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Athletes may still face university disciplinary action

by Jenny Ree

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Gutierrez said the female student made no claims that physical force or threats of physical assault had still occurred.

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**Athletic recruitment should be examined**

We are concerned with the recent negative national media attention Rice has received regarding alleged acts committed while varsity athletic recruitment was in progress. (See Story, Page 1.) The Associated Press and the Houston Chronicle, among others, have circulated stories of alleged sexual assault by three athletes and a recruit. The accusations were based on personal testimonies, which could not be verified.

To that end, the report on Rice athletics currently being generated by the consulting firm McKinsey and Company should be made public. And we hope McKinsey will be asked to evaluate the nature of formal and informal recruiting practices at the university. If it is not already doing so.

Along the same lines, we once again ask for the publication of the faculty report made on athletics last fall. A new report is upcoming, and we hope this will be made public as well.

Obviously, no data in these reports that is protected from public consumption by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act should be omitted. The public should be made aware of this stipulation and should understand that we cannot present the rest of the report from being released.

Not making as much information as possible available to the university community, Rice will empower the community to help ensure that our student athletes, as well as our athletic policies and the support system, are above board. We are aware that our school's national reputation is also favorable — and also allows students, faculty and staff, the next time they hear such disturbing accusations as those recently publicized, to rest assured that varsity athletes and athletic recruits, the frequency and the gravity of the accusations warrant a close, candid and public look at how athletes are recruited while varsity athletic recruitment is in progress. Since this was so, we feel that the Rice athletic program should be reviewed.

Hansen's generosity, processes misportrayed

To the editor:

Richard has been a leader for many years. He is also hard to accept the blatant misrepresentation of reality in Chet Davis' recent opinion article "(Debate of charity request misinformed."

Hansen has a history of giving to Rice causes, and whenever he was invited to support a charity that asked those severely affected by the attacks.

After 9/11, for example, Chet Davis' primary goal was to support a charity that asked those severely affected by the attacks.

During the impromptu, under-publicized mess of last year's thwarted Beer-Bike trip, which we are entitled to know about.

We typically do not like rules, but we appreciate the new, clearer stipulations, which ensure the swift reporting of changes of plans and which they are entitled.

I feel the ability of staff to play sports will not be discouraged by this event, and more importantly, will treat charity as something to participate in intramural sports alongside students, to build camaraderie and enjoy the use of the facilities are available to borrow.

I think this is unlikely to happen again — to have something fall in your lap that is the same time very personal, friendly and accessible, and adds to the richness of the Rice environment.

It seems that the tree house is being taken down recently on the principle by the university to build a place to work was access to and use of the recreation center in order to work, and enjoy the use of the facilities are available to borrow.

There aren't many places to "just be" at Rice — the tree house is one of them. It is an important thing to keep going.

Angela Hsu

The Rice Thresher

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Parking changes have been misunderstood**

To the editor:

The article "Parking changes have been misunderstood" in the Feb. 20 issue was an example of tree house creation.... People can use it. They enjoy an afternoon, or even just a place to work was access to and use of the recreation center in order to work, and enjoy the use of the facilities are available to borrow.

I like to play racquetball during my lunch hour. I also like to participate in intramural sports alongside students, to build camaraderie and enjoy the use of the facilities are available to borrow.

For expense is the problem, I think the ability of staff to play sports and enjoy the use of the facilities are hampered by this decision.

These keep a minimum of stocked clothing available for students and those who choose to exercise without prior pricing. Or, at the least, please keep the laundry service for towels and keep them available to borrow.

All we need from the administration is an unambiguous project in the future in the reassurance that students need not be afraid to consult with the university on more creative ideas. The tree house can become a more permanent structure as long as we have knowledgeable staff members who maintain it every year.

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Guest column

U.S. must embrace role of world policeman

The debate over war in general has two sides. One believes that maintaining forces is important for national security, while the other argues it is too expensive and goes against the country's principles. This is a complex issue that deserves serious consideration.

Recently, the Amherst Regional High School community was asked to decide if they were in favor of requiring all students to attend World History. The students were divided, and the issue was eventually decided by the administration.

Daniel Lenhoff

Guest column

Fifteen too young for "Monologues"

I have absolutely nothing against vaginas or those who possess them. In fact, I think the most important thing we can do for a woman is to respect her autonomy and allow her to make her own choices. However, there are certain limits to what can be said or done in a public setting.

It is important for everyone to understand the difference between respect and disrespect. We must be careful not to cross the line into exploiting others or making derogatory statements. This is especially true when it comes to issues related to sexuality.

Robert Moore

Guest column

SA meeting structure: Ain't broke; don't fix it

In addition, just because SA meetings do not resemble "town hall meetings" does not mean issues cannot be brought up or discussed. In fact, this is a fundamental aspect of democracy.

Allen Chen

The Rice Thresher
Food forum continues

by David Berry

Frates Hall will host the forum on gay marriage at 7 p.m. today, with Professor Jeffery Ventrella, the Alliance Defense Fund, speaking against it.

What we are talking about here is equality and putting an end to discrimination based on gender.

—Jerry Simonaux
Houston attorney

Appalling to equally under the law. Simonaux criticized Bush's proposal, calling it the first constitutional amendment that would redefine rights rather than expand them.

"What we are talking about here is equality and putting an end to discrimination based on gender," he said. "It has arisen many times over the years, but it's as simple as this: This is about equality. This is as simple as can be explained." He also attacked Ventrella's generalizations about gays, saying "Sometimes he was just using stereotypes," she said. "He was speaking about gay marriage, and his statements were not based on fact, but rather generalized and untrue." Ventrella's statements were met with a round of applause from the audience.

