ABPAC approves of colleges writing public space policies

by Katherine Corter

Individual colleges may soon need to create rules for the use of alcohol in their spaces, if the Alcoholic Beverage Policy Advisory Committee’s proposed changes to the Alcohol Policy are finalized. Vice President for Student Affairs Zenaido Camacho will make a final decision on the amendments next week.

The most significant change passed by ABPAC would require each college governance to define public and private spaces within the college, and colleges would also determine the maximum quantity of alcohol permitted in a room or suite and the maximum number of private gatherings allowed in a well-defined residential college and over a given time period.

“Each college gets to establish certain parameters on the policy,” Rice University Police Chief Bill Taylor, a member of ABPAC, said. “Because each college has a different mixture of students and what’s done at each one, they’ll work the overall policy to make it work with the individual nature of each college.”

ABPAC Chair Steve Cox said the amendments in the policy would establish standards that all college guidelines must adhere to, Cox, a civil Richardson College ritter, said, “There will be a common denominator across all colleges, but given their different architecture, not every Jones student will know what goes on in the specific guidelines of Lovett or Seabiscuit.”

Mark Rice College Associate Joanna Friedsberg said entering the new college policies will be the responsibility of chief justices and party hosts.

“There have been armed robberies and thrusts in Rice Village is still a struggle, Graves was shot once as she was in her car, and was unable to move the money and return to her car in the Village. After she collected the money from a client. She was unable to use them since they left the college listserver administrators that while the ornamental tap handles remained, Budweiser had failed a report with RUPD officer Jared Goldsmith that while the ornamental tap handles remained, the handles that attached them to the taps remained.

Woman shot at Village Arcade

by By Jenny Ross

Rice University press October the twenty first of all six of the pub’s tap handles, while the Pub was closed during spring break. The blame is attaching the handles to the taps, originally left behind, were stolen on Monday evening or Tuesday morning. In an e-mail sent to residents, Rice University Police Department staff were not returned by 5 p.m. Tuesday. In the email, Bedsworth said that while “the ornamental tap handles had been stolen, the brass handles that attached them to the taps remained.

“Without some special measures or the ability to paint new ones until the taps,” by Katherine Corter

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Use common sense in all parts of Houston

When asked where one is most likely to be shot in Houston, few Rice students would typically answer, "The Rice Village." In light of the fact that a shooting did happen there last week (See Story, Page 1), we should be aware that all parts of Houston can be more dangerous than they appear.

We do not want students to live in constant fear of the giant city surrounding them. Students should be aware that there is a giant city surrounding them, and that crime can occur anywhere, including upscale areas.

Use caution and common sense at all times. For example, avoid walking alone at night and do not hesitate to call the Rice University or Houston Police Department for any reason. Such prudence will allow Rice to remain one of the safest urban universities in the nation.

This Willy Week, keep jacks harmless, fun

Willy Week is coming, and we would like to implore students to be clever — not stupid.

Taking part in or observing a good jack is one of the great things about going to Rice. Artilles like stacking chairs from Wiess at Brown and rearranging the letters on Sid are creative, harmless and fixable. However, they should be occasional e-mail from the Athletic Department to students would be a quick and effective way to get the word out.

We would also like to remind students of major spring activities. The United States talked and tried to broker cease-fires, but it didn't stop in until there was no longer an interest to send American soldiers. The United States gives many pressing domestic problems as well. What is the role of world policeman, the inner cities or the imprisonment of Bosnians. We didn't intervene in the Bosnian war to stop the 1995 Srebrenica massacre, nor did we force the Serbs to withdraw. Having the 100,000 people killed in the United States stopped the killing of about 80,000,000 people in those areas. However, when I asked the or- ganizers if I might ask attendees if advice to continue investigating presentations, and the audience was unimpressed. The forum ended with the question desk in the Student Center.

Letters to the editor:

World policem...column ignores History

To the editor:

Daniel Lenoiff's column on the position of the United States as the world's policeman can be foolishly ignorant of U.S. foreign policy and the role of world policeman. Feb. 27.

