Tuition increases continue

by Mark Berenson

The Student Association needs to be restructured in order to gain the respect of students and administrators, the SA president-elect said during the SA presidential debate Monday night.

"Rice President Malcolm Gillis has asked the SA to provide student affairs and the athletic director — to look into whether any such events occurred on campus and to reiterate to all students and coaches Rice's stance on the matter," Shepard said.

"We've done it for [Colorado State University] and [the University of Northern Colorado]," Davis said.

Students in the South Stadium Lot will pay $114, up from $104 last year. Parking for students in the West Lot, a 14-percent increase, will rise from the $54 fee last year. Permits for student parking at Rice are $192, which includes utilities, the cost of food as well as debt service on the buildings," Collins said.

"Tuition fees are set as part of the overall budget process, and tuition changes are affected by cost changes," Collins said.

"We've done it for [the University of Nevada]." She said his company has an office in Las Vegas, and we've done it for [the University of Colorado]. I said our company has an office in Houston, and we've done it for "[the University of Nevada]."

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**Spend $2, save Beer-Bike**

There is nothing quite like Rice-Bike. When else do you have an excuse to get wasted before lunch (or breakfast)?

Sure, it was pricier — costs more every year. Even the race itself has grown, with Martel throwing pizza and drinks — will have to disappear.

Vote for a blanket tax increase for Beer-Bike in the General Elections. Two dollars more is hardly enough to buy a beer, but it is enough to ensure that Beer-Bike will remain the same unique Rice tradition we all love.

**Pass the damn constitution**

It's become a tradition in every recent election — the referendum to change the constitution. Because U. Blue receives blanket tax money, its leadership is required to be elected by the student body. Someone is running for editor but this is technically illegal. U. Blue's current constitution has no provision for an elected editorship.

Each time a legal constitution is put on the ballot, it fails because fewer than the required 20 percent of the student body votes on the referendum. Thus the magazine remains in constitutional limbo.

Rice University deserves a well-run, top-rate literary magazine, and our student body certainly has the talent to produce one. However, in past years the magazine has not lived up to its potential. Reaching the editors can be difficult. Submission deadlines are not always clear. It is distributed too late in the year and is often hard to find.

Accountability is why we elect the leadership of KTRU, RITB, the Thresher and even Sammy the Owl. Without student choice, an organization cannot serve student needs.

Help rescue U. Blue from this administrative limbo: ratify their constitution. Electing the editor is the only way to provide the accountability necessary to take the first steps in making U. Blue the web-based literary outlet it should be.

**Extra word has purpose**

The upcoming General Elections ballot contains a referendum to change the honor pledge to read "unauthorized aid instead of merely aid." On the surface, this is a petty change.

But there is a reason behind the semantics. Although every student knows using a textbook on an open book exam is not a violation, lawyers may claim otherwise and this can mean trouble.

This change is not about what you write on your exam — it actually doesn't matter what you write on your exam because the pledge is a nullity. Instead, the change is about clarifying the standards that we all are agreeing to uphold.

While we were mixed in our opinions on this change, we strongly support the SA Senate Council changes on the ballot — all of which make minor procedural changes.

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

**COLUMNIST**

*ignoringly* misdiagnoses SA

To the editor:

Last week's column, "SA from derping in apathy, drill triviality," (Feb. 6) had two problems: Student Association Senate meetings don't produce open discussions and a complete leadership turnover within the SA is bad for the SA in the long run. The SA Senate meetings handle the logistical and tedious tasks of the SA, but it is just too often that we have mis-directed ad-hoc discussions more interested in interest groups than the entire Senate. The substantive discussions should be diverted to more specific meetings with smaller groups.

My real objection lies not with the meeting problems Mark Berenson has identified, but his discussion that organizational meetings and how candidates numbers signify a constituent SA. I must say that I'm very surprised to see someone with as much alleged knowledge of university workings as Berenson thinks that the weekly SA Senate meetings comprise the majority of the discussion and work of the SA. If that were the case, SA meetings would last at least three hours, and not one, sans Berenson, would like that situation. That's why we have a constituent body. That's why many important discussions are held at the college level. With the undergraduate student government structure, we have the opportunity to split discussions and allow more people to give input. In this system we have accomplished a lot. Anyone who has heard the State of the University address last week will know that the SA has made a lot of progress this year.

I must say that the SA cannot improve structurally; in fact, internal SA issues were probably the weakest part of our SA Presidency, but to say that the SA is dying is simply ignorant.

Brian Dolkhos
Wana senator
SA Co-President

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

*Too many 'rules' could kill fun at Autry Court*

To the editor:

As I read Dylan Hedrick's commentary in last week's Thresher sports section ("Even Jingle Gymn need ground rules," Feb. 6), I realized how the student section of our student team has come in supporting the basketball. After all, it occurred to me that Berlock focused more on the negative aspects of the game rather than concentrating on the teams and bonds the student section has made this season.

House court advantage has always been an important aspect of any team's success, however, enforcing "rules" on the student section will only regulate the crush of enthusiasm. Although the student section at our point did wax, it was an emotional response to an intentional but that disregarded one of our players, effective dominance from Hedrick's scrutinizing of Stanford's Matt Haynes. Additionally, heckling opponents is common practice in most sports, and limits should not be placed on what students can or cannot say, especially when the chant is more creative than the superb Rice standard of "you suck." After all, the students are simply trying to create an environment as hostile as those of our opponents when our teams play away from Autry Court.

Lake Gibson
Lectur Sophomore

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**Tips**

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**ADVERTISING**

*We accept all forms of classified advertisements. Please contact the Thresher for more information.*
“Two heads are better than one,” goes the old adage. Accordingly, one job with the same Student Association co-presidents can bear, is handled more which otherwise might fill the same role.

“Two heads go into below. benefits than just this one, how-
Channel One sells America student
And makes millions in the process

**CLOSE your textbooks. Turn on the TV.**

Every day, millions of students across the country tune in to the kind of news they would never hear from their teachers. But how much do they hear? To find out, in a study funded by Channel One, 375 students from 129 schools filled out surveys and were interviewed. What they heard is not what you might think.

The 13-year-old Channel One gives public schools free exchange for showing a daily 12-minute news show, replete with advertisemen
t, which every student must watch.

On the surface, it appears to be giving free TVs, VCRs and news. That is until you remember the commercials that fuel that broadcast.

Channel One might not be as dangerous as journalists have portrayed it, but the broadc
ast has a destructive part of it that you'd find on local news channels, and the products they push. It's a clever way of making more money than a big McDonald's did.

**Students get the shaft**

It's easy to argue that an advertising for news and equipment tradeoff is worthwhile, but the news and the current event discussions are far from informative.

Out of those 12 daily minutes of Channel One, the topics do match group Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting notes that only a fraction of current event discussions are ex- panded long enough to appropriately address the content.

Two minutes are clear cut commercials, eight or nine minutes deal with soft news including presented features on topics as hard-hitting as how Nike shoes are made, and as little as one minute covers national or international events. In an attempt to maintain the interests of jaded students, Channel One tries to watch group Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting notes that only a fraction of current event discussions are expanded long enough to appropriately address the content.

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Not that students aren't in tune to the commercials. Those who press the play button. But, schools have no choice about what is shown at a prescribed volume setting. Those who press the play button. But, schools have no choice about what is shown at a prescribed volume setting.

