster pistols and a pair of pocket pistols.

The collection is unique amongst the display items, not just for its grandeur, but also for its ornamentation: the set is in the Empire style that replaced Rococo.

The exhibit is a little eccentric, but interesting, and the variety of firearms on display is substantial. Though I would have liked to see more about the influence of the Don Quixote/Zorro/Dick Tracy image of the 1930s, the exhibit is keeping in a strange place as far as artifacts of social class are concerned.

And, while I might not necessarily recommend Three Centuries of Tradition to the typical tourist, I would highly suggest it to anyone who does wood or metalwork or loves firearms.

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The scene transitions flawlessly throughout the show, most notably when the lamenting lovers, Tamino and Pamina, are reunited. To illustrate their ability to overcome fire and water, brilliant fabric drapes out to resemble the sun's vibrant rays.

One of the strangest vocalizations occurs when Papageno unites with the opera's famous duet, "Bei Mannern, Welch Liebe fühlen," emphasizing that love is attainable to everyone, not just nobility.

This production of The Magic Flute, directed by Frank Corsaro, surpasses all the Houston Grand Opera's previous shows. Its whimsical nature makes three hours pass without notice. All of the characters, quirky and memorable in splendid costumes, are performed with substance deserving ovation.

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Even Jungle Gyms need ground rules

With both the men's and women's basketball teams tied for first place in the Western Athletic Conference, I am amazed by the student support that has emerged this year to cheer on the Owls to victory. Members of the Rowdy Owls and the WIZZONE are doing a marvelous job promoting the games and the players.

But with all the support comes responsibility. A few things I saw at Saturday's game against San Jose State University disturbed me, and I urge you to suggest a few ground rules for supporting our Owls.

1. When Rice is at the free throw line, make the chubby hand signal — you can do it backwards like the basketball team if you want — with your hands behind your back. When the shot goes in, yell, "Whoa!" to mimic the sound of a whistle.

2. Although San Jose State point guard Kyle Wilson may not be a free-throw-shooting Brad Pitt, you can't make emotionalism for his looks. That's just bad form. As a fan of the controversial ESPN show Rome is Burning, I follow the Jim Rome school of thought that you can't make fun of someone for his or her looks; look at books. A player can control what he does or fails to do, but his looks are inherited and not his fault. However, there are two exceptions to this rule. When Paul Haryasz is laughter (did you see Wilson's buzz cut?) and players' weight problems is perfectly acceptable. Think back to the UTEP football game, when we joked at the "extra-large, balding" punter. Talk about killing two birds with one stone.

3. No gratuitous swearing. Even when a player from the other team makes a careless intentional foul to prevent a basket, we should not swear at him for the rest of the game. Boozing him every time he touches the ball is great, but I just cannot participate in a vulgar cheer when little Timmy is having his 10th birthday party seen over.

4. After all that, the most disturbing sight I noticed was the separation between the WIZZONE section and some student-athletes sitting directly across the court. Talking to a few student-athletes made me understand that they do not want to stand up during the whole game after a full of hurts workouts. However, the out-of-season student-athletes should be in the student section jumping and screaming along with the rest of us. Student-athletes have long asked for support from the rest of the campus. Now that it is happening, the noticeable divide undermines the hard work of students and administrators to close the gap.

All students should be together, so hopefully, something can be worked out with the Athletic Department to expand the student section to include both standing and non-standing areas. That way, all student-athletes could sit on the same side as the student section in a showing of solidarity.

I hope students take these suggestions to heart at the next basketball game you attend. I want the student section at Rice to create an identity of its own that will transform Autry Court from a place with "some of the worst conditions in Division I," according to the Rice Owls' Freshmen Blah Blah last March, to a real "Jungle Gym," where playing at home is a significant advantage for our Owls.

Dylan Hedrick

Lady Owl block party heads home

Nationally-ranked shot blockers and co-WAC leaders host Boise State tomorrow

...more forward Jamie Hawkins — the 2002-03 WAC Freshman of the Year ranks sixth in the conference with 13.6 points per game.