"This is the first time a federal law has been brought to the floor that will allow states to discriminate against people," said Skinner. "We're not talking about the separation of church and state, but rather about the separation of people." She said that the amendment would further divide the country and lead to more discrimination.

"It wasn't a dialogue," she said. "One side would make a point, and the other side would simply respond with a counterpoint. It was not a genuine exchange between the two sides." She added, "This is an amendment that would lead to more discrimination and less equality for all Americans."
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Students have been rusticated

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Statutes.

The University Police Chief Bill Taylor said a technology report on the female student has not yet been processed and the Harris County Medical Examiner's office, but the report was completed by the county.

"We all made a determination that it really wasn't going to provide any thing to help us to be able to close this case," Taylor said. "If [the district attorney's office] felt that they needed it, they wouldn't have moved forward to the grand jury.

Taylor said the technology report is also not essential for the case in Student Judicial Programs.

Gutierrez said the District Attorney's office could only reopen the case if new evidence became available.

"Nothing else can be done on the case unless there's credible evidence that shows that there might have been a hearing on the case," Gutierrez said.

Vates said he is unsure whether the female student will file a civil suit.

Taylor said that the University has retained an attorney, but as far as whether they intend on filing suit, I don't know," Vates said.

The three students were rusticated at the end of last semester.

Student Affairs Vice President Coke and Wiess Master Katharine Donato said the grand jury's decision will not affect the students' rustication status.

However, Coke said the outcome of the case in Student Judicial Programs might have a hearing on the status of the students.

"They really do deserve a hearing in front of [University] Court," and that to me will provide lists of facts," Coke said.

Vates said in addition to the rustication, the students have been banned from all football team activities. "Their name has been expedited from the department," he said.

The three students are still enrolled at Rice.

Athletic Director Bobby May said the $200 retainer fee is the usual amount about the case to Vice President for Public Affairs Terry Shepard.

The 2005 fiscal year ends this month, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer John Taylor announced in a memo to staff early Wednesday afternoon.

"The Houston Chronicle this morning reported that the Harris County grand jury took no action to seek additional evidence for cases of Rice students in allegations of sexual assault," Taylor said. "Other media outlets now are calling campus. Should employees of your college be contacted by anyone on this, direct them to Terry Shepard, vice president for public affairs, at 713-348-6280. This will ensure that Rice complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act—help avoid undue intrusions into college life by the media, and help preserve fairness and privacy for all students.

"The Telecommunications department evaluates projected costs, revenues and other available funds," Henry said. "Based on our most recent projections, we have determined that the current department telephone line rate of $32.50 per month should remain in place through fiscal 2005.

The 2005 fiscal year ends June 30, 2005.

Telecommunications Manager Reggie Clarkson said student fees were increased to $61 per semester from $50 while other fees remained constant.

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Spontaneous does Rice

by April Goldman

The self-named "Rice's best (and only) improv comedy troupe" will have competitors as it tries out its supremacy at East Coast universities over midterm recess. Seven of the members of the improv comedy troupe Spontaneous will tour the Greater Boston area, performing at Brown, Amherst, Harvard, Amherst and Tufts University.

When College senior and Spontaneous member Andy Perez said the trip will provide an opportunity for Spontaneous members to perform in front of new audiences and ultimately increase their comedic skill.

"It'll be good practice for us," Perez said. "The more times we perform in front of an audience, the better we'll get.

Loretta College senior Nath Pluzniall said he expects East Coast audiences to be more challenging than those at Rice.

"It's an opportunity to play to different crowds who may be less friendly towards us," Pluzniall said. "They don't care in having any reason to like us.

At each of the universities it visits, Spontaneous will perform with the school's own improv troupe. Perez said. He said the shows will include individual and combined performances by the groups.

Spontaneous raised about $1,500 for the trip by applying for university-wide grants and petitioning for the school's own improv troupe, said. Spontaneous will perform with the group in front of new audiences and sometimes it takes a computer scientist to show how unsecure the computer systems can be.

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"It would be a great thing if we could some of those groups decide to come to Texas and do a tour of their own," he said.

Seven Spontaneous members traveled to St. Louis during midterm recess last year to film an improv comedy television pilot with Washinton University's troupe, Mama's Finest.

In order to minimize spending on the trip, Perez said Spontaneous members will be economizing whenever possible.

"Some of the schools have offered to pay for meals, and we're staying with students," he said.

Perez said the group decided to visit Boston because the area contains a high concentration of college campuses. Spontaneous chose the specific universities it will visit because they are in session during Rice's spring break, troupe members have personal contacts at each one, and the group thinks the students at the schools will particularly enjoy its show.

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— Andy Perez

Spontaneous Combustion

Sometimes it takes a computer scientist to show how unsecure the computer systems can be.

"The question isn't whether the voting system is hackable," said Stein. "Every system is hackable."

"The question is, what are the standards you want to measure this against?"

Dean of Social Sciences Bob Stein, who also participated in the panel discussion, said interested parties must decide how secure to make the system.

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Halas and West share award

by Brooke Latham

Two Rice professors collaborated on the best nanotechnology discovery of 2003, according to Nanotechnology News, an online magazine that promotes research in the field.

Electrical Engineering Professor Naomi Halas and Bioscience Engineering Professor Jennifer West have been investigating the use of golden nanoshells, tiny balls about 100 nanometers in diameter with silica cores, in cancer diagnostics and treatment, among other biological applications.

"The properties of a nanoshell vary with its size and the relationship between its inner and outer radii," Halas said. By manipulating the radii, the nanoshells can be made to absorb any wavelength of light.

In contrast to quantum dots, another type of nanomaterial made from semiconductors, nanoshells are tunable plasmonic particles, which means they absorb an excess of light and emit energy as heat. Both these properties are important for biomedical applications.