**Out of the Channel One hole**

For example, not all Channel One programming fits into the category of news. In 2005, an Ohio brother and sister walked out on a Channel One broadcast with religious objections to a song. The student's broadcast features the words of a song which are not allowed to cover it up, turn off the TV and turn off the loop.

This past summer, the Texas Board of Education decided against allowing soda companies, like Coca-Cola, to have exclusive "pouring rights" in schools. This decision allows soft-drink companies to compete with the products of a billion-dollar soda company.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Come Worship With Us!**

West University Baptist Church invites you to worship, the study of God's word, and fellowship.

We have both contemporary and traditional Sunday worship services, as well as a college-level Sunday school class that is attended by many Rice University and Medical School students, and taught by Dr. Jon Tour. Free breakfast is always served in the class, along with an opportunity to take the Lord's Supper each Sunday morning.

We are located 2 miles directly west of campus, 6218 Avenida between University and Rice. Free round-trip shuttle service is provided each Sunday morning leaving at 8:15 AM and 9:15 AM from the Rice Loop in front of Rice's Allen Center. See the listing of worship services below.

**Concert Worshop**

Sundays: 8:30 AM

Traditional Worship: 11:00 AM

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Two things must be noted. First, the thirty-thousand charge was eventually dropped. Second, the students attempted to run away from the police, whereas the student staff complied with the officer's request.

Using these arguments; we could justify the pending trial, saying the students received a greater punishment because they resisted arrest, and that the event was considered serious because they were considered serious. We could argue the students were charged with some form of threat.

This article is under investigation, but it doesn't help me sleep much to say one of the officers had to be there.

The school's system of handling issues is flawed. In this case, two junior executives were fired. One executive had to be there.

**Attempts defined**

Inal writes, "anyone can practice any religion as long as the practice does not contradict with secularism." That is one of the meanings of "religious tolerance." Thanks for help, The Rice University Observer
Candidates discuss relationship with new president

"Above all else, the SA is a forum, a place where people can come and voice concerns and we can address them." — Alan Pham, Baker College junior

Azamian said the role of the SA president is to gauge student opinion and make a decision about what students want. She said the SA should fight for students.

Pham said he would support building a 10th college. McKeen said a research officer would be beneficial for undergraduates who want to engage in on-campus research.

"The SA needs to be restructured," Azamian said. "It's not my decision, it's my job to listen to, and that we will listen to him."
Rice faculty wins $100,000
by Clarence Yong
Biology Department

"Understanding biological molecular structure-function relationships is especially important both for advancing our understanding of the nature of life, and for developing medical/therapeutics to improve health and the quality of life," Levy said.

Although his faculty appointment does not require him to teach, Ma teaches a class on computational molecular biology and, because the financial aid budget decreases, he is needed to teach at Baylor and Rice.

"I volunteered (to teach)," Ma said. "The most satisfying moment is when you see from the eyes of the students that they start to understand.

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The Hackenmair award was created three years ago for young scientists who conduct chemical research within Texas. The award is sponsored by many companies, including Hackenmair, a chemist who served as president of the group from 1982 to 1986. Ma hopes he can continue to brew new ideas and look into new uses for computational biophysics.

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2003 — +5.1%

2002 — +4.8%

2001 — +3.6%

2000 — +2.6%

1999 — +1.3%

1998 — +3.1%

1997 — +5.8%

1996 — +7.3%

1995 — +9.1%

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First black Rice graduate returns to speak to students

by Brooke Latham

Raymond Johnson, the first black man awarded a bachelor's degree at Rice, was faced with a lawsuit attempting to bar him from the university. The suit was initiated by students who were watching strippers do not fit in with that any of them or anyone at Rice, they were told. Johnson, a professor of mathematics at the University of Maryland, spoke about coming of age in a world that is half-integrated and half-segregated.

Johnson grew up in Alice, Tex., and attended the University of Texas, where he majored in mathematics and Rice as a graduate student.

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"I don't know if they were for recruiting or not," Hardbodies Entertainment Houston manager

Hatfield said although he does not know how much each of the 204 students who were watching the strippers were able to fit in with the university's standards.

"It seems like the university checked the records," Ken Hatfield talked to the football team and basically asked them the question if they had had any involvement in the last month's theme, "How far have we come?" and praised President Johnson for his efforts to maintain minority enrollment at Rice.

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Johnson described the path of his education from a two-room elementary school in Alice to an undergraduate career at UT. He said he faced discrimination at UT in the form of segregated housing, white-only restrooms, and rationing within the athletic department. One math professor guaranteed that any black student would get no grade higher than a "C" in his class.

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939 interim acceptances mailed

The following items were reported to the University Police for the period Feb. 3-10.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

by Aaron Heckscher

Residential Colleges

Sid Richardson College
Feb. 4

Computer stolen.

Sid Richardson College
Feb. 7

Student caught furnishing alcohol to a minor and another student, a minor, reported to be misrepresenting age to obtain alcohol. Case referred to University Health Center.

Lowell College
Feb. 10

A red Toyota struck the bulldozer at Entrance #5 in front of Lowell College. The driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated and transported to Harris County Jail.

Academic Buildings

Humanities Building
Feb. 10

Wallet stolen from room 113.

Other Buildings

Pondini Library
Feb. 3

Backpack stolen.

Murd Building
Feb. 3

Golf cart hit a parked moped.

Ley Student Center
Feb. 4

A male was standing in the circle driving to start lights. Subject was gone when officers arrived.

Greenbriar Building
Feb. 5

A homeless man was seen leaving the building. The subject, who had three prior criminal trespass warnings, was arrested for criminal trespass and remanded to Harris County Jail.

Auto Court
Feb. 5

Bicycle stolen.

Wellness Center
Feb. 5

Bicycle stolen.

Parking Lura

South Lot
Feb. 1

Intoxicated male was urinating in public. Individual referred to U. Court.

West Lot
Feb. 9

Vehicle stolen.

Other Areas

University Police
Feb. 9

Student reported someone had taken money from his bank account without his permission.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

Feb. 3-10.

Browning said when Harvard, Stanford and Yale switched to a two-track admissions system, the schools decided to recognize Rice’s interim decision as equivalent to a regular decision, since students who have done well for the interim programs do not have to declare their decision until the same date as those accepted under regular decision.

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"It’s wise to get rid of the deficit," McCaffrey said. "It's unique to Rice. It works well for the reason that people apply here for a specific area and their applications in Dec. 1. It helps us get more people to recruit them."

"We've gotten over the hump with interim applications went smoothly. Before this year, the cost to park in college lots was 25 percent, from $1.25 to $2.50 per hour for facilities east and west of Entrance #12, respectively. The daily maximum fee of $8 will remain unchanged. Browning said in an attempt to encourage visitors to campus.

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Who doesn't need their own chain mail?

Tim Kennedy makes his own chain mail at OwlCon last weekend in the Student Center. OwlCon is an annual gaming convention hosted by the student club FastWeb.

SA election survey will evaluate student opinion of athletics

Terry Kennington

Voting for a new SA president and on various referenda will not be the only aspects of this year’s General Elections that could seriously impact student life. The Student Association will include a brief survey following the items on the ballot to determine student opinions toward Rice’s Division I-A athletic program.