Rice's forwards were its best weapons Jan. 29 against Hawaii, as senior forward Elisa Immon and junior forward Michelle Woods led a second-half Owl comeback with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Rice then won its fifth consecutive game Saturday, dismantling San Jose State University 74-60 in a game more lopsided than the score indicates. Redshirt freshman forward Lauren Newberry contributed a career-high 19 points along with 11 rebounds — her fourth double-double of the season and...
*Women's tennis upsets ranked foe*

by Christine Chen

The women's tennis team, carrying a 4-1 record, heads east to face No. 46 host Florida State University today and No. 49 Louisiana State University Sunday in the team's second consecutive weekend of difficult road matches.

The Owls will compete against the No. 46 host University of Minnesota last Saturday in the opening match of this weekend's competition. Head coach Roger White said his team is confident heading into this weekend's matches.

"Florida State and LSU will be hard opponents," White said. "They both have highly ranked teams. We are playing them both at their home courts, so we have a tough travelling schedule. As far as playing the teams, we are excited for the challenge. If we play solid, we can beat both teams."

The lower half of the singles lineup has especially strong weekend matches in Minnesota.

"We want to build on what the girls at No. 5, 6 and singles played especially well this weekend. It's a non-linear plan that has potential," White said. "I've been aggressive on the serve. For our first and second singles, we need to deliver in more punch and control. We should also take advantage of shots we did not return. Senior Yasmine Fisher said last weekend, if we could only return the shots we did not return, we would definitely have a great chance," Fisher said. "Even though we lost to William & Mary (7-0), we had three sets, so it was a good match. But we didn't return the doubles match." Fisher also said playing in front of possibly hostile crowds will challenge the Owls.

"Traveling shouldn't be much of a problem for our next matches," Fisher said. "It really just depends on whether or not we can perform on the court for what we practice in the gym."

"I have a lot of faith in and trust LSU. We have a lot of talent at No. 4. Although the Owls are doing well this season, they will not take anything for granted."

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*College Sports Roundup*

Sid Richardson has been the most impressive team so far, blanking NSU 6-0 and Brown by a shocking 61-0 score to lead the Owls without a loss into its third straight Friday night on the Powderpuff Field. Harris is also 2-0 in the fall and 30-0 overall with Brown and a 36-0 whitewashing of Martinique.

In Saturday's Gray League, whose teams are made up of their gamed on the Narrow Field, Wire is 2-0 after a 42-0 fouverite with Rice and a 36-0 rout of Baker.

In other action, Lovett needed only 12:38 to take down both teams, winning 28-0 and 12-0 in both games. Jones beat Wire 24-0 and 20-0 in the second close victory of the season.

Jones and Wire meet in a Gray League action in Saturday's 3 p.m. game with Brown-Martin and Hairston GSAG rounding out the tricolor league. Lovett is Lovett in Saturday's only matchup.

*Men's Soccer*

It was a busy day Saturday in the men's soccer league, as four games were played consecutively on a muddy course field to make up for cancellations from the previous weekend.

Sid Rich took the weekend in the men's soccer with a 4-1-0 record and in the weekly game. Wire would be the only team to compete with the Owls in the final game.

"Our team has always played better in the spring season than in the fall."

— Dick Ellis

Head golf coach

*Golfers set to swing into spring season*

by John Hanley

For the Thresher

After a series of lackluster fall performances that saw Rice finish in the bottom half of tournament after tournament, the golf team is optimistic about the dawn of the spring season.

The Owls will host their only home tournament of the year, the Rice Intercollegiate, Monday and Tuesday at Black Horse Golf Club in Cypress.

Rice will host the 14-team field that includes several Texas schools, including the University of Texas-Arlington, North Texas, Texas A&M, as well as out-of-state teams Notre Dame and Denver.

Last year, senior Scott Phillips shot a 3-over 216 in five with place among 72 competitors. Though the Owls primarily practice at Wildcat Golf Club in Houston, experience in practice rounds and past tournaments at Black Horse should provide Rice with the edge in the aggressive and slight home course advantage.

First-year head coach Nick Ellis said he hopes the Owls will be able to establish a rhythm in the week that they can carry into future competitions.

After the Rice Intercollegiate, the Owls will take a three-week break from competitive play before returning to action April 5-7 at the Roadrunner Intercollegiate in San Antonio. Rice will then play three tournaments in as many weeks to begin March, culminating in the first-ever Hall of Fame Invitational at Augusta Country Club.

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The lower half of the singles lineup has especially strong weekend matches in Minnesota.

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"Traveling shouldn't be much of a problem for our next matches," Fisher said. "It really just depends on whether or not we can perform on the court for what we practice in the gym."