While it is not safe to send money to a government that is not good enough if perhaps a greater one could be done. This is the wrong message to send to those who wish to donate their energy and money toward community service.

Jan Jennings
Weston alumnus
Alternative Spring Break

Petition appropriate for excellent forum

To the editor:

On Feb. 24 — coincidently the very day President Bush announced his support for a Federal Marriage Amendment — a woman and a man — ADVANCE (Advocacy Diversity and the Need for Freedom) sponsored an informal and timely forum on same-sex marriage.

The speakers made strong pre- sentations that were passionate, informative and very involved in this issue, as evidenced by the many concerned questions and comments. The forums ended with the advice to continue investigating and talking about the topic of marriage equality.

However, I asked the organ- izers, if I might ask attendees if they would be interested in signing a petition on this issue to be sent to our senators in Washington. I was first told, "No," and then told I could place the petitions at the informa- tion desk in the Student Center. Then I was told I had to move more quickly because they were disassociating the petitions from ADVANCE.

I am an agingIdeal, a member of ADVANCE, but also a long-term member of the Rice community. I understand ADVANCE's wish to ap- proach their effort in a formal way, but what is the purpose of stirring up people's minds and then prohibiting them from taking a valid action.

Sue Ycall
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Guest column

Haitian democracy needs more than soldiers

Rene Javier Aniaco

The people of Haiti know their history. Ask a college student or any other 20-year-old who grew up under "the Mon dieu, April." (My God, Haiti), they will tell you about the events that can recall the riots of the early '90s, and tell stories of key political groups, democratic and not. They remember the Haiti of the early '90s and they have lived through six cans time the world has lost its innocence.

Following the U.S. intervention in Haiti and Aristide's return to power in 1994, the Haitians have known no peace. The rest of the world has conveniently not organized. To the nation, the United States has been the world's radar screen, neglected by and large by the international community while the Haitians grew increasingly frustrated with each passing day.

The United States pulled out, leaving the Haitian people to struggle in its own version of democracy. Key elements of building a peaceful society, such as an independent judiciary and stable police forces, were conveniently not organized. To the Haitians, our Caribbean efforts were a little too much. "Yes, idic, not and enough long-term planning."

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by Clarence Yung

Dean of Architecture Lars Lerup beat out the governor of Michigan to
join the ranks of astronaut Buzz Aldrin, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice
William Rehnquist and actress Ann-Margret Olsson as a recipient of the
Swedish-American of the Year Award.

Lerup, who has led Rice’s School of Architecture to national promi-
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organization for Swedish-Americans. Lerup was born in Vajso, Sweden
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annually to a Swedish-American who
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The announcement of the award
came as a surprise to Lerup, as he
was unaware of his nomination.

“I was actually in Ann Arbor, look-
ing out on the white snow coming
down lightly and said, ‘Whoa, it’s like
home,’” Lerup said. “I got a phone
call from the Swedish ambassador in
Washington telling me I had just
been awarded this, and I didn’t know
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Stuckey said the idea for the event started as a Leadership Rice project for a group of hall-dwelling students, who received funding from a variety of sources, including Rice Program Council, an Envision Grant and the Impact Rice retreat.

These grants will fund the cost of this year’s event, while ticket revenue will go toward repeat it next year. "We want to make this a sustainable event, and then ticket sales will carry us into the future," Stuckey said. All the food will be donated by the restaurants, and the cost — about $2,000 this year — goes toward setup and administration.

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Thirteenth environmental conference tomorrow

by lan Everhart

The Rice Environmental Club wants to know what’s up with Houston transportation.

The club is hoping to explore the environmental aspects of the transportation conf-

erence, which has the theme “Stuck in a Jam: The Problems and the Feet-

ure of Transportation.” The conference takes place in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center. At the conference, students and guest speakers will examine transport

ation plans and possibilities, both general and in relation to Houston specific

ally.

Environmental Club Vice President David Crossley, who helped organize the conference, said the topic was chosen because transportation has been one of the most salient local issues in Houston recently.