“We had a good mix of non athletes and athletes, so there was a lot of creativity flowing and a lot of exchanges of ideas.” — Julia Tucker-Huth, Jones College freshman

Representatives of McKinsey and Company — a management consulting firm hired by the Board of Trustees to conduct a study on the role of athletics at Rice — requested that the SA collect the data. The board hired McKinsey in September to report on how Rice’s athletic program benefits relates to the university as a whole. Similar studies have been conducted at other Division I-A programs, and the data indicates that the athletic program at Rice has the potential to contribute to the university’s overall impact student life. The Student Association has met twice since its establishment at the Feb. 2 SA meeting and has been in email contact. Tucker-Huth said: “So from that we hope to help determine whether Rice’s Division I athletic program meets students’ needs.

“Something like the only six percent of all Division I schools in the nation actually profits from having a Division I athletic program.” Tucker-Huth said. “Rice is one that is not profiting from a Division I athletic program, but neither are some of the most successful sports institutions, so for bringing such a small school that is Division I athletics, they were wondering if there should be some changes.

On the survey, students will be asked questions such as whether the athletic program played a part in their decision to come to Rice and how it affects quality of life at Rice. The committee chose the questions with the help of Dean of Social Sciences Robert Stein, who has conducted research on the political significance of visiting underprivileged parts of the world.

“I’m excited to see the results and bring them to the board next month.” — Bryan Debbink, Student Association co-President

We had a good mix of non-athletes and athletes, so there was a lot of creativity flowing and a lot of exchanges of ideas.” Tucker-Huth said. “We had a really well-rounded group that came in, and we had some wonderful questions. We went to Dr. Stein, and he gave us some suggestions on how to best collect the data and what would give us the best chances of getting a scientific sample.”

Tucker-Huth said McKinsey was right to ask for student opinions.

“I’m really glad that they have the opportunity of getting a scientific sample.” — Julia Tucker-Huth

It has caused stock market booms and busts, moved political attitudes from left to right, destroyed and restored trust in government institutions and created a new industry, and yet most people don’t think about it until it becomes a problem. What is this powerful influence? It’s inflation, according to Samuelson.

“’The Secret History of Inflation’ A look at the economic, social and political significance.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 4 p.m.

McMurtry Auditorium in Duncan Hall

This talk is sponsored at Rice University by the President’s Office, the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy and the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management.
Almost two years after the first parking gates were installed at Rice, university groups are still adjusting to the routine of the campus. And the parking gates were the most significant of a number of changes brought about because of an effort by Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration Neil Binford and the University Standing Committee on Parking to transform parking operations at Rice from one that satisfy four million dollars in efficiency with a plan to install parking gates and change visitors for parking.

"Parking is part of the infrastructure of the university. We don't charge people to walk on sidewalks or use bathrooms."

— Bruce Weisman
Parking committee member

"We essentially had a de facto operation going for almost two years now. The parking committee was given the tough task of trying to adjust to every situation and every problem that came up for all the parking costs." In the spring of 2002 the parking committee began to address the issue of parking and pairing for all lots on campus. President Malcolm Gillis recommended the proposal to the Board of Trustees, but it was ultimately killed due to a variety of groups and student and faculty members, who thought the gates had no word dissenting members of the Houston community from visiting Rice. Some also feared the parking gates would be inconvenient and unprofitable.

At a Student Association forum held in April 2002, Josh Ginsberg (Wes '03) said the issue of charging people for parking is a "serious one" that would affect the campus as a whole.

"It's still too early to tell," he said. "Maybe we have to be more organized with parking, but parking is a part of the infrastructure."

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— Trish Kigdon
Director of theater

To every athletic event, Stockley adds the parking department of which lots need to be open, and he has not been asked to explain any significant problems. But over the last seven years we've lost a lot of parking, Stockley said.

"We have the most organized parking department to make sure we have the best for every event," Bingham said.

Bingham said he is pleased with implementation of the plan. The total anticipated revenue from visitors in Fiscal Year 2001 exceeded the $30,000 goal by over $11,000, a 50% increase in this year's goal.

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Directories with correct student information arrive

by Jenny Rees

A 73-page supplement to the 2003-'04 campus directory was distributed to colleges and academic departments beginning Monday. The original directory, distributed last November, contained incorrect address and telephone information for students.

Student Media Adviser Jen Cooper, whose office publishes the directory, said 5,000 addendums were ordered to supplement the 8,000 original directories. Cooper said she determined how many addendums each department would receive based on which departments advertised in the directory.

"The colleges are the highest priority," Cooper said. "All the colleges got 250 — they originally got 200 of the directories. I prioritized who would get a lot of the addendums, based on who interacts with students. That's how I determined the student numbers, so it's not going to be one-to-one ratio for every department."

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The printing and shipping costs for the addendums totaled $2,000 and $2,000, Cooper said. Vice President for Enrollment Ann Wright said the cost will be covered by her office and the Office of Administrative Systems.

"We were both involved in producing the original directory, so we thought we'd put it online (the cost)," Wright said.

Due to a miscommunication between the Registrar's Office and Housing and Dining, the Registrar's database contained last year's local phone and address information for returning students and home telephone information for first-year students, rather than up-to-date information.

The mistake was discovered when the campus directory was distributed.

Next year, student information for the campus directory will be updated using the Banner system, the new online student information system. Registrar Jerry Montag said the Banner system will automatically update on-campus addresses and phone numbers for students. In addition, students will be able to update their permanent address information online.

Wright said the Banner system will provide a more efficient method of updating student information.

"What really is going to assure that this isn't going to happen again is that we are going to be on the new Banner system," Wright said. "That's going to take care of the kinds of problems we had this year."

Cooper said she hopes the new system will allow for a faster production schedule for the directory.

"My dream has been to have a campus directory that arrives before midterm break, and I still believe that's possible," Cooper said.

Cooper said the addendum was printed with 23 pages of advertisements as a gesture of good faith toward the advertisers who placed ads in the original directory.

"If a student saw an addendum and didn't have their ad in it, they'd think the ad in the directory means nothing," Cooper said. "But running the ad is a show of good faith to advertisers. So, with the ad in the original or the addendum, the advertisers are getting the exposure."

Wright said the addendums include an additional $2,000 of updating student information.

"Anything that's in print is going to be out of date almost as soon as it's distributed, so we recommend to people to use the Web as much as possible," Wright said. "But at the same time, it's nice to have something you can hold and put on your bookshelf."

Students who find incorrect information listed on the Web should send an e-mail to registrar@rice.edu.

The dangers of drinking and driving

At 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, a 34-year-old male who is unaffiliated with Rice drove onto campus and ran over the ballfields in front of Lovett College. No one was injured in the accident. The driver had a blood alcohol content of .084, over twice the legal limit, and was transported to Harris County Jail. The car was severely damaged, which included the wheel rim cracking upon impact.

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If you have a question you have been contemplating, you can put your mind at ease if you subscribe to The Rice Thresher.
Five separate referenda will appear on the Student Association General Elections ballot. The referenda include proposed changes to the Honor Council constitution, a SA amendment that would prohibit the election of SA co-presidents, a Rice Programming Council referendum to increase the blanket tax for Beer-Bike, and an amendment to the SA Constitution regarding censure.

The blanket tax referendum asks students whether they support raising the blanket tax by $2 per credit hour to cover more of Beer-Bike's operating expenses. Rice Programming Council President Mary Margaret Miller said, "Every year, Beer-Bike is understood by about $10,000. If Miller said, "Currently we make up for our deficits primarily through college fines. The problem with that is that those college fines aren't intended to fund Beer-Bike. They are intended to be a deterrent, and theoretically, we shouldn't have fines. If we ever had year where no one got any fines, we couldn't have Beer-Bike the next year because we'd have no funds." Corporate sponsorship, previously another source of funding, has declined over the years, making it more difficult to fund the event, Miller said.