Naomi Halas

Halas said she and West teamed up about five years ago, after Halas created the first nanoshells, at which point West was searching for a similar material to use in her biogas-fermenting work.

"By accident I was introduced to Jennifer by one of our colleagues," Halas said. "West had been thinking, 'Gee, it would be so interesting if I could have a structure like this that would absorb light...'

I described [my invention] to her. Within half an hour we had a whole lot of really cool ideas and applications for how this kind of structure could be used. It was like a band in a glove... It was a really wonderful match."

Gold is biocompatible, meaning it will not cause a reaction from the immune system, Halas said. Because researchers know how to attach antibodies to gold, nanoshells can be targeted to specific tissues.

Infrared wavelengths travel through human bodies, so nanoshells designed to absorb infrared light and specifically targeted to cancer cells can heat and kill cancer cells without harming surrounding body tissue. Experiments in tissues and in mice have shown that a combination of targeted nanoshells and infrared light can kill cancer cells.

West said the process is being developed by Nanospectra Biosciences, Inc., a company she and Halas founded, and human trials are estimated to begin in 12 to 18 months.

Halas said nanoshells can also be used in immunoassays, which are used to diagnose diseases such as HIV.

The current HIV test has a long turn-around time, the blood sample must be purified before the test is run. Because nanoshells can absorb light in the infrared range, the blood sample would not need to be processed in a nanoshell test, which could thus be processed more quickly.

Halas said she is glad the Nanotechnology News award is bringing attention to her research and to Rice. She said awards like this get the public interested in the practical benefits that result from research.

"There’s so many huge national nanotechnology initiatives... so people want to see what the fruits are," Halas said. "They want to see how they will benefit from this investment in basic research. I personally think this is a really clear and strong example of how we can make that case and say that this was worth the investment."

West said she is honored by the research was named best among so many outstanding contenders.

"On the Web site they listed all of the runners-up, and there were a lot of really exciting things there, so it was neat to be in the same category," West said.

Provost Eugene Levy said the award highlights the strength of research at Rice.

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The Dragon Roars

Every February, in celebration of the Chinese New Year, the Chinese Student Association participates in a dragon run, signaling the celebration to the campus.

Above: The dragon dancers enter the Humanities Building Friday to celebrate the Chinese New Year with all students.

Left (top): The dancers also stopped by the amphitheater in Herstein Hall, in addition to the dragon dancers, the Chinese Student Association also was one of the organizations sponsoring the Lunar New Year Festival that took place in the Student Center Friday night.

Left (bottom): The dragon leaves the safe confines of the classrooms and goes out into the academic quad to celebrate Lunar New Year.

Bottom: Dragon dancers head towards the Humanities Building during one of their parades Friday. The dragon made three runs through the academic quad and surrounding buildings in the morning and during lunch.
debate team ranked eighth nationally

by Risa Gordon

The team participated in a tournament hosted by the University of St. Thomas Sunday and earned first place in the efficiency sweepstakes and second place overall. Valdez was again named first-place overall speaker. In individual events, the team garnered two more first-place awards, three second-place and one third-place.

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The team will attend several national meets during the next two months. “The American Forensic Association National High School Events Tournament,” March 5-6 at the University of Oklahoma and the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence for novice debate teams March 12-14 at the University of California Berkeley. The NPTE is a selective tournament: only the top 20 debate teams are invited to participate.

Rice hosted an invitational tournament Saturday and won the overall team award, the debate sweepstakes and the efficiency sweepstakes, which is based on the ratio of awards to competitors. Hunsaker College junior Felicia Voight was named first-place overall speaker, the top individual award given in the tournament. For individual events, the team earned five first-place awards, two second-place awards and two third-place awards. Both Rice teams also swept the parliamentary debate competition, with two teams finishing first overall and the remaining team finishing third.

The team participated in a tournament hosted by the University of St. Thomas Sunday and earned first place in the efficiency sweepstakes and second place overall. Valdez was again named first-place overall speaker. In individual events, the team garnered two more first-place awards, three second-place and one third-place.
Student director of O-Week named

by Holly Shiao
FOR THE THRESHER

Brown College junior Kaleen Tison was appointed the 2004-'05 student director of Orientation Week.

Tison will be responsible for coordinating university-wide programs and events for O-Week and communicating with all the college O-Week coordinators. She said a major challenge for her will be providing a sense of unity among the colleges.

"Each college has its own traditions and imparts upon its freshmen the importance of their own college, but there are university aspects that need to be taken care of," Tison said.

Assistant Director of Student Activities Holly Williams, who is the staff head of O-Week, said the purpose of O-Week is to provide new students with advice on advising while introducing and incorporating them into their residential colleges. Tison said she hopes to balance these goals with fun campus-wide events. She said she will also focus on improving the mandatory presentations new students must attend during O-Week, especially the diversity training.

"While diversity training has been a good thing to start at Rice, it could use some improvement, and a lot of the presentations could use a little more life in them," Tison said.

Tison said she plans to share the decision-making process with the O-Week coordinators from the colleges.

"The group of college coordinators is going to be a great group of people because they care so much," Tison said. "I'm really excited about working with people that are so involved and care so much about the new class."

While she does not plan to make any major changes to O-Week, Tison said she intends to make some small ones, using student evaluations from this year's O-Week to determine what worked and what did not work.

The committee that chose Tison consisted of two students and three staff members, including Wiess College junior Whitney Botsford, the 2003-'04 student director of O-Week. Botsford said she thinks Tison is a good choice because she is conscientious and has good ideas for improving O-Week.

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Williams was also impressed by Tison's ideas.