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David Crossley of the Gulf Coast Environmental Laboratory will talk about new develop-

ments in transportation technology.

“[Previously, students] were focusing more of their energy on how to get around the policy as opposed to abiding by it,” Taylor said. “We’re trying to keep the students from getting upset with the policy, and they’re complying with the policy.”

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Nowak said he hopes the conference will encourage students to consider the issues of transportation on the national and global scale.

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Extreme violence clouds Gibson’s religious ‘Passion’

Raj Wahi
THE THRESHER STAFF

I am not a Christian, but the story of Jesus Christ has fascinated and intrigued me since the Reformation. I heard it. Jesus is known for having performed numerous miracles, including healing the blind and the lame, but to me, the greatest of his miracles is his message of love and forgiveness.

And then there is the matter of his sacrifice. According to the Gospels, Jesus voluntarily endured unspeakable torture at the hands of the Romans, and ultimately, death by crucifixion — all in order to take the sins of humanity upon himself and redeem the human race. The idea of such a sacrifice, along with everything Jesus stood for during his life, is a compelling testament to the possibility of pure, selfless love.

It is no shock with this love in mind that Mel Gibson made ‘The Passion of the Christ,’ a film that recreates the final hours of Jesus’ life in the most horrific detail imaginable. The film at least begins well, with spectacular sets and costumes depicting the arrest of Jesus. However, there are points where the transitions were very abrupt.

There were other snags, too. The dialogue was often stilted, and the level of difficulty is apparent. The supporting cast members contributed excellently, adding a gloss to the talent on stage. Perhaps the fact that there is no Santa Claus is Richard Nixon’s fault, and perhaps Gerald Ford was not the brightest President we had, but Arrastan finds a solution for both problems. I’m going to venture that in the end, killing a President is probably not the way to go. What I would suggest is watching nine talented experts do it for you, on stage, with one million loud guns.

The film is dull, however, before the final 40 minutes, when the blood-and-gore marathon. Gibson’s depiction of the torture of Jesus is easily the most graphic, relentless and needlessly protracted scene of aesthetic violence I have ever seen on film. Gibson’s reasoning for it is that he cannot fully appreciate Jesus without acknowledging what he endured for humanity’s sake. But the film takes that logic to such an extreme that it ends up being more traumatizing than illuminating. For 10 minutes or so the camera lingers on the face of a weeping Roman soldier, who turns his head and then dabs his eyes with a cloth dipped in pieces of glass. The level of violence in this occurring scene is extreme beyond reason and the experience goes on and on and on...

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**Extreme violence clouds Gibson’s religious ‘Passion’**

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Twisted’ is a formulaic thriller that offers the same old cat-and-mouse storyline

Mike Matthews

When it comes to serial-killer movies, both big-screen films like, ‘Buddy Harry’ (1993), and lower budget flicks like the cult classic ‘Fright Night’ (1988) and last year’s ‘Monster’, have set in stone the characters and tropes of the genre. The director Gregory Boyd did a commendable job of putting his unique spin on the genre. What you will.

However, a genuinely good serial-killer movie makes you forget this otherwise disappointing fact by superimposing an original situation or compelling characters — preferably both — on the familiar template. Wilhite’s film does the latter, with an original situation and potentially compelling characters, but never quite the former.

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Gibson focuses on gruesome suffering

CHRIST, from Page 9 after any possible point has been made. The same is true, albeit to a lesser extent, of later scenes depicting Jesus' march through the streets of Jerusalem and his crucifixion at Golgotha.

Throughout all of this, Christ seldom comes across in anything more than a whipping boy, a body upon which a torrent of physical abuse is heaped for reasons that are barely hinted at in the film. Occasionally we see flashbacks to Jesus' childhood or to time, we see gestures of compassion that struggle to assert themselves completely unmoved, though. From time to time, we see Jesus' expressive eyes and a haunted look; when Jesus stumble under the weight of the cross, Mary rises to her knees to help him up, even though she is powerless to save his life. Yet I confess that this scene left me in tears.

I can't say the film left me completely unmoved, though.