"The problem in the past has been that once they find out that they are donating to Beer-Bike, they don't want to be associated with that," Miller said. "We've unfortunately been forced to look to the students for more funding."

The Beer-Bike referendum appeared on last year's Student General Elections ballot but did not pass.

The other highly controversial referendum on the ballot is the proposed amendment to the SA constitution that would state the office of SA president must be held by a single person. Grawert said, "This is something that we said at the beginning of the year we were going to look at." SA co-President Bryan Debbink said, "This time it's actually going to go to a student vote, which is good, and we get to find out what the students think.

In addition to the co-presidents amendment, the ballot includes several housekeeping changes to the SA constitution, SA Parliamentarian CW McCullagh said. "The constitution was not only redundant, but it contradicted itself, mainly around the number required for a supermajority," McCullagh said. "Every amendment passed the ISAG Senate by four-fifths, and now they just need to go to front of the student body."

In order for an amendment to pass, it must receive a two-thirds minority of votes with at least 20 percent of students voting. McCullagh said the Election Committee recommended the ballot to increase the chances of fulfilling these requirements.

"Last year on the ballot, these issues were on the end of the ballot, so you're through voting for all positions and the (University) Court stuff and then you get to the blanket taxes and the constitution changes," McCullagh said. "Every referendum is being voted at the front of the ballot this year."

Students will choose among several options regarding the structure of the appeals process. Some included in the beginning of the ballot will be a referendum revising the University Blue constitution, former G. T. Rice editor Shari Laster said. "Many constituons we didn't even have on the SA's roster requirements for student body organiza- mions," Laster said. "It's an effort to fix changes that have been made in the new constitution reflect the SA's requirements and what the organization had operated for the past several years."

"Last year we were looking at this thing, we considered what amendments to propose for this year," Laster said. "This year we've gotten positive feedback, that could help us make our minds know what the rest of the student body thinks about it."

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Students will vote on the changes because they're based on SA requirements that have already been approved by the stu- dent body," Laster said. "If these changes aren't made, we're in a Catch-22 of not being able to change a constitution we're not supposed to have."
Parking at Rice

Cursed by students since the inception of the automobile, parking at Rice has had a little controversy... and a lot of grumbling.

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Jeff Bishara and Rachel Runn

Arriving to Rice in 1959, Officer 220 (John Paminther) found a lot of change in the campus. He was also the 2002, Homecoming Queen.

BY THE NUMBERS: FINE REVENUE

Although fine revenues were expected to decrease after installing gates, Rice did not experience this. Students have more dollars than fines, but also have to pay for parking.

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The 1990s were characterized by evolving parking roles and generally low fees and fines. While fees for all evolved parking roles had only risen to $80. The shuttle fee, however, tripled to $30. Employee parking costs were also raised, with premium lots at $129 and student lots at $59.

Gates

While parking changes occurred throughout the '90s, none was as drastic as the implementation of parking gates. Many folks, including myself, had difficulty believing that we would ever run out of parking from 25 years ago.

The April 5, 2002 Thresher announced parking gates would be part of the new parking plan, which also included higher fees and paid visitor parking. At that time, Binstead said the parking system was operating at a $460,000 deficit each year.

Students expressed displeasure at their lack of input. "When the SA found out about it, it was already decided for six months," SA co-President Michael Leggett said. "We go unannounced down to the students, there was no time to get student opinion on it.

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Kuffner said that he, like many non-students and non-employees involved in campus activities, would be willing to pay for parking privileges if they were offered. However, pay-per-visit visitor parking remained a part of the proposal.

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In addition, Binstead said more people now come to campus to take advantage of what Rice has to offer. "Twenty-five years ago we didn't have outreach programs which were anything to brag about," Binstead said.

"Now we have hundreds and thousands of people coming on campus. You also have a highly developed research program. All of that leads to the situation of lower places to park close to the gates."

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Freshmen, however, were charged $140 for stadium parking, the first time fees were different for students of different years. About 6000 proximity cards, campus-specific drivers access to gated lots, were distributed. The system was deemed to cost something like $30,000 per space, which a stadium was $600,000 per spot. It's substantially more but makes it look a lot nicer and gets parking a lot closer to things.

"It's debatable if it's worth the investment and I think it's unfair that they forced the debt-service directly onto the students and faculty. The other way we could do is to raise the budget, but that is something that the college wants to put their name on a garage."

Binstead said the future of parking at Rice will also depend upon the evolution of Houston, but that no matter what happens in Houston, Rice must keep the number of cars on campus as low as possible.

Members of the Rice community backing on-campus parking privileges include its alumni.

"We make a decision that visitors would pay to park at the campus if they were parking downtown. And we still have the Greenbriar Lot for parking downtown, and that decision has been made at the highest of levels and that is the program," Binstead said. "I imagine the day when we can no longer afford to pay for parking."
SA PRESIDENT

Derrick Matthews

For Derrick Matthews and I want to work for you as your Student Association President. I have experience producing my work with BPC, 2007 Gais Council, and Random Owls. Instead of an agenda of tangible issues, I promise to outline opportunities to make rice, capable of creating and changing our campus. I believe the most authentic solutions to the real issues that our students face. Your voice is the foundation of the real AC, committed to student and student relations. This year at Internal Vice President, I’ve seen that does not work, and I have the experience to lead the SA.

Objectives: You bring your goals to the SA, so we don’t spend time on issues that aren’t interested in. Now, new are our greatest unsung resource. Let’s organize the student so they can get things done. Office hours: Senate members and I will keep office hours every week, after your hours, your goals, and available to hear your perspective.

Committee organization - SA goals will be designed to interest Senate members and students. Focusing on their efforts will influence efficiency and expand the roles of SA, senate, and the executive committee.

Motto: Make Minnesota right about communities, see logistics, and I have more things to change.

With an organized SA, we can tackle college equality, the RCC, the Rice, and other, and more. Vote Derrick Matthews for SA President and see a Student Association that makes visible changes during your time at Rice.

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SA EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

Manu Gupta

I am Manu Gupta, and I want to be your Student Association External Vice President. I have experience working for the Rice community as a member of Rice EMS and as a former Minnesota representative on the undergraduate committee. My goal is bring the issues that are important to you and make sure their opinions are heard. I will work closely with the SA President to ensure what you want gets done. I have produced real results working with the SA before as a member of the academic committee, the student leader, and helped bring back students back for the spring semester. As the Student Association External Vice President, I will be of operating people in University Standing Committee and organizing SA Senate and committees. I'm interested in the position because it is important to keep this information organized and readily available, and will be more interested in the campus and organizing and organizing. I believe that you will be the voice in my campaign for Student Association. Thank you for considering me as a candidate for SA Secretary.

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SA SECRETARY

Gabriela Perez-Hoberacker

My name is Gabriela Perez-Hoberacker. I am currently a sophomore at Rice College and I am running for the Student Association Secretary this year. As the SA Secretary, my top priority would be keeping and distributing, aware of the SA meetings, keeping track of Student Senate membership, and a lot of the active student organizations that are coordinated with the SA. As the SA Secretary, I will be able to help the students that are interested in the position because it is important to keep this information organized and readily available, and will be more interested in the campus and organizing. I believe that you will be the voice in my campaign for Student Association. Thank you for considering me as a candidate for SA Secretary.