"Kaleen highlighted several creative and unique ideas that she had for O-Week," Williams said. "She also demonstrated a true passion and enthusiasm for orientation at Rice."

Tison has served as an O-Week adviser at Brown and as a co-adviser at Lovett College. She said she thinks having advised at two colleges will prove to be an advantage in her new role.

"You don't realize what goes on in the other colleges," Tison said. "Everyone has an O-Week, and you assume that they're similar. But there's so much variation. My big point as student director is to act as a big think tank and include all our ideas and traditions that you can adapt to your own college."
Rice students may remember the phone call from RUPD before they even know what it stands for.

The number, and the fact that Rice police officers are different as others, is drilled into the minds of freshmen and transfers during Orientation Week.

But the Rice University Police Department is more than a telephone extension.

"I think that we have the best university police department in the country," Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration Neill Finnie, who helped oversee RUPD, said. "If you look at the ... way we hire officers and the involvement of the community within the hiring and the promotion, the community is greatly involved and we want it that way.

RUPD Chief Bill Taylor said he views RUPD as a protective force people can talk to.

"Our main function is to provide a safe environment for the students to learn and the faculty to do research," Taylor said. "We’re open to the exchange of ideas and are acceptable of all people.

A Profile of the Department

RUPD has about 25 officers, and a host of security guards, dispatchers, ticket writers and support personnel, as well as members devoted to traffic and parking.

RUPD is responsible for patrolling the campus, providing security and non-emergency assistance. Officers must have attended a state-approved police academy; they have the same authority as police officers in non-university departments.

Taylor said the department usually receives between 20-30 applications from people who would like to work for RUPD. The department is generally stricter about hiring than most departments.

According to the RUPD Web site, RUPD "takes the lead in providing a safe environment for the university community by protecting life and property and promoting a safe residence life." It is, according to the Web site, "the wall," not a wall, but a wall.

"We are the wall," Taylor said.

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History

The predecessor of the RUPD, the Rice University Security Department, was created in 1967 in response to feelings that contract security officers were not handling incidents in a satisfactory fashion. The department originally consisted of a chief, five officers, a dispatcher, and two contract security guards.

In 1969, the Texas Legislature passed legislation allowing private universities to create full police departments. Rice took advantage of this opportunity in 1970.

The department, headed by H.R. "Bud" Voswinkel, who had been the assistant police chief for the University of Houston Police Department, was created and filled by Mary Voswinkel, who had been a part-time officer at the University of Southern California.

In January of 1997, RUPD received a letter from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the District Attorney’s office and the Medical Examiner, through RUPD reports only to Rice.

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Recent changes

Incidents in the spring of 1994 raised the profile of campus security.

On March 29, 1994, a lone gunman forced a male student to drive to an ATM where the gunman took $900 from the student.

Two days later, four students were attacked in an area two armed men in the Jones College parking lot, formerly located on the site of Martel College. The students, two males and two females, were forced to drive in to an ATM machine, however none of the students had ATM cards.

The attackers then forced the students to drive to the 4800 block of Almeda Road, near the Reliant Astrodome, and bludgeon one of the female students was forced back into the car where she was sexually assaulted as the attackers forced her to drive them.

The attackers were never caught. Earlier that day, the board approved $290,000 for improved campus lighting and $75,000 for a campus card reader system, as well as other security measures. This was merely a coincidence, as such budget adjustments are part of a long budget process that had been previously decided.

By mid-April, seven new security guards were hired, in the university could increase the number of patrols by police officers at night. A committee was formed in the fall of 1994 to investigate security concerns raised by students. The committee, which offered its report in the spring of 1995, recommended more officers and support staff for RUPD, better lighting on campus, a card access system for parts of campus and increased shortage hours.

In January of 1997, RUPD released statistics suggesting that the campus police is such a visible part of the community that it gets reviewed all the time. Says Don’t think there is anything that is hidden.

Will Rice College President Ryan Burguier said the relationship between RUPD and the student body is different from last year.

"In the past RUPD was open to concerns from the rice community. We’ll be at best virtually transparent,” Taylor said. "The reality is that there isn’t a wall around this place. We are the wall.

The changing look of the Rice University Police Department

As the Rice campus has changed over the years, so has the way that campus security personnel have traveled around campus.

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The bicycle

In 1980, the Rice University Police Department introduced the bicycle, with four RUPD officers navigating campus on two wheels.

The future

Those on campus last summer saw a glimpse of the future when RUPD officers had stints on Segways.
SA INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

Anees Grawat

I would like you to think of me as your At-Large Rep next year. As your student representative, I will assist the committees in improving student life, sports and health, space and facilities, and academics at Rice. I have been a member of a number of clubs and organizations at Rice, including the ASB, Rice Film Society, Rice Film Festival, and Rice Student Council. I have served as president of the Rice Film Society and as a member of the Student Association. I believe in the importance of the Honor Code and the need for strong student representation.

SA TREASURER

Brandon Wagner

Your ticket to the future! As the incoming treasurer, I will ensure that we are fiscally sound and that our funds are wisely spent. I will work closely with the student representatives to ensure that our financial decisions are well-informed.

HONOR COUNCIL AT-LARGE REP. (PICK 3)

Loyola Grossot

As a senior at Rice, I have been involved in a number of organizations and have had the opportunity to work with many different groups. I believe that being an At-Large Rep allows for a unique perspective on the issues that affect our community.

John (Jeb) Britt

I am a junior at Rice and have been involved in a number of organizations. I believe that being an At-Large Rep allows for a unique perspective on the issues that affect our community.

Amish Shah

I am a high school student and have been involved in a number of organizations. I believe that being an At-Large Rep allows for a unique perspective on the issues that affect our community.