Yet despite its individual moments of great power, the film is a failure — both as a story and, more importantly, as a work of spirituality. Yes, there are glimpses of love to be found here, but they are invariably stunted aside in favor of smouldering, punishing images of cruelty and suffering.

One could argue in Gibson's defense that he has done the most moral nor less than what he said he would: he set out to present Christ's suffering in a visceral, immediate fashion, and he has accomplished exactly that. My own, feeling, however, is that a movie about Christ should aspire to do more than merely horrify its audience. It does no good to remember Christ's Passion without also remembering his compassion. By emphasizing the farmer in the latter's expense, Gibson has made a film that crushes the human spirit instead of affirming and ennobling it.

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NCAA basketball bids at stake in WAC tournament

Owls seeded fourth this year

Lady Owls face Tulsa today

by Amber Obermeyer

Although the women's basketball team led its school-record 13-game winning streak at Louisiana Tech University March 4, the Lady Owls reached the Western Athletic Conference semifinals with a 67-54 win over San Jose State University Wednesday night. Rice faces the University of Tulsa in the semifinals today at 4:30 p.m., in Fresno, Calif. (See Bracket, Page 14). The Lady Owls swept the regular-season series with the Golden Hurricanes, winning by a score of 76-69 at Autry Court Jan. 17 and 64-61 in Tulsa Feb. 14.

With a record of 26-8, Rice is a virtual lock to receive a women's NCAA Invitation Tournament bid, and the Lady Owls could possibly receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. Rice finished just one game behind tri-champions UTEP, Nevada and Boise State. Rice finished fourth in the conference record to 12-6. Junior guard Jason McKrieth, who scored 13 points to go along with six rebounds, four assists and three steals, said winning the final regular season game was key in preparation for the tournament.

"It was very important to get a win heading into the tournament," McKrieth said. "We're excited about the WAC tournament. We're going to play hard and have a lot of fun." Rice finished fourth in the conference's regular season and opened the tournament against the University of Hawaii yesterday in a rematch of last year's first round matchup that saw Rice lose by one point in overtime. A 76-70 home loss to Louisiana Tech University Mar. 4 — Rice's only home conference loss all season — prevented the Owls from tying for the regular-season championship and earning the tournament's top seed on the strength of a pair of free throws from Maynard.

"You can say we've struggled, losing two out of the last three, but on the other side of that is prior to that, we'd won five in a row, so we're not relying on one or two players," McKrieth said. "We think we're playing a lot of good basketball and have a lot of reasons to be enthusiastic, a lot of reasons to be excited about what lies ahead, and I think we've done a pretty good job of putting ourselves in a position to end the year on a high note with an opportunity to reach our goals."

Some individual goals were reached Sunday, as junior forward Michael Harris and McKrieth were named first and second-team all-WAC, respectively. Harris averaged 17.5 points and 9.8 rebounds per game to go along with his WAC best 60.4 percent field goal shooting, while McKrieth has averaged 15.9 points, five rebounds, three assists and 1.8 steals per game, while leading the conference with an 88.2 percent average from the free throw line.

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Head coach Willis Wilson (Will Rice 82) said that even though the Owls have lost two of their last three games, they are still playing well enough to make noise in Fresno.

"You can say we've struggled, losing two out of the last three, but on the other side of that is prior to that, we'd won five in a row, so we're not relying on one or two players," McKrieth said. "We think we're playing a lot of good basketball and have a lot of reasons to be enthusiastic, a lot of reasons to be excited about what lies ahead, and I think we've done a pretty good job of putting ourselves in a position to end the year on a high note with an opportunity to reach our goals."

Some individual goals were reached Sunday, as junior forward Michael Harris and McKrieth were named first and second-team all-WAC, respectively. Harris averaged 17.5 points and 9.8 rebounds per game to go along with his WAC best 60.4 percent field goal shooting, while McKrieth has averaged 15.9 points, five rebounds, three assists and 1.8 steals per game, while leading the conference with an 88.2 percent average from the free throw line.