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CAMPANILE EDITOR

Jenny Voight & Michael Pavlik

Jenny Voight is currently the Photo Editor for the Campanile. She is a junior majoring in Managerial Studies and Visual Merchandising, coming of the finish of her high school yearbook in 2006. She desires experience will be complemented by Michael Pavlik's technical skills.

We are editors of the Campanile and are all of the photographer and two experience of the Campanile. We are planning to continue the Campanile to continue the work that the Campanile and the Rice community. We are planning to continue the Campanile to continue the work that the Campanile and the Rice community.

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Rsvp CHAIR

Sanjay Chao & Cara Virgili

Want to volunteer and don’t know how? It would be our goal as your RSVP chairs to increase the awareness of opportunities and to volunteer. We hope to encourage people to stay involved and to be the voice of the student body in maintaining the university. Rsvp's mission is to provide opportunities to take part in the student government and to share the experience.

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Rsvp INTERNAL CHAIR

Tony Liu

In my remaining time here at Rice University, I have been actively involved with a great service organization: Rsvp. I have enjoyed all the meetings, publicity campaigns, and especially, the service we have provided to the local community and rice town. I am running for the Rsvp Internal Vice-Chair position because I believe it is the position that allows me to serve the students and leadership of the student organization. I have great communication skills, which include the ability to actively listen, articulate the student's and the Rice community, and inform the Rice community about the events. I am a junior, and I believe that I am a good candidate for the position. I am looking forward to continuing our involvement with Rsvp and to serve.

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Thresher Editor-in-Chief

Jonathan Yardley & Lindsey Gilbert

We are both seniors — Lindley Jones and Joan — and we have worked together on the Thresher for almost three years. Lindley began as an associate editor and served as an associate editor and served as an associate editor and served as an associate editor and served as editor-in-chief. We know this to be true of each other, so we hope to be the best to have two people for certain positions.
HONOR COUNCIL SR. REP. (CONTINUED)

Matthew Mino

As both an Art and College Rep, I have served the Honor Council for the past two years with the purpose of providing fairness to the body and integrity to the Honor System. I have supported and will continue to fight for our ability to retain our own academic integrity. If re-elected, I promise to continue to be open and moderate views that will ensure that no abuse of the system takes place by the appeals board, members of the council, or any other students involved in the Honor System and the Council. I consider it to be my most important role at Rice and ask for the opportunity to continue to serve you.

John (Jeb) Britt

My name is John Ellis Britt (Jeb) and I want to be one of your Senior Representatives to the Honor Council. My experience as an At-Large Rep has given me a wealth of knowledge and insight into Honor Code related issues, including:

- Recent changes made to the appeals process.
- Continued revisions of the new appeals process to make it a more student-friendly system.
- Proposed amendments to the Constitution requiring the ratification of elections.
- Appropriate penalties and maintaining uniformity from case to case.

This fall the University sent me to the annual Academic Integrity Conference. There I learned how honor codes work and don't work in other institutions. Seeing how other universities address Academic Integrity has made me committed to preserving and improving the system we have in place here at Rice, and I want to continue to work towards that goal as your Senior Rep next year.

HONOR COUNCIL JR. REP. (PICK 3)

Loyola Gressot

As sophomore rep this past year, I have striven to safeguard the honor system in a manner that is fair and just to all. I have reflected the interests of those I represent in my decisions and hope that you choose to reelect me so that I may continue to do so.

Divya Pandya

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Divya Pandya, and I am running for the position of junior representative. I have sat on the Honor Council for two years with the purpose of providing fairness to the student body and integrity to the Honor System. I have been a Junior Class but also the sentiments of Rice as a whole. If you want your Honor Council to reflect this sense of justice and confidence in the Honor Council, I feel that we should maintain it as a student-run organization above all.

Brandon Mack

What's up Rice? My name is Brandon Mack better known as B-Mack. I am a sophomore at West College expecting to major in Economics. I've served on the Honor Council for the past two years with the purpose of providing fairness to the student body and integrity to the Honor System. I have been a Student Ambassador, a member of the Rice Student Senate, and the Stayin' Awake for Kids Sake Dance Marathon. I am a member of the Student Council and the Student Body. My goal is to become a member of the Honor Council and continue to represent the best interests of the honor code.

HONOR COUNCIL SOPH. REP. (PICK 3)

Rachel Hamilton

I am running for Sophomore Honor Council Rep. I believe the student-run Honor System is an important part of Rice. Having served as a Freshman Rep, I know how to ensure that the Honor Council reflects the voice of the student body and the students. I have enjoyed serving this year and I want to continue because I am invested and interested in the future of the Honor Code.
HONOR COUNCIL SOPH. REP. (Cont.)

Becky Thilo

As I write this letter, I am excited to announce that I am a candidate for Sophomore Class Honor Council Representative. I am currently a freshman at Rice University. This past year, I have served as one of the two Freshmen Class Honor Court Representatives. In the past, I have run for elections on the Honor Council for 2004-2005 and have won the position of Sophomore Class Honor Council Representative. I would like to run again this year. In addition to my role as Freshman Class Honor Court Representative, I have attended numerous Student Association meetings, and I have been elected to the University Court as a representative for the Sophomore Class. I would like to represent the Sophomore Class on the Honor Council and help bring in a student's perspective into University Court so that justice will not be clouded by bias by the Court on any given case. I have also been able to familiarize myself with the University Court Constitution and the Student Code of Conduct. I'm a great admirer of Tony Hawk, Visualize and the Rice Rock Show. I hope to continue to bring interesting programming to the Rice campus next year. If that needs changing or anything, please let me know.

SAMY THE OWL

Lanny Bose

I am a junior, majoring in English. Lanny Bose, better known as Sammynk, is a student who advises the President on matters of appointments, curricula modifications, degree requirements, and general plans and goals. As the Undergraduate Representative, I would like to see the Undergraduate Representative have a louder voice on the Student Association. The Undergraduate Representative would be the one to voice the students' opinions on the Student Association. This year, I have run for this position twice, and I would like to run again this year. I have run for this position because I believe that the Undergraduate Representative should be able to have a louder voice on the Student Association. I have run for this position twice, and I would like to run again this year. I have run for this position twice, and I would like to run again this year.
'Monologues' speak to more than just themselves

In a horrific account entitled "Memory of Her Face," Sid Richardson College junior Liza Junin describes a scenario where a wife is thrown acid in his wife's face, not only destroying her face, but also her ability to communicate which is a larger community.

Another monologue, "My Short Skirt," performed by Weiss College junior Jill Browning, generally addresses issues of female empowerment in a relatively pleasant fashion, flowing from feelings of hostility to comfort.

As a whole, the play is well balanced, interspersing the darker pieces with more uplifting ones, producing a multi-faceted work that leaves the audience not terribly depressed, but empowered and aware.

[An impressive share of] phenomenal performances makes this show worth seeing.

Two of the most powerful pieces in the play are wickedly funny, including outrageous laughter. The performances by Director of Multicultural Affairs Catherine Clack and Lovett College junior Adriana Ramirez are amazing. Clack’s enthusiasm and Ramirez’s imitations of different types of voices during sex is classic.

THE QT, AND RECORD, ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2004

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Strong lead performance conquers weak script in ‘Story’

Unfortunately, not all of the actresses perform as well as the above-mentioned, causing the play to drag at times, especially during the middle third. Another cause of this transient drag is a lack of movement; in almost every monologue, the actresses are seated and their body language is limited to the bare necessities. Although the directors clearly designed the world with," See VAGINA, Page 19

THE QUEEN OF THE DESERT

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Lauren Miku

Japanese Story is a loosely-knit patchwork quilt comprised of alienation, solidarity regardless of cultural differences and the fragility of human relationships and existence.