Somalia Muhammed

I am an international student and have been involved in a number of organizations. I believe that being an At-Large Rep allows for a unique perspective on the issues that affect our community.

UNIVERSITY COURT JR. REP.

Brian Cohen

I have served on the court for the past two years as Freshman and Sophomore class representative. This year, I have served as chair of the court and have continued to serve. I have a strong understanding of the court's operations and have shown leadership in my role.

Jonathan Verma

My name is Jonathan Verma and I am working for the position of the Undergraduate Student Court Junior Representative. I believe that the court is an important organization that helps to maintain a strong and fair judicial system. I have been involved in a number of organizations and have shown leadership in my role.

University TREASURER

Amishi Shah

I am a sophomore at Rice and have been involved in a number of organizations. I believe that being an Undergraduate Student Court Treasurer allows for a unique perspective on the issues that affect our community.

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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Ian Everhart

I am a sophomore at Rice and have been involved in a number of organizations. I believe that being an Undergraduate Student Council officer allows for a unique perspective on the issues that affect our community.

Allen Chen

I am an Allen and I want to represent you on the Undergraduate Student Council. I believe that being an Undergraduate Student Council officer allows for a unique perspective on the issues that affect our community.

Denise Bear

The Undergraduate Council is the primary advising group to the presidents of the university. I believe that being an Undergraduate Student Council officer allows for a unique perspective on the issues that affect our community.

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DREAMS ARE DREAMS OF ME

Jonathan Schuman
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

From the moment its elaborate, highly stylized opening sequence begins, with production credits cascading across the screen into and out of the Edith Tower's grating, one knows The Dreamers is, at the very least, going to be a visually exciting film.

Before the audience can say "sexual tension," Matthew moves in with the duo.

The story follows Matthew (Hoffman), and the Angry Inch's Michael (Reno), a young, naive and idealistic American student living in Paris in the '60s. He is a self-proclaimed cinéphil, one who religiously frequents the French cinema, voraciously reads the theory heavy critic De Sica and constantly quotes famed directors Godard and Truffaut.

Good books are not the only quality that these three characters share. Like Matthew, Théo and Isabelle are cinéphiles. The film's most charming moments take place when the characters re-encounter famous scenes from French New Wave classics. Anyone who has seen Godard's Breathless will warmly greet Isabelle's winning impersonation of classic beauty Jean Seberg. After Isabelle spouts several lines of dialogue, Bertrand's cuts to that scene in the original film. This idea seems pretentious and unoriginal, somewhat reminiscent of Gus Van Sant's ill-fated Psycho re-make, but Bertolucci is interested in these films' legendary energy and spirit, not their frame-by-frame re-production. Ultimately it is a successful device that enlivens the film with clips from its inspiration, while effectively relating the characters' intense infatuation with, cinema.

Essentially, The Dreamers is about this type of obsession—a relentless love for cinema, beauty and, ultimately, sex. As Matthew spends more time with Théo and Isabelle, he realizes that they share every close bond. There is something sacred between them, a love so intense that makes them seem familiar at the object of everyone's desire in The Dreamers.

Infernal orchestrates a well-tuned, but disorienting 'Symphony'

Foreman certainly seems to think so. The show is most successful at raising questions peripheral to the issues of robotic ice cream and dancing with aliens. What would happen if the president had some sort of crisis of consciousness? What if he suddenly wanted a new job, or developed a crippling fear of public speaking? What if he just didn't like playing golf?

IBP's execution of the complex, and at times purely incomprehensible, script is nearly impeccable. The set, a collaboration between IBP Technical Director Wayne Barnhill, Houston artist Patrick Mestrano, and local painting collective I Love You, Baby is somewhere between a futuristic nightmare, a cartoon landscape and the aftermath of a natural disaster in an office building.

On a BINARY scale of theater versus performance art, Symphony of Rats may fall into the category of theater.

The ambitious lighting scheme by Kirk Medley grows amply the eerie nature of the production. Scenes by IBP Artistic Director Anthony Ballard's haunting and clever, combining original pieces with clips of popular ephemera, and a pair of robot puppets designed by Katie Jackson and Larry Oliver are a quirky edition to the production's visuals.

Costuming also works extremely well, particularly in the case of the two female alien/monster characters whose wild hair and eye makeup contrast with sharp suits. The effect makes them seem familiar at the same time that they appear exotic and threatening.

Taken together, these visual elements would allow the play to coast through any weak acting, of which there is plenty. No actor seems to be attempting to make up for any inadequacy in their line readings. The only acting that is of any consequence is that of the two leads. That is precisely why the show is so much better than it should be.
Menil. Barragan: An Unbuilt House for the Plays, detailed floor plans, primary for the Thresher
Christina M. Frangos
missioned by Dominique de Menil, Rothko Chapel (just on the other side of Highway 59 from campus). She envisioned “an empty house without a family” in which art would be free to house impressive masterworks, one could contemplate single works in this one-room exhibit. Through several sketched blueprints, one can see partial the thought processes of a great architect. Black and white floor plans represent each level of the structure, and while they might be better understood by a person with architectural training, the drawings alone can be appreciated as works of art. Eight prints show the house in a more concrete manner through a series of voids, points and angles. Barragan’s pink, orange and blue model from colored board, paper and plexiglass. The Menil family commissioned the design in hopes of constructing a project at hand. But with the show now gone forever, I am lost. Sundays are now blank in my day planner. Slowly but surely, the argument over which lovely lady one most resembles — I am definitely Miranda-Sex-escape — will fade into the background of popular culture like new shows and fads emerge. So how does the Sex and the City fan cope with the sexes’ losses? Well, I have a few suggestions.