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*College Sports Roundup*

Sid Richardson has been the most impressive team so far, blanking NSU 6-0 and Brown by a shocking 61-0 score to lead the Owls without a loss into its third straight Friday night on the Powderpuff Field. Harris is also 2-0 in the fall and 30-0 overall with Brown and a 36-0 whitewashing of Martinique.

In Saturday's Gray League, whose teams are made up of their gamed on the Narrow Field, Wire is 2-0 after a 42-0 fouverite with Rice and a 36-0 rout of Baker.

In other action, Lovett needed only 12:38 to take down both teams, winning 28-0 and 12-0 in both games. Jones beat Wire 24-0 and 20-0 in the second close victory of the season.

Jones and Wire meet in a Gray League action in Saturday's 3 p.m. game with Brown-Martin and Hairston GSAG rounding out the tricolor league. Lovett is Lovett in Saturday's only matchup.

*Men's Soccer*

It was a busy day Saturday in the men's soccer league, as four games were played consecutively on a muddy course field to make up for cancellations from the previous weekend.

Sid Rich took the weekend in the men's soccer with a 4-1-0 record and in the weekly game. Wire would be the only team to compete with the Owls in the final game.

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Head golf coach

*Golfers set to swing into spring season*

by John Hanley

For the Thresher

After a series of lackluster fall performances that saw Rice finish in the bottom half of tournament after tournament, the golf team is optimistic about the dawn of the spring season.

The Owls will host their only home tournament of the year, the Rice Intercollegiate, Monday and Tuesday at Black Horse Golf Club in Cypress.

Rice will host the 14-team field that includes several Texas schools, including the University of Texas-Arlington, North Texas, Texas A&M, as well as out-of-state teams Notre Dame and Denver.

Last year, senior Scott Phillips shot a 3-over 216 in five with place among 72 competitors. Though the Owls primarily practice at Wildcat Golf Club in Houston, experience in practice rounds and past tournaments at Black Horse should provide Rice with the edge in the aggressive and slight home course advantage.

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Rice rains down on Wildcats, Bulldogs

by Zach Epstein

The men's tennis team continued its winning ways under the radar last weekend at the Rice Tennis Complex in Montgomery, Texas. Attempting to leave Houston to avoid the Super Bowl hype, the 21st-ranked Owls also came away with two wins against top-30 opposition to remain undefeated in the dual-match season.

Rice arrived at Bentwater, roughly an hour outside Houston, Friday morning to take on 36th-ranked University of Alabama. Seniors Richard and William Barker, ranked third nationally in doubles, got Rice off to a fast start with an 8-2 victory. Arizona, however, responded by winning the other two doubles matches, but the Owls won 9-7 to take the doubles point.

"We want to be able to win at all six positions and not have to rely on wins from the top three." — Richard Barker

Senior tennis player

The Owls pushed their lead to 2-0 by winning at No. 5 singles, so Rice teams to move to the indoor courts at Rice University to face the top-40 opposition to remain undefeated in the AITC Championship Series, athletic prominence in the Conference USA with the Sugar Bowl, as recruits across the nation announced their signings for the next season. For Rice, 11 players announced their intentions to play for the Owls next season, including several from the Houston area.

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Men's basketball takes WAC lead on the road to Boise

by Adam Tabakin
TODD'S DAILY STAT

The men's basketball team heads west this weekend to defend its first-place standing in the Western Athletic Conference, playing challenging road games at the University of Texas El-Paso and Boise State University.

Rice at Boise State
Boise, Idaho
Tomorrow 3:05 p.m.
radio KMRE 980 AM

The Owls, 15-5 overall and 7-2 in WAC play, played UTEP (15-4, 6-3) last night and will take on Boise State (11-7, 4-3) tomorrow. Rice defeated the Miners 81-61 and the Broncos 84-68 at Autry Court last month, but the two teams are a combined 18-1 at home on the season.

"We cannot be surprised with how difficult a challenge it will be," head coach Willis Wilson (Will Rice '82) said. Boise State and UTEP both have much, much improved basketball teams and have been getting the support at home that they need to be successful."

Wilson said Rice needs to stay focused, especially in road games.

"They're going to be very intense games, and as we talked going into the two games previously with these opponents, they're not the same teams we played a year ago, and we're not the same team, so we want to take a new approach; a new attitude. Wilson said. "We're able to sweep this trip a year ago, and for us to be able to do that, we've got to play as well as we've played all year long."