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Although she is best known at Rice for her excellence in both basketball and volleyball in college senior Lindsey Maynard has mastered Valuable Player awards, first-team all-lades, including three district Most Form of a laundry list of accomplish-

ments and she plays with more confidence. “Lindsey’s a very nice person, and anybody who knows her will tell you the same thing,” McKinney said. “She’s a great local athlete that chose to stay close to home.”

Maynard’s decorated high school career did not immediately translate into success with the Lady Owls. As a freshman, she played just 12 minutes per game while making no starts in the three years since, her minutes have increased to more than 30 per game this season. She started 21 of 30 games as a sophomore, 24 of 28 as a junior and all 20 games so far this year.

As a senior, Maynard has become a team-lead 11.0 points per game and ranks second on the team with 2.7 assists per contest.

Maynard has scored 915 points in her Rice career through Wednesday’s game, giving her an outside chance to score the 49 points necessary for the magical 1000-point mark, which would rank 10th all-time at Rice. In her current scoring pace, the Lady Owls would have to play five games total in the WAC tournament and the rest of the postseason for Maynard to reach that plateau.

Her results on the court were recognized last week when she was voted second team all-WAC last week by the league’s coaches. “Lindsey is a player that has shown that you can do any work you want every day and work on your weaknesses,” McKinney said. “A lot of players want to go in the gym and do what they do well, but Lindsey has really worked on her whole game and worked to improve things. The biggest reason that Lindsey’s been better this year is that her confidence is better. She’s learned to know what she’s capable of, and she plays with more confidence.”

Before this season, Maynard and senior center Jocihaeta Hayes, who has been side-lined virtually all season with a knee injury, were voted captains by their teammates. “That says something when your teammates vote you cap-

tain,” McKinney said. “Lindsey’s a very nice person, and she doesn’t want to hurt anybody’s feelings, but she’s learned that there’s a time when you need to step up as a captain and say something even if it’s not the most popular thing, and she’s really taken that to heart. She’s been a great leader by example.”

Maynard’s close friend and sophomore guard Amber Cunningham said Maynard’s leadership traits suit the Lady Owls. “She’s not the most talkative or the most vocal,” Cunningham said. “That’s just her nature, but if something that needs to be said, she’ll say it, and she’s very well and gets the point across. I really like about her, but she also shows leadership on the court — she hustles and does everything I’m in as a leader on the court.”

Referring to the team’s strong play during its current five-game winning streak, McKinney said, “We have a game plan that should be heeded by everyone. You can’t take a test. I’ve always put a premium on school.”

As a result of this hard work, Maynard has positioned herself well for future opportunities. She is in the process of working with Rice’s academic and financial aid offices in both New York and Houston and will study abroad in the fall most likely in London before completing her coursework next spring at Rice.

Before she ventures beyond the hedges, however, she and the Lady Owls have some further aspirations. “We have March Madness to worry about,” Maynard, Inman, Hayes and guard Kate Beckley — are very close and on the court and have missed emotions about their careers winding down. “We all want to get to the NCAA tournament,” Inman said. “We’ve had disappointing ending to our seasons since we’ve been here especially since we’ve always been at least good and good teams. It’s hard to be seniors and know we’re a couple weeks away from being done and being away from each other. And it’s really hard with Jocihaeta not being a part of that. We all want it, and we want to win that conference tournament.”

As the season draws to a close, Rice fans can only hope that they will have another opportu-

nity to watch Maynard and her classmates on the gridiron. “She’s always been a good leader by example.”

Maynard said she has looked ahead to the end of the season. “April and May will be the first time in my life that absolutely nothing is going to be planned,” Maynard said. “I don’t plan on doing anything but going to graduation.”

McKinney said Maynard has set an example that should be heeded by everyone from the NIT, so we need to forget about what could have been and focus on what is and finish the season off strong.”

When classes and her basketball schedule became too much, Maynard plays piano as a soothing method. “I play at the Shepherd School,” Maynard said. “I’ve never had this many classes in my career. I always focused on making our second-ever NCAA appearance, but Maynard said even a Women’s National Invitation Tournament bid, as Rice received in 2002, would be considered an opportunity.”