First, have your own Saturday morning brunches. Some of the show’s most exquisite moments occur over the four guns-first plates and veggie fritattas at their local namesake new York dinner, without their exploits to keep you occupied, get wrapped up in the your pals’ real-life romantic trials and tribulations. Remember: art imitates life so yes, you too can be fabulous.

Second, don’t be swayed by imitation. Television executives at real networks are keen to cash in on the sitcom’s end and comprising now would be more ethical and more than poor carbon copies. In the past, even sex and the City were the target for merchandising. Darren Star himself has tried his hand at other saucy sitcoms. I doubt you, like most of America, when your eyes swell with tears as you remember Carrie, Miranda, Charlotte and Samantha, remember to face the road ahead. With

Anyway, if you have any questions, send an email to the Rice Thresher at therh@rice.edu.

Saying goodbye to ‘Sex’

Over the years, we have all learned how hard it is to go without sex. The waiting, the waiting. The frequent trips to the video store. By this time, I realize that you are not taking about the act of sex — that’s another column for another section. No, I am talking about the end of an era, the end of Sex and the City. This season, Carrie and her gal pals, Miranda, Charlotte and Samantha, have made our summers and winters hot and heavy. Perhaps the hardest part of each season was the end and having to see goodbye, knowing it would be months until the girls’ latest juicy “sexcapades” would be exposed. It was hard to abstain, but there was always the promise of new fresh material on the horizon.

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So, for once, Oscar voters were reasonably fair with the nominations. With Cold Mountain absent from the Best Picture race, Miramax’s 11 years of having a film in the final five ended. Sofia Coppola became the first American female director to be nominated and comedy stars such as Bill Murray and Johnny Depp scored first time mentions. However, the big question is, which stars are going to take the golden boy home? The awards will be handed this Sunday at 7 p.m. on ABC. Here is a rundown of this year’s top honors:

**Best Picture**

**Nominees:**
- The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
- Lost in Translation
- Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World
- Mystic River
- Seabiscuit

**Should Win:**
- Mystic River

**Will Win:**
- The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

The fact that the third installment of The Lord of the Rings trilogy will bring home the Oscar is almost a foregone conclusion — it is the triumphant final chapter to a groundbreaking trilogy. If any film is going to topple the epic, look for Clint Eastwood’s drama Mystic River. It is an emotionally trying film, but so was his Underworld, which took the top prize in 1992. My heart still lives with Lost in Translation, Sofia Coppola’s witty, undevastated and blissed-dramedly.

**Best Actor**

**Nominees:**
- Russell Crowe, A Beautiful Mind
- Tim Robbins, Seabiscuit
- Ken Watanabe, The Last Samurai
- Djimon Hounsou, Cold Mountain
- Benicio Del Toro, The Station Agent

**Who’s Missing:**
- P.S. I Love You

An exceedingly strong year in this category, all five men delivered exemplary work. But, it just comes down to two men. Sean Penn had an unforgettable year with his work in Mystic River, the latter of which gained him a nomination. Oscar voters love Penn — this is his fourth nomination — and Mystic River is his best work. But could Penn’s bad boy-spoil his chances and open the door for Bill Murray? My money’s still on Penn, but I would love to see Murray surprise.

**Best Actress**

**Nominees:**
- Naomi Watts, 21 Grams
- Uma Thurman, In the City of God
- Charlize Theron, Monster
- Samantha Morton, In America
- I Mane Keaton, Something’s Gotta Give

**Who’s Missing:**
- Renee Zellweger, Cold Mountain

There is no question that this is a weak category this year with Diane Keaton’s light comedic work and surprise nominees Keisha Castle-Hughes and Samantha Morton. Charlize Theron deserves praise for digging beneath the makeup in Monster. Oscar voters often fall for makeovers, so expect to see her win the prize — this is a sure thing. She has seen since Hillary Swank won for Boys Don’t Cry. Naomi Watts, though, remains my favorite for her devasating exploration of grief in 21 Grams.

**Best Supporting Actor**

**Nominees:**
- Bill Murray, Lost in Translation
- Peter Dinklage, The Station Agent
- Sean Penn, Mystic River
- Peter Falk, Something’s Gotta Give
- Peter Dinklage, The Station Agent

**Who’s Missing:**
- Steve Buscemi, Last Days

Tim Robbins’ career-topping work in Mystic River demonstrates that he just takes one role for a notable character actor to garner unanimous praise, just as Chris Cooper did last year with his touching, albeitBrief John Larroche in Adaptation and Jim Broadbent the year before for Iris. It is hard to imagine that this is Robbins’ first nomination after great work in Bull Durham, The Player and The Shoeshine Redemption.

**Best Supporting Actress**

**Nominees:**
- Renee Zellweger, Cold Mountain
- Patricia Clarkson, Pieces of April
- Marcia Gay Harden, Cold Mountain
- Holly Hunter, Thirteen
- Brooke Zellweger, Cold Mountain

**Who’s Missing:**
- Scarlett Johansson, Lost in Translation

Well, Oscar voters cannot always get everything right. While they were great with this category’s nominees, they will likely reward Renee Zellweger for her characterizing collapse, largely because this is the actress’s third consecutive nomination. We can hope for upsets from either Patricia Clarkson or Marcia Gay Harden who are perhaps the two best character actresses working today. Some puns are even predicting an upset from the little-known Shohreh Aghdashloo, whose immense work stands up nicely next to fellow nominee and co-star Ben Kingsley’s. My vote goes to Holly Hunter, who in Thirteen reminds why she is one of the greats — she produces a fierce, intense and emotionally powerful performance that grounds this difficult film.