The Owls are coming off a resounding 84-68 victory at home against San Jose State University (5-14, 0-9) last Saturday behind junior forward Michael Harris' game-high 20 points. Harris said Rice cannot be complacent.

"I think everyone's finding that we all have to stay focused," Harris said. "Coach always tells you that you can't get too high, and you can't get too low, and when you start thinking you're pretty good, that's the enemy. Everybody's going to enjoy the win, and then we'll come back in and refocus on knowing that we're working with different teams, as they both started out conference play with pretty good records."

On Saturday, playing in front of a crowd of 2,670 that included former Rice star Bob Ryan, the Owls had no problem moving the ball in the first half against the Spartans. Rice had 13 assists on 13 made baskets en route to a 42-27 lead.

"We talk everyday about moving the ball and having confidence in each other," Wilson said. The system works really well when you're able to get ball reversal and let everybody touch it, and that's what happened in the first half.

The Owls did not relent in the second half, opening with a 25-2 run that covered more than 10 minutes to extend their lead to 67-32. Wilson said the team's 25-2 run that covered more than 10 minutes to extend their lead to 67-32. Wilson said the team's defensive effort continued into the second half.

"Losing our intensity and backing down with effort is a step in the wrong direction," Wilson said. "In years past we might have taken a step back. I really think we need to commend the upperclassmen for stepping up to the floor and giving us the kind of effort and focus that we need to start the second half."

Junior guard Jason McKrieth, Rice's second leading scorer at 15.1 points per game, finished with only six points but also ended up with seven rebounds and a career-high nine assists on Saturday. McKrieth said finding interior players like Harris, senior Yamar Diene, sophomore J. R. Harrison and freshmen Greg Killings was key, as the Owls scored 42 of Rice's 82 points.

"I don't think anything was different [Saturday] — we posted with our defense, we look for our post players first, and we work an inside-outside type game," McKrieth said. "Everybody contributed, and everybody played solid minutes. From the starters to the bench guys, everyone was on the same page."

Michael Harris
Junior forward

Due to Rice's large lead — it reached 38 points late in the game — all 15 Owls saw playing time in a game for the first time this season, and 13 scored points.

"I think it's exciting," McKrieth said. "Those guys practice just as hard as we do, but from a fan's standpoint, it's going to be a game you won't see that unless you come out and witness our practice. Guys like [junior guard] Walt [Chancellor], [freshman guard] Artie [Culver] and [sophomore forward] Jason Bridges are all walk-ons, and it's great because that's their game too, to get minutes on the floor, and I think we should root them on just as hard as they root us on."

Harris suffered a sprained ankle against Hawaii Jan. 26 but showed no ill effects against San Jose State, scoring his 20 points on 7-of-9 shooting from the field and grabbing nine rebounds. Harris said he will be at full strength this weekend.

"I did a pretty good job of getting hydrated and loading up on fluid, and I've been going at it for the past few days," Harris said. The Owls return home Feb. 14 to face Tulsa and kick off a four-game homestand. The third game will pit Rice against the University of Louisiana-Lafayette Feb. 21 in a game televised on ESPN Full Court as part of ESPN's Bracket Buster event. Sophomore forward Jammal Moore, who had a recurring thumb on an alley-oop from McKrieth Saturday, said the Owls are glad to be a part of the event.

"We're happy to have a chance to take part in it and to give our fans another chance to take part in another big-time matchup," Moore said. "I don't really know too much about [U. La.-La.], but right now we're just thinking about UTEP and Boise."

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**SAN JOSE STATE 50 RICE 82**

January 30, 2004 — Autry Court

Rebounds — SJSU 19 (Chandler 4). Rice 40 (Diene 9)

Wilson 2-4 2-2 8
Guilbeaux 1-5 0-0 2
Moore 0-10 0-0 0
SJSU (5-14, 0-9)

**Totals:** 16-50 13-15 49

6-8-9 10

McFadden 3-11 0-0 8
Calvert 2-5 2-2 6
Chandler 1-2 1-1 3
Harrison 2-5 0-0 5
Harris 7-8 5-6 20
Gillespie 2-6 1-1 1
Diene 3-4 5-5 11
Williams 0-2 0-0 0
Culver 0-10 0-0 0
Kollik 0-0 0-0 0

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Solia 0-0 0-0 0
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**Assists** — Rice 13 (Elder 4). Hawaii 7 (three tied)

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**BASKETBALL, from Page 14**

Lady Owl history. As a team, Rice is tied second for nationally with 67 blocks per game, just behind second-ranked Duke.