“Maynard’s success at Rice ex-

tends beyond the confines of Autry Court. In each of her first three seasons at Rice, she was named to the academic all-WAC team and will certainly add a fourth selection to her resume this month.”

On the basis of her achievements both academically and athletically, she was one of five student-athletes from universities in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi and New Mexico named to the prestigious academic all-district team. Referring to Maynard’s triple major in economics, mana-
gerial studies and kinesiology, junior for-

ward and roommate Michelle Wounds said Maynard is “a stud.”

Maynard said her work ethic is respons-

ible for her success in all facets. “I think athletics and academics cross over,” Maynard said. “Right now, basketball is really hectic, and I’ve been really hard at work and taken a test. I’ve always loved to work hard at base-

ball because that’s always been a passion of mine, and my parents are really into academics and they’ve always insisted in me that I need to do well in school.”

“Each year you get more confidence in yourself, and if you practice a lot, it will pay off in the end.”

Did you know? Maynard and Smith both wore number 15 as freshmen.
Michael Wilson, a senior guard who has ex-
hausted his eligibility, Ellis said Smith is no
different from other college students.

"You and Harris, both of them are
quiet," Ellis said. "They just like to stay to
themselves, not going out and partying.
We watched sports and TV and went to the
movies, nothing particularly exciting. Just
what college students do." Ellis said Smith's personal-
ity and selflessness is ideal for his leadership role.

"He leads by example and doesn't
try to be the cen-
ter of attention," Ellis said. "He's a great
person and has
always impressed me with his
demeanor. He's a won-
derful representative of Rice Uni-
versity as a Student Athlete."
THRESHER SPORTS/ commentary

Traveling tribute to Title IX

I drove to Louisiana Tech University last week riding for the women’s basketball team to watch the program’s greatest victory: The Lady Owls fell short of that goal, but I realized, while driving home, that I could take solace that another team I was rooting for — women’s athletics — had prevailed.

I’ve watched this Rice basketball team tear up a school-record 12-game winning streak in front of crowds of less than 300, while the men have enjoyed student support unseen at Autry for decades. I do not intend to place blame on or call out those who chose to participate in other endeavors.

Finding support is a battle that all women’s sports teams have been fighting since their inception with the passage of Title IX in 1972 as part of the Equal Education Amendments.

I want to emphasize, rather, how truly amazing it was to experience firsthand the other end of the spectrum. I had always known La. Tech had a great women’s basketball program; what I didn’t know before last week was that La. Tech was the preeminent women’s basketball program in the country before Tennessee was (for those new to women’s basketball program; what I did not know immediately rendered insignificant in the face of the crowds of less than 300, while the three-quarters of the gym’s rafters were dominated by banners from the women’s team; retired jerseys (surely you remember Teresa Weatherspoon from the WNBA player Mark Braden (6’10’’)) — or that of a future Lady Owl — next to that of former NBL player and Owl Ricky Pierce at Autry Court.

To be precise, the Lady Techsters have won three national titles, dating back to when the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AAW) awarded the championships because the NCAA could not be bothered to do so. The NCAA finally began holding a women’s basketball tournament in 1982.

All of a sudden, the lights were dimmed, spotlights focused on the court, and cheerleaders and others flooded the gym as a drummer was introduced. Upon hearing the crowd erupt at the introduction of La. Tech’s starters, the first thought that crossed my mind was, “This is just like the Mavericks games I used to go to.” Yes, you read that right — women’s college basketball reminded me of the NBA.

Attendance for the game was 6,138, and the other 6,137 played a large part in catalyzing the Lady Techsters to victory, judging by the number of people that drove through thunderstorms from Shreveport or Monroe and by how knowledgeable these fans were.

With that pair of home conference victories, the Lady Owls were tied for first place in the WAC. They then traveled to Ruston, Louisiana, the Lady Techsters’ home court, where they had won 12-game winning streak and are playing well at the end of the year,” Wilson said. "We just have to go hard. "

Many of the Owls are excited about Rice’s prospects this weekend, and Alum is no exception.