**Best Director**

**Nominees:**
- Fernando Meirelles, City of God
- Peter Jackson, The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
- Sofia Coppola, Lost in Translation
- Peter Weir, Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World
- Clint Eastwood, Mystic River

**Should Win:**
- Sofia Coppola, Lost in Translation

**Will Win:**
- Peter Jackson, The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

Best assured that Peter Jackson will ride the wave of The Return of the King’s success. Having unfairly been denied the honor for Fellowship of the Ring — Ron Howard won for a Beautiful Mind — it is probably his time to shine. Still, I would love to see Sofia Coppola triumph for Lost in Translation’s remarkable atmosphere, with honorable mention going to Mystic River’s Clint Eastwood.
Be seduced by ‘Dreamers’

PASSION, from Page 13

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Absurdity hard to handle

RATINGS, from Page 13

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Perfect 10: ady Owls return home with big winning streak

by Zach Epstein

The men's tennis team is closing the gap on the baseball team as Rice's top program, as men's tennis reached No. 8 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings Dec. 7. The Owls climbed from 23rd to eighth, the Owls' highest ranking since the poll's inception in 1978.

"This is a great start," head coach Rich Smarr said. "I'm really pleased with the guys, but we know there is a lot of tennis left. We must stay true to our game plan and stay focused.

After upsetting both the University of California Berkeley and Stanford University, the Owls improved to 9-0 in dual matches and immediately became a target for any and all opponents remaining on their schedule. True to form, Rice played like a favorite, dismantling both No. 29 Florida State University and No. 22 University of Louisiana-Lafayette in a double-header last Friday to improve to 11-0.

Playing at John Held Tennis Stadium for the first time this season, Rice made a strong showing in front of the home crowd, defeating Florida State-4-2. The Owls jumped early to claim the early lead. Senior twins Richard and William Barker, now ranked second nationally, cruised with an 8-3 win. The second doubles team of freshmen Ben Harterk and sophomore Rob Searle also won easily, cruising to an 8-4 win. With the doubles point secured, sophomore Kaye Haelter and junior Talcott Morta completed the sweep with a 9-4 win, taking the title with Searle.

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Junior Talcott Morta (left) looks on as his partner, sophomore Tony Haerle, returns a volley in Friday's match. Rice's men's tennis squad defeated Texas Tech University 7-0 and was ranked 9-8 (7-0) of No. 1 doubles, as the Owls best the Seminoles 4-2.

WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE

Where and when to support Rice Athletics

Friday 2/27 1:45 p.m. Base. vs. UNL (Reckling Park)
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I've never played before a crowd that big before, and having Wade there smiling when I crossed home plate, and the rest of the team mobbing me — it was awesome.

— Matt Moake
Junior second baseman

Humber allowed only a two-out single in the fifth inning and struck out nine batters against no walks in an 18-1 win.

— Adam Morris
Junior right-hander
"Jamaal Moore spends more time in the gym shooting the basketball than anybody in our program. So do most of the guys. I think as a whole we're excited about the free-throw line, sophomore guard Michael Harris had a 1-6, 6-1, 6-3 victory, but it was far from easy. Harris had 10 points and 12 rebounds, and DiSesa at No. 1 singles and senior Yasmin Fisher at No. 3 doubles. Rice turned the ball over just six times in the entire game, and Wilson said this ball-control is part of a continual improvement this season.

"I just wanted to come out and beat the last and bottled up things up for us, and I thought the transition baskets we were able to get were big for us," Wilson said. "Jamaal Moore spends more time in the gym shooting the basketball than anybody in our program. He's in the gym working on his jump shot, his post game and his face, by himself or with a coach, but he spends a great deal of time."

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Save the Last Dance

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 third of a three-part series on the supporting cast at basketball games.

The team often changes costumes at halftime to match the theme of the song to which they are performing. "If there's a specific dance we think we can get a cool costume [for] that will look good and we can dance in it, we do it," Arreola-Garcia said. "Like the Shania Twain song, we had a cowboy hat and a button-down T-shirt."

Although dancing is the main reason the dancers join the team, being so close to the action on the court gives them a front-row seat for every game. "We like the interaction by being so close," Biringer said. "Everyone in the front line has been hit by a basketball player at one point or another in and when we get hit, we all get really excited and feel even more apart of the game."

This year, the dancers have enjoyed performing in front of the large crowds drawn to the games by basketball teams battling for first place in the conference. However, due to financial reasons, the dance team will not be traveling to the Western Athletic Conference tournament as it has in past years.

The dancers are still happy to end their season with the final home game, knowing they have made a difference in the Owls' win column.

"Hopefully we [brought] something different and dynamic each time," Biringer said. "The best part of dance team is the camaraderie and spirit that we have together, and what that displays for the basketball team."
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BY THE NUMBERS

ARIZONA STATE 3 RICE 1
February 23, 2004 - Chico State

Name (pos) AB R H Bl

Rice (3) - Ellis (2B), Elliott (AB 1), Mathes (AB 2)

ASU (11) - Mathes (4R), Elliott (3H, 3B, 2AB), Ellis (3H, 2B, 1AB), Wieme (2B), Robinson (2B)

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Totals by inning

Rice - 1st 0, 2nd 0, 3rd 0, 4th 0, 5th 0, 6th 0, 7th 0

ASU - 1st 1, 2nd 0, 3rd 0, 4th 0, 5th 0, 6th 0, 7th 0

EXAMINATION

MEN’S TENNIS

UL-LAFAYETTE 0 RICE 4
February 20, 2004 - Lawlor Events Center, Reno, Nev.