"We need to maintain the things we've improved upon," McKinnon said. "You can never have enough. You can never have too much. You can never have a little more."

The Lady Owls have matured from a team that got knocked out of the second-half leads against both top-10 foes (Duke, Arizona) to one that did not flinch down the stretch in hostile environments last weekend. Elder said it all started with improving its defense, which ranked as one of the team's arsenal.

"It's a different way of approaching the game. We're playing really well, and Latrice really did a good job against her," Elder said. "You just have to try to keep up with her when your chance comes, and that's what I did. Hopefully, when my next chance comes, I'll do just like that.

"I'm very pleased with the way the team is playing — finding a consistent offensive contributor in the absence of senior forward Johanna Hayes, out for the season with a knee injury, and cutting down on turnovers — apparently solved, the Lady Owls'一站式 hope, the team can remain steady for the balance of the season."

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**SAN JOSE STATE 56 RICE 26**

January 29, 2004 — Autry Court

Rebounds — SJSU 12 (Chandler 4). Rice 4 (Diene 2)

Elder 5-5 5-5 10
Singletary 3-11 0-0 6
Stovall 0-2 0-0 0
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## FRIDAY

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Birthday time! Let’s give a great big B-Day shout-out to Bob Marley, Babe Ruth and Ronald Reagan. Great music, great baseball, and...and...we have some deadlines for ya.

Today is the last day to complete the registration or add classes. Today is also the last day to drop courses without a fee.

Win a date with Ted Hamilton! Wait no, I mean Rice students. Oh well, better than that...Horrible movie.

"Great...big...birthday...shout-out...to...Ronald...Reagan. Great music, Telecom, Joanne Haag, haag@rice.edu."

**9**

Ticket cost! Once you have your admission badge, you can enjoy the annual alumni game. Come on down to the Registrar by 5 p.m. to do so.

**10**

I heard Sam Houston State’s bullpen has about as much control as Van rabbits on their first date. Yeah, you heard me.

Rice baseball takes on Sam Houston State tonight at 8 p.m. in Reckling Park. Get out there because it’s going to be awesome.

Today is the last day to convert Fall 2003 pass/fail designated courses to grades. Stop on down to the Registrar by 5 p.m. to do so.

Iowa: We do amazing things with corn.

Rice women’s track and field will compete against Iowa State University the next day at the Rice Track Stadium. Stop by and check out some truly fast women.

**FRIDAY**

**13**

Friday the 13th again? Ooooh, I’m scared.

Yeah, it’s Friday the 13th. That’s kind of cool, right? Funny that there would be a leap month and a Friday the 13th in the same month! Wow. Come on, this is calendary worthy, isn’t it? Today we also celebrate the foundation of the American Society for the Promotion of Temperance in 182(S. Actually, I think you can celebrate that one...or whatever you’re in the mood for.)

I’m not a player but I crush a lot. Thanks Big Fun.

The ICC dance party is tonight from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in Willy’s Pub in the Student Center. Come get 52 pictures and find your true love (or roughly "husband") when you get your HUGS dating survey results.

This sounds like a blast so come on down!

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This just in: Black atop fashion world in 2004

Hey there all you trendy, fashionable Rice students! As any native Houstonian can tell you, there are three seasons in this city — early-summer, mid-summer, and late-summer. So as we go through the transition from summer to early summer (so thanks to that brutal groundhog) we begin preparing for a drastic change in weather. Temperatures will go up, mosquito-ridden puddles will dot the campuses. And last but not least, clothing will come out of the closet. For preparing for this upcoming seasonal change, we've asked our fashion consultant, Hottie McSassy, to tell us how to beat the heat and stay cool in early summer '04. And remember, while the Backpage supports the following as fashion statements for 2004, we cannot condone "inadvertently" flashing one of your breasts on national television, even if it is covered by a tasteful and modest Sports Bra. Set it aside for NOD.

The hottest color this season is black. Not only is black shocking, hot, daring, and mysterious aura. Members of the opposite gender will most certainly say, "That girl/guy looks so dark and mysterious in that black outfit. And I like to have sex with dark and mysterious people." In addition to its power as an aphrodisiac, black can hide those embarrassing Chub-Lob stalkers, and studies show that, with liberal use of Febreeze, you can knock a black shirt up to three times longer than a white shirt before washing it.