‘Japanese story’

The plot centers around the experience of Sandy Edwards (The Aunt Joint Collection), a thirty-something geologist from Australia whose work at a software company suffers because of a crisis. Forced against her will, a perturbed Sandy assumes the assignment of escorting a Japanese businessman (by whose father owns a large percentage of Australia’s iron ore industry) and its vast and mysterious deserts.

When Sandy and her charge meet, the clash of cultures is visually obvious. Sandy pulls up to the airport in a dented, ill-kept, white van, and adorning her feet are the grueling and spotted refashion of the otherwise pretty Tachihana Hironishi (Getaro Tsunahiro), whotutorial incessantly rides on each other’s nerves. To Hiro- nishi, Sandy is loud, overly aggressive and disrespectful. Sandy finds Hironishi degrading, hard-breasted and hard-headed ignorant.

Hironishi’s tendency to fail to ac- cept Sandy’s advice on sex and the depths of the Pilbara Desert results in the pair being stranded in the dangers of the desert. Sandy and Hironishi are forced to evaluate the state of their union for the assurance of survival. As a result, their relationship changes from disrespect to love (sex, actually). This period of harmony, however, is cut short by a medical and unexpected event that changes the course of the entire film.

Although Japanese Story remains slightly as refreshing and unique, the script, by screenwriter Alison Tilsen, presents a plot that is externally wanting. It appears as though Tilsen was so unprepared to secure a multitude of scenes within the script that she only managed to deliver the abbreviated version of elements that should have been further explored or eliminated. In many areas of the plot, she serves as a simple mouth when we are craving a whole mouth.

For example, the external reason for Hironishi’s trip to Australia is discussed several times by many characters without ever offering views or clear explanation for his visit. Initially, the audience is de- ceived into thinking that Hironishi is merely embarking on some dry business agenda. Although the film later reveals the crux of his journey to be a soul-searching venture, the attempt at an objective justification for his adventure detracts and muddles Hironishi’s more powerful motivation within the story.

Director Sue Brooks—who’s last theatrical release of Road To Nil was nearly seven years ago—suffi- ciently portrays the difficult task of... See DESERT, Page 19
Jonathan Schumann

The film is about American actor Bill Murray and his wife, who craves melodic rhythms while one up if you are a would-be club kid.

This is the film’s best aspect: Coppola and Groban’s ability to breathe life into their roles. She captures the attic atmosphere of Tokyo and the essence of Bill and Charlie’s relationship. The film is simply the best and most romantic depiction of a non-sexual romance ever captured on screen.

As a fading action star, Murray gives a soft, deeply affecting performance. It is a delicate turn with the sharp disappointment of a once-great actor. As for Johansson, who was unjustly denied an Oscar nomination for her work, expect big things. At only 30-years-old her busy voice and confidence are unique and inviting.

The film succeeds partially because of Murray and Johanson’s undeniable chemistry. This is most evident when, after a late night of karaoke, Murray’s ex-partner — still in love — tells Johanson that he needs to leave.

The only thing lacking in this features is a feature-length running commentary with Coppola.

The delusional scenes are pretty much all of the wife’s imagination. The director of photography, production designer, costume designer, etc. The real gem here is Zooey Deschanel, a video diary of the film’s production shot by the actual filmmakers. So many times these behind-the-scenes featurettes are churned out by studios for publicity. However, here, with Coppola’s whimsical viewpoint and her director’s commentary, it is touching.

Director Sofia Coppola, who is featured extensively on the DVD’s special features, walks the streets of Tokyo with star Bill Murray.

This music tax should feel free to experiment outside the mainstream, but should not stray too far from the great neo-noir that makes him so recognisable and famous as the boyish Charlie's Angel's pose for the camera. The interview session is often hilarious with the actress' retro shadlessness to her own suppleness for the focus.

The opening track “Waving Stranger” deftly captures the film’s 1970s’ disco feel in a country music icon Garth Brooks tune that makes him as respectable and famous as he tots around the beach.

Various Artists

COLD MOUNTAIN: MUSIC FROM THE MOTION PICTURE

Sony Music

The film’s sense of loneliness and detachment come through. Perhaps White’s best entry is “Never Far Away,” which mixes the sitar and guitar sound of the White Stripes.

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The film is out: Janet Jackson has a right breast. We all know it was intentional. One question remains: Why? Why show it? There was no forestier agenda, no campaign for breast cancer awareness. What I believe we have here are the gods acting out in large part because they want to. In ancient Greece, stories were sung about the gods and their violent, lustful and wild exploits. One could hear numerous tales of Zeus making love to every sort of women, of Apollo killing heroes and lustig after young gods and boys, while the goddess Aphrodite was said to direct how promiscuous daughter of Zeus who never quite left the gods for a good while.

These gods were not philosophical paragons or creatures of perfection, they were the human condition personified and enlarged. They lived as men would live in 21st century America, feeling the stories of gods doing magnificent deeds — and fall for the sheer amusement of ordinary men.

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But, like the Greeks, we often wonder what it might be like to be god. It is probably precisely that curiosity which keeps us interested in their lives. Why do they do things we would never think of doing? Because we would never think of doing them.

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#### Weekend forecast: No chance of rain

Baseball opens new season indoors at Minute Maid Park this weekend

by Jonathan Yardley

As if opening his Division I baseball career at Minute Maid Park for the defending national champion was not pressure enough, junior third baseman Clay Reichenbach also will be dealing with a bit of history when the Owls face Texas Tech University at 7 p.m.

"Because my dad had such a good career [at UT], I guess I'll be a little nervous, but I'm just hoping for a good showing to develop my own rep instead of living through his," said Clay Reichenbach, Junior third baseman.

Reichenbach, a Texas Tech right fielder, will be facing the Longhorns for the first time in his career. The Owls are also looking for their first win of the season, and a chance to jump into the Big 12 rankings.

"We could not have played as well as we did against Texas Tech," said head coach Wayne Graham. "Our first game was against a ranked team, and we were able to come back from behind. It was a great win for us."
Amber Obase among WAC guards. In the Lady Owl victory over the University of Texas-El Paso last weekend, Maynard led Rice with 11 second-half points in a game notable for its drama, but hardly for its offensive execution.

Through the Lady Owls shot only 37 percent for the game, they made their most important shots down the stretch. With the contest tied and less than four minutes remaining, sophomore guard Rosyland Jelley beat the shot clock to coolly hit a pull-up jumper from the baseline, giving Rice the lead for good. Jelley added another jumper just in time to keep UTEP from coming back.

"We got up, and Rosyland made some big shots," head coach Crissy McNiey said. "We did what we had to do — we executed more. It was key for this team to understand that we played poorly at the offensive end and got a win. We have to take some confidence from that.

The Lady Owls' offensive struggles — saw Maynard continued — saw conference, but we didn't execute very well in practice (Friday)," McNiey said. "What I hold them before the game was that I wanted them to remember was that they were a good team and that they were 9-4 in conference for a reason. It was nice to see us come out the second half and really get a run on both ends of the floor — play great defense and take advantage at the other end as well.

In both games last weekend, the Lady Owls played stifling defense, at times relying on their dominant interior when their shooting touch deserted them. For the weekend, Boise State shot 39 percent, below their season averages of 41 and 49 percent, respectively. With such good results, Jelley said she could see the team's progress over the course of the season.