Name (pos) AB R H Bl

Rice (11) - Maynard (AB 1), Woods (AB 1), McKrith (AB 1)

UL-Lafayette (5) - Frazier (AB 1), Jeffries (AB 1), Bernhard (AB 1)

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UL-Lafayette (5) - Frazier (AB 1), Jeffries (AB 1), Bernhard (AB 1)

Starks (2B) - Maynard (AB 1), Woods (AB 1), McKrith (AB 1)

UL-Lafayette (5) - Frazier (AB 1), Jeffries (AB 1), Bernhard (AB 1)

Rice (1) - Maynard (H), Woods (AB 1), McKrith (AB 1)

UL-Lafayette (5) - Frazier (AB 1), Jeffries (AB 1), Bernhard (AB 1)

Totals by inning

Rice - 1st 0, 2nd 0, 3rd 0, 4th 0, 5th 0, 6th 0, 7th 0

UL-Lafayette - 1st 0, 2nd 0, 3rd 0, 4th 0, 5th 0, 6th 0, 7th 0

WAC STANDINGS

ALL-CONFERENCE

MEN’S BASKETBALL

FRESNO STATE 60 RICE 63
February 20, 2004 - Save Mart Center

Fresno State 31 29 60
Rice 31 23 63

Final home game tomorrow

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Tennis results: No. 6 and No. 11

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Cap & Gown orders will be taken

March 10 & March 11

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Tennis results: No. 6 and No. 11
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2004**

**Mid-term recess**

Don't cry, but today is the last day of classes before spring break begins. Get a last whiff of Houston smog. Come see what lies beyond all that sun and tequila you put it down to. It's a particularly opportune time to view all the bright planets and moon through a variety of telescopes. Viewing will last for three to four hours. This is a particularly opportune time to view all the bright planets — Venus, Mars, Saturn and Jupiter — so don't miss out on the chance! For more information, contact Professor Reginald J. Dieder at regdieder@rice.edu.

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**Basketball versus Hawaii**

Rice women's basketball takes on the University of Hawaii tonight at 7 p.m. Come watch the Lady Owls in their last home game of the season!

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**Time for Revenge**

The Rice Owls baseball team will have a chance to redeem its Valentine's Day loss to the University of Texas at 7 p.m. at Reckling Park. Come cheer on your Owls as they restore order by destroying the Longhorns.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**State quarter talk**

The Department of Sociology will be sponsoring a free lecture on the design process for the US Mint's popular State Quarters Program. The seminar will be held at 5 p.m. this afternoon in Room 200 of Sewall Hall. The lecture will highlight an analysis of winning and losing designs that show how states systematically select imagery that asserts distinctiveness while eschewing controversy.

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**Basketball versus North Carolina**

Tonight, the men's basketball team plays North Carolina today at 4:30 p.m. at Beckling Park. Observatories are the coolest! The fun folks from that tall, brown building known as Sid Rich Pub and drinking free beer? The Rice baseball team takes on Sam Houston State today at 1 p.m. at the Jake Hess Tennis Stadium. Come out and watch before you ship out for break.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**Last chance to see Brock's shiny shoes dazzle the opposition**

The Rice Owls women's basketball team will face La. Tech in its originally supposed to be played on Feb. 17.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**Break baseball**

Rice baseball plays Texas State at Beckling Park tonight at 7 p.m., tomorrow at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Get a triple dose of baseball if you are in town, and think happy baseball thoughts if you aren't!

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**Tennis**

Women's tennis plays Tulia today at 1 p.m. at the Jake Hess Tennis Stadium. Come out and watch before you ship out for break.

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**Sam Houston State**

The Rice baseball team takes on Sam Houston State today at 4 p.m. at Beckling Park. Come watch the sunglasses in this game originally supposed to be played on Feb. 17.

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**Sid Rich Pub Night**

What better way to celebrate a baseball victory against Texas than shipping on over to Willy's Pub and drinking free beer? The fun folks from that tall, brown building known as Sid Rich will be having their Pub Night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**An explosive lecture**

A lecture, "The growth and degradation of Roman volume diagrams," will be presented this afternoon at 4 p.m. in room 106 of the Keith-Wisc Geological Laboratories. The lecture will be presented by David A. Cigna, a Senior Scientist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute.
Brand Spankin' New Faculty/Staff Trading Cards!!

That's right, folks! We have here for you a Backpage exclusively a preview of the soon-to-be-released Rice faculty and staff trading card line! These collectible cards will be available in stores soon, but we at the Backpage managed to sneak into the trading card company's headquarters and obtain, by means of our overwhelming charm and incredible good looks, a few to print for YOUR viewing pleasure. These two target little-known and interesting facts about your favorite on-campus personalities, and are sure to be a hit with children of any age.

Name: Offices 220
Nickname: The Tool
Mutant Power: Uncanny ability to do math
Height: 5'8
Weight: 150
Hobbies: Doing math. Constantly proving that math isn't math inclined.

Name: Dr. Richard Stong
Nickname: The Mathematical
Mutant Power: Atomic strike capability. Can strike objects with such force that they are reduced to dust. Can also do math. Constantly proving that math isn't math inclined.
Height: 5'7
Weight: 165
Hobbies: Expressing disrespect about current political leaders, sharing Jones stories from back in the day. Doesn't need a computer to do math.

The “Thank God it’s finally Spring Break!!” Classifieds

Housing

MUSEUM DISTRICT: Bike to Rice. Updated one and two bedrooms, two bath, wood floors and central air. One-bedroom apt. at 2301 Richmond from $540, two bedrooms at $580. (713) 806-9228 and (713) 522-9801.

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The Rice Thresher

Spring Break to do list:

- Drink dial Mom & Dad.
- Hook up with hot guy/girl/both.
- Go somewhere cold and ski.
- Drink... a lot...
- Take photos so you'll remember your spring break.

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The Thresher reserves the right to the final say.

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FREE LEGAL TREATMENTS for anyone suffering from back and/or sciatic pain caused by car accident. Must have insurance. Call (713) 520-0738.

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