This season's other top color is pink. It seems to have been ignored little sister. Though it has been said that pink is a "girl's color," but truly stylish, sassy girl can make quite a statement in pink. So if you're feeling daring, try a pink cut-off skirt so you can show off that engineer's physique. You're guaranteed to turn heads (and stomachs) with Under Armour's new line of pink Archi-Arts shirt.

Although it has been frowned upon in the past, cross-dressing is this year's biggest craze. There's always been something taboo about wearing the opposite gender's garments. Both Abercrombie & Fitch and Gap have advertisements all over their front windows to please a new hospital gown line within the month. The women's styles include backless, spaghetti strap, low-cut for those that need to cover up more ventilation, and miniskirt for those who prefer the comfort of a hospital gown in a slightly more risqué style. "The men's line does not offer as large a variety as women's," A & F fashion designer básico said. "But we believe it will be just as popular." Proposed styles include both loose-fit and cargo varieties.

The Owls went all the way in Omaha, and all I got was this lousy T-shirt, awesome jersey.

Come Monday night to see the unveiling of Willy's championship baseball jersey.

The above text contains classified ads and job postings, along with news updates and fashion advice. It also includes a recruitment notice for the Rice Swim Team.
Graham has new Owls ready to do it again

Head Coach: Wayne Graham (536-224 in 12 years at Rice).

Junior right-hander Philip Hunter (left), sophomore rightfielder/right-hander Lance Pendleton (center) and sophomore outfielder Matt Cousinagh (right) enjoy a laugh during practice Tuesday. The Owls begin the 2004 season tomorrow at Reckling Park with national championship ceremonies at 1:45 p.m. and the alumni game at 2 p.m.

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Janish is the backbone of the defense as one of the top defensive shortstops in the country. He turned in at least one spectacular play per game throughout the NCAA World Series, and Graham said his defense is too valuable to be sacrificed for any reason, even though Janish’s biggest problem is with machinery.

Joining Janish on the infield are several new players, but most are junior-college transfers with two years of experience already. Junior catcher Adam Rodgers should be behind the plate (See Pitching, Page 82), while junior second baseman Adam Davis’ roommate Kolkhorst was a late steal for Rice against right-handed pitching. Kolkhorst has the most candidates for one spot, Ueckert’s left-handed bat made him the leading candidate, but he may be most valuable as a designated hitter and relief pitcher because he has limited range at first base.

“The problem is if we can get enough mobility out of Ueckert,” Graham said. “I believe he’s a really good hitter — I doubt we have anybody that’s better than him. (Starting him) would allow us to have, against right-handed pitching, five left-handed batters in there.”

Gunderson has been the better defensive first baseman in the preseason but is unproven at the plate.

Junior catcher Adam Rogers could also see time.

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Joining Janish on the infield are several new players, but most are junior-college transfers with two years of experience already. Junior catcher Adam Rogers should be behind the plate (See Pitching, Page 82), while junior second baseman Adam Davis’ roommate Kolkhorst was a late steal for Rice against right-handed pitching. Kolkhorst has the most candidates for one spot, Ueckert’s left-handed bat made him the leading candidate, but he may be most valuable as a designated hitter and relief pitcher because he has limited range at first base.

“The problem is if we can get enough mobility out of Ueckert,” Graham said. “I believe he’s a really good hitter — I doubt we have anybody that’s better than him. (Starting him) would allow us to have, against right-handed pitching, five left-handed batters in there.”

Gunderson has been the better defensive first baseman in the preseason but is unproven at the plate.

Graham said the freshman could start against left-handed pitching. Other options at first base include Morris, sophomore outfielder Lance Pendleton, freshman outfielder Adam Hale and Rodgers.

ALUMNI GAME

The baseball program will commemorate its 2003 national championship with a reunion ceremony before tomorrow’s alumni game. The game will feature more than 110 former Rice players. Recent graduates will have the current team in the first four innings before giving way to older generations in the final five innings.

Pendleton and Hale are likely to anchor in right field, although Rodriguez could also see time.

“You’ve got two guys for right field that are both pretty much protege rightfielders,” Graham said. “They’ve both got rocket arms — Hale and Pendleton — and Pendleton runs extremely well.”