"It's nice to be on a win streak," Jelley said. "It's definitely confidence-building, especially with the start of the season that we had, but I don't think we're cocky about it at all." Rice has never won this first in conference play with just one loss, and a victory tomorrow against the Golden Hurricane would all but seal second place in the regular season — guaranteeing that Rice could not face sixth-ranked La Tech until the championship game of the W.A.C. tournament.

Second place would be a great finish, but the Lady Owls have higher expectations.

"We want to keep pace (with Louisiana Tech), as we're taking it one game at a time," McNiey said. "Our team has done a great job of doing that." McNiey said. "I hope this is a consistent team now, because they should be. They're capable of doing good things, and they need to understand that."
DiSesa only consistent winner for women's tennis

by Christie Chen

Despite dropping two road matches to ranked opponents last weekend, the Owls' tennis team improved to 62nd in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's national rankings, its highest ranking since 2001.

Rice (4-3) will travel to College Station tomorrow as it faces 19th-ranked Texas A&M men's tennis.

"We can't find a longer or deeper rivalry for Rice athletics than A&M," White said. "It was too easy. It was very disappointing."

Rice faced 42nd-ranked Louisiana State University Sunday in Baton Rouge, La. The Owls again lost five singles matches, but DiSesa once again represented a shutout with a straight-set victory at No. 2 singles.

In doubles, senior Karen Chao and junior Tracie Chung won No. 1 doubles, but Rice stifled the doubles with a shutout victory.

Chong said despite the team defeat, the teamlook in the doubles win was an encouraging sign.

"As a team, we didn't win," Chong said. "But for us to finally break, that's a big development."
What about BOB?

Both basketball teams are having great seasons, but the Basketball Owl Band, the cheerleaders and the dance team have supported the teams through good times and bad. This is the first of a three-part series on the supporting cast at basketball games.

As the final seconds ticked off the clock during the final home football game, you may have thought you had heard "Louie, Louie" for the last time this school year. Little did you know that a small group of dedicated sports fans and musicians who return to Autry Court every season to cheer and entertain both players and fans during basketball games and halftime.

While Rice had an official band as early as 1921, the Owl Band broke with its standard marching tradition in 1970 and began to parody the parodies of the standard marching band. Eventually the band's name became wildly enterprising, and the marching stopped altogether, as the band broke with its standard marching politics, on-campus life and especially its standard halftime. The band adopted the name Basketball Owl Band for the winter season.

While many members of the BOB are also fans of Rice sports, BOB drum major and Sid Richardson College senior Amy Barr said many students are members simply for the opportunity to continue to play music.

"It's a way to stick around and keep playing music and be with friends without football season," Barr said. "Both alumni and students are still interested in making music and interacting with the group after the fall semester."

Consisting mostly of students who played in bands in high school, the BOB gives its members an chance to keep playing music in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. About 30 members play in the BOB at any given game, including both alumni and current students.

"I did band in middle and high school, and I love doing it at Rice," Marist College sophomore Mindy Duplan said. "I'm playing with a great group of people, and it's a good stress reliever."

"Not everybody in the BOB is a big sports fan, but we feel like we are the first and foremost spirit organization. It's nice to know that they appreciate us, and we can do something to help them win," Barr said.

The BOB shows its support at a men's basketball game Jan. 26, 2002 against San Jose State. With many members returning to play at basketball games, alumni typically compose 25 percent of the band. The BOB plays at a men's basketball game Jan. 31 against San Jose State.

"I felt like we were the first to go out there and make some noise," Wakin said. "Sometimes we choose a star player and try to distract them or choose whoever creates the first loud noise when making a shot. Other times it is who has the ball the most. We also say "No big words, coach" and "Turn it on!"

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The BOB show assistants flash the Sammy hand symbol during a free throw at the men's basketball game Jan. 31 against San Jose State.
Owls’ poor defense led to road woes

**By John Hanley**

The Rice men’s golf team opened its spring season Monday and Tuesday with unimpressive play at the fourth annual Rice Intercollegiate at the Black Horse Golf Club in Cressy.

Despite several strong final-round performances in adverse weather, the Owls finished 12th out of 14 teams in the competition.

The home team began play sluggishly on Monday morning, shooting combined totals of 155 and 144 as Rice’s golfers 19 shots behind first-round leader University of Texas at Dallas.

The Owls fared better in the afternoon round, turning up for a 305, but Rice still lost ground and finished in the 12th place, leading only UT-Pan American.

On Tuesday, a cold, persistent wind through the round, the Owls finished 12th round performances in adverse weather, the Owls finished 12th round performances in adverse weather, the Owls finished 12th round performances in adverse weather, the Owls finished 12th.

Senior Ryan Morgan said he appointed head coach Dick Ellis. “I thought they were going to go through the round,” senior Scott Philips said. “And I couldn’t take much more water.”

Given the team’s rough start, Ellis was pleased with the Owls’ third round performance.

“The way the guys fought through the cold, rainy conditions Tuesday,” Ellis said.

The late ell was effort was good enough for 12th in the final team standings, missing a tie for 10th by 12 strokes.

**By Bryan Hedrick**

After a weekend off from competition, the Owls’ track and field team returned with a strong showing last Saturday at the UH Relays at the University of Houston.

Rice scored 45 points to place third behind Texas A&M, who earned 131 points, and third-place finisher Arizona State with the Hot Rods earning 41 points to the Bobcats’ 44.

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Ringing in a new season

Saturday's alumni game offered yet another chance to salute the 2003 national champions

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(Right to left): Super Bowl XXXVI and XXXVIII champion Larry Izzo (Sid '02) threw the ceremonial first pitch; Vincent Sinisi, Chris Kolhorst and the rest of the 2003 Owls were presented with their championship rings; the national championship banner was raised in left field.

Wiess junior receiver Angela Fernandez tries to escape two Jones defenders in Friday's coed flag football game. Jones won 12-0 to improve to 2-0 on the season, while Wiess dropped to 2-1.

by Jonathan Yardley

Martel and Will Rice both recorded major upsets in men's soccer last weekend to take the lead in the Champions Division.

**College Sports Roundup**

The biggest upset came Saturday, as the ninth college scored the game's only goal in overtime to upset Sid Rich (1-1) the day after the Sid Tower Party. Martel improved to 2-0 Sunday by pulling out a 1-0 victory over winless Ixvett (0-3). Will Rice (2-1) followed by rallying from one goal down to upset Jones (1-1) in a heated match that finished 2-1. Sunday's games both have playoff ramifications, as Sid and Jones meet at 11 a.m., and Martel faces Will Rice at 12:30 p.m.

**Coed Flag Football**

The favorites stayed on track last weekend in coed flag football, but only two of the four games ended in shutouts.

The Gray League's top two teams met Friday, with Jones (2-0) beating Wiess (2-1) by a 12-0 margin to move into first place. Lovett also improved to 2-0 with its dramatic Saturday win over winless Will Rice. The Lovetters rallied to score in the final 30 seconds for a 21-18 win.

In the Blue League, Hanszen improved to a league-best 3-0 with a 19-7 win over GSA (0-2). Defending champion Sid Rich (2-0) remains the favorite, while Martel (1-1) earned its first win of the year with a 15-0 triumph over Brown (0-3). Brown faces GSA tonight at 6 p.m., with Sid and Martel to follow at 7 p.m.

**Women's Soccer**

The women's season got under way last weekend with three games. Last year's runner-up Ixvett beat Baker 2-0 Saturday to open the season in the Saturday League. On Sunday, Sid Rich edged Brown 1-0, and Jones beat Will Rice 2-1.

This weekend, Hanszen faces GSA tomorrow at 2 p.m., with Martel meeting Lovett at 3:30 p.m. Sunday's lone game features Brown and defending champion Wiess at 3:30 p.m.

**Women's Softball**

Scheduling and attendance issues highlighted the opening weekend of women's softball, as only one of three scheduled games was played. Lovett won the first on Saturday but was crushed 29-2 by GSA in a real game, while neither Brown nor Baker showed up to their scheduled game.

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Soccer announces recruiting class

Soccer head coach Chris Huston announced the signing of five standouts for the 2004 season Feb. 5.

With a 3-15-1 overall record last season, Huston brought in mostly varsity teams. Rice finished 0-9-4 in the conference and 0-8-2 in the Athletic Conference.

Among the more experienced seniors, junior Alian Co finished eighth in the collegiate men's lightweight division, and sophomore Kyle Hatcher placed 11th in the collegiate women's heavyweight division.

One of the three forward positions will be open to competition, while the position in the back line, will be made up of returning freshmen.

The Rice volleyball team has its third coach in as many years, as the Athletic Department announced Wednesday that Genny Volpe has been named head volleyball coach. Volpe replaces John Wilson, who resigned in December for personal reasons.

She joins the staff after a three-year tenure at Texas A&M University, where she served as an assistant coach for the Aggies, who won the Sweet 16 of the 2001 NCAA volleyball tournament.

Volpe's immediate goal is to recruit a consistent force in the conference and NCAA, and one of my goals is to bring us to the level of national recognition that Rice volleyball deserves. I'm also looking forward to the opportunity to recruit an outstanding academic university.

The Owls return four starters and eight intercollegiates from a team that won 36-10-9 in 2003, including a 1-2-1 mark at Autry Court.

The Owls were one of the more experienced teams, with eight points. Texas A&M won 13-15-2 with eight points.

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Yeah, it's Friday the 13th. That's kinda cool, right? Funny that there would be a 13th year and a Friday the 13th in the same month! Oh, Come on, is this calendar-worthy, isn't it? Today we also celebrate the founding of the American Society for the Promotion of Temperance in Boston in 1826. Actually, you can celebrate that.

Come on, was that B+ in Texas Tech Chickenish in the North Servery?

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This is calendar-worthy, isn't it?

Friday the 13th. Get down to the Registrar's office by 5 p.m. to do so.

The Rice Players will perform

Garba

Tonight, Rice's own South Asian Society is holding its bi-annual Garba from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Library. If you have never done it before, there is a training section for newcomers. Tickets will be sold at the door for $2. For more information, contact rsidhar@rice.edu.

Crush party. Oh Hey.

The Rice Program Council crush party is tonight from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in Willy's Pub in the Student Center. Come get $2 pitchers and find your true love (or trophy husband) when you get your HUGS dating survey results.

SATURDAY

It's payback

Come watch the men's baseball team take on Tulsa at 1:05 p.m. at Autry Court. It's time to regain some WAC respect.

What better way to tell her you love her than taking her to the Rice massacre of UT?

Ladies and Gentlemen: Save the romantic dinner for later. Come watch your baseball team take on the University of Texas at 6 p.m. at Minute Maid Park.

SUNDAY

It has been scientifically proven that Kansas is flatter than the average pancake. Seriously.

The Rice baseball team will face Kansas State University today at 7 p.m. at Minute Maid Park. Come cheer on your national championship team.

MONDAY

Financial Aid Stuff

Financial aid application materials become available to returning students to apply for need-based aid for the 2004-2005 school year.

TUESDAY

Just because they have chiseled abs and stunning features doesn't mean they can't beat the Cougars.

Get crunk AND caliente tonight at 2 p.m. at Minute Maid Park. Come to Reckling Park at 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion of the Student Center. If you have never done it before, there is a training section for newcomers. Tickets will be sold at the door for $2. For more information, contact ssridhar@rice.edu.

WEDNESDAY

Who would win in a fight, a wolf or an owl?

The men's basketball team faces Nevada tonight at 7:05 p.m. at Audrey Court. Come see the Owls avenge last month's 25-point loss to the Wolf Pack.

THURSDAY

If environmental change is cool, consider me Houston.

Mitchell Thomashow will be presenting a lecture titled "Observing Environmental Change: Why it Matters," today at 12 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion of the Student Center. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Megan Wilde at (713) 348-5736.

FRIDAY

Yo mama's so stupid, she threw a baseball at Batman.

The Coca-Cola Classic kicks off tonight as the baseball team takes on Wake Forest at 6 p.m. at Reckling Park. Bring your glove and catch a foul ball.

Get drunk AND caliente tonight at 12 p.m. in Willy's Pub in the Student Center. Come watch your baseball team take on the University of Houston in their first match of the Silver Glove Series sponsored by Sterling Bank.
Wherefore art thou Romeo?

Ah, Valentine's Day! The birds are chirping, the sun is shining (at least in our hearts), the supermarkets are sold out of red heart-shaped balloons, and flower store owners are in the back rooms checking and counting their stacks of gold; Love is in the air. That is, at least for those who have a significant other with whom to share this special day. But what about the people who don't have someone to harass them into spending their hard-earned money on candy and flowers and all things pink? Well, the Backpage is here to help those poor souls out by publishing their very own personal ads to help these lovelorn persons find a special someone (anyone?) this Valentine's Day. Ain't we just so sweet?!

Normal female seeks a normal guy. Must not be obsessed with video games and may add "zor" to the end of words (ex: Rockzor, Fuckzor, etc.), or watch more than three hours of anime daily. Hanky athletes, sensitive English or art majors preferred. CompSci majors need not apply.

— Jane Schmoe

Romantic, dreamy-eyed girl seeks perfect guy to take long walks, have deep and meaningful discussions, and watch sunsets with. Must have long, flowing hair, a muscular body, mind of a philosopher and soul of a poet. Horse ownership and ability to ride bareback a plus. If you wear a lace-up white shirt (unsashed) and tight black breeches every day, you're the man for me.

— Virginia Pynn

Superstar singer seeks caring, careful partner who is a kind and understanding man—ingenious, careful partner who is a native Texan, cherishes innocence, is a brother to his twin. Must not be obsessive, must not be a keeper. Must not be a Douchebag. Must not be a Yeehaw. Must not be a Dennys...

— Janet Jackson

Dude seeks dudette for some serious chilling and having fun. Must be both hot and cool, some modeling experience preferred but not required. Must like fantasy sports and baseball caps. Must be laid-back and relaxed, or willing to ingest the chemicals necessary to achieve this state.

— Jesse Carr

Yuppie seeks yippie for mutually advantageous relationship. Must be involved in at least three clubs, be president of one of these clubs. Prior girl friend experience a plus, please provide references. Must like to shop at the Gap, have coffee at Starbucks, and eat at The Gatsby. E-mail to set up interview time, business dress required.

— Ashton Mills

Post-reclusion imagines constant kaleidoscopic love, envisioning successful single Aphrodite, shall steal heart only leaving ecstasy.

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Desperate Asian male seeks humanized female, preferably recognizable as such. I'm only 33" and 120 lbs, but I still pack a punch. Non-smokers preferred, unless you're "smoking hot." Just like any race, you can't get enough of this little Asian.

— The Amazing D-Mac

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