I’m excited, because I know what it could lead to, hope-fully the NCAA tournament, putting the school on the map and everybody getting a conference championship ring,” Alum said. "At tournament time, you never know who’s going to win."
**Baseball makes first road trip to open WAC play**

by Jonathan Yardley

It may not be the glamour matchup that in-state rivals provide during the week, but the baseball team's journey to the NCAA tournament begins in the opening Western Athletic Conference play on the road against San Jose State University.

"Probably the early [number one] rating was unrealistic because we had too many spots to fill, but we're worried about what the rating will be in June, not now."

— Wayne Graham
Head coach

The three-game series marks the beginning of Rice's 35-game schedule in a conference in which the Owls have dominated since joining in 1997, winning or sharing seven consecutive titles. San Jose State (10-7) was picked to finish fifth among six teams in a preseason poll of the league's coaches, but the Spartans are one of just three teams above the .500 mark early in the season.

"It's typical of San Jose teams," head coach Wayne Graham said. "They've got a good team and are always knocking on the door of being real good. They'll be tough — but we're ready to go play good ball.

Graham said junior right-hander Wade Townsend will start tonight — the second straight Friday start for Townsend — and junior right-hander Phillip Murphy will start Sunday. The other two members of the Big Four — junior right-handers Josh Baker and Jeff Niemann — are candidates to start Saturday, depending on Niemann's health after he left last start's early start.

San Jose State is expected to counter with sophomore right-hander Corey Cable tonight and junior right-hander Matt Durkin — a preseason all-WAC selection — Saturday. "They've got one of the better pitchers in the country in Durkin, so we've got to be dangerous," Graham said. Offensively, the Spartans are led by third baseman Kevin Franssen, but he is one of just two regulars with a batting average over .300.

For the WAC season, Graham considers the University of Nevada the most dangerous team in the conference, because the Wolf Pack return much of the lineup of last year's team that finished second to Rice. Catcher Brett Hayes was named preseason Player of the Year for the conference, and shortstop Robert Marcial is hitting 294. Nevada state ERA, however, is 5.93, "so hitting..." Graham said. "Everything could be very good," Graham said. "Sometimes a team struggles early, but they figure out who they are and go on to be great, and next year you wonder, 'how's he picking it off?'"

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**Golf finishes fifth in tourney**

by John Hanley

The men's golf team competed in a tournament in each of the last two weekends, finishing fifth — its best result of the season — at the Roadrunner Intercollegiate in San Antonio, Texas, before falling to 12th place in the Louisiana Classics Intercollegiate in Lafayette, La.

"This was...a good tournament, and it was great for us to be playing with some of the bigger dogs."

— Dick Ellis
Head coach

At the Roadrunner Intercollegiate, held at Oak Hills Country Club Feb. 29-Mar. 2, the Owls performed well in all three rounds, with a 15-over-par 303 in the final round. The Owls were one stroke better Tuesday, at Oak Hills Country Club Feb. 29-Mar. 2.

The University of Kansas, ranked 27th nationally, won with a score of four-over-par. Still, the Rice golfers were heartened by their performance. "We were really pleased with how San Antonio went," Morgan said. "It definitely builds confidence to have a good result." Rice's good fortunes did not, however, carry over to its next tournament, the Louisiana Classics Intercollegiate. The Owls opened poorly with a 306 in the first round and never contended, finishing dead last, 15th, out of 15 teams.

"Senior Wm. Smith pointed out Rice's best score of the tournament with rounds of 76, 72, and 70 on the par-72 layout at Oaklakes Country Club, good enough for 15th place individually. 46th ranked SMU finished first, followed by Kansas and No. 43 Texas Tech. Once again, the Owls pointed to problems with consistency.

"Our short game was fine, but we didn't give myself enough chances to make birdies," Wm. Smith said. "The team needs to improve in all aspects of the golf game, especially the short game and putting. Also, we've tried playing a more conservative style at times instead of attacking."

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**Barkers win prestigious doubles title**

by Zach Epstein

The men's tennis team continues to command attention on the national tennis scene, but the Owls return