The team’s two most established hitters are Kolkhorst and Davis — switch outfield spots this year to take advantage of Kolkhorst’s aggressive defensive style.

“Kolkhorst’s going to play first, because he’s really versatile,” Graham said. “He’s probably made more good plays on the outfield than anybody in our history. There’ll be some adventures out there, but he’ll also catch some balls that other people don’t catch.”

Davis moves back to left field, where he started as a freshman in 2001. Like another former starter, former infielder Eric Arnold, now playing in the Toronto Blue Jays organization, Davis will finish his Rice career in the top 10 in most major hitting categories.

If Davis starts and healthy and approaches past numbers, he will set school career records for hits, runs, doubles and games played — three of which are currently held by Arnold. He also has the chance to become the first player in Western Athletic Conference history to be named first-team All-WAC four years in a row.

“Davis as a freshman played left field as well as anybody’s ever played,” Graham said. “I think he won’t have as many physical problems playing a position he’s comfortable in. He throws extremely well from left field.”

Davis’ roommate Kolkhorst was hit by 25 pitches last year, a school record, on his way to a phenomenal 것이 on-base percentage. He will lead off again to implement the offense.

Neither Davis nor Kolkhorst was drafted last year, since saws known they were returning for their senior season, and they are expected to lead the new players in the ways of Rice baseball. Graham said all the newcomers, even the transfers, have stepped into their roles quickly.

“We have seen very little resistance, even with people who obviously were coached much differently than we coach in ways we don’t happen with at all,” Graham said. “There’s a difficulty with changing, because they’re older, and some of these habits are deeply ingrained. We have seen some resistance in doing it, which is a big plus.

Despite the changing personnel, Davis and Humber both say expectations are just as high — if not higher — than in years past.

“The only way to top it is to go even better," Graham said. "We’re not really thinking about what happened last season. This is a totally different team, and we’re excited to go out and prove that we deserve [the No. 1 ranking]."
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The Texas Rangers' pitching staff is thick but not deep, so the returning starters -- Mark Prior, Scott. Oleck, and Jason Young -- will be thrown into the pressure-cooker of a Division I baseball schedule.

The most impressive bullpen candidates so far.

Baker is expected to be the top option out of the bullpen and is especially valuable because Rice needs left-handed relievers with their four.

Baker or any other reliever will be thrown into the 90-mph range.

They would need to have a small arm operation in the fall.

Humber said that -- I mean truly reliable, in that every time he goes out there, he's going to have a good evening.

The pressure-cooker of a Division I baseball schedule.

The pitching staff is third-best in Texas—behind the.

The Rice Sunday starter and as a reliever in the postseason. Although he was named pitcher of the year and the post-season's most dominant.

The Big Four's last start was last season.

The Rice team is projected to be a first-round pick in the MLB draft.
Head coach Wayne Graham returns only three regulars from last season — Davis, Kolkhorst and Janish — but has a talented group of transfers and underclassmen ready to fill the void. The Owls may have more depth than in years past, and the lineup will likely undergo many changes early in the season. Here’s a look at the regulars:

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On-base machine should have been the College World Series MVP last year for his ability to generate offense and his aggressive defense. Outstanding glove man is also a solid contact hitter who can bunt, move runners over and contribute timely extra-base hits. Three-year starter is one of the best pure hitters in college baseball and finds the gaps against both righties and lefties. Heavy-hitting transfer is expected to provide power from the right side and protect the hitters ahead of him in the lineup.

Rice’s team ERA in 2003, second-best in NCAA Division I but lower than Rice’s 2.79 mark in 2002, when the Owls won the national team ERA title. Only one regular last year had an ERA above 4.00, and six of 10 had ERAs under 3.30. Strikeouts recorded last season by Wade Townsend, besting the old Rice record of 163 (Denny Baugh, 2001). In addition to Townsend’s total, Niemann had 156 and Humber 138 last season. Rice’s team fielding percentage last year, second in NCAA Division I behind Long Beach State’s slightly higher .989. The Owls return only three starters in the field, so matching last year’s defensive performance will be a tough feat.

Career batting average of senior outfielder Chris Kolkhorst is .3478, seventh all-time at Rice, respectively. Davis is in the top 10 in five Rice career hitting categories.
The Owls celebrate with senior leftfielder Austin Davis after he scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the 3-2 and went on to its third consecutive regional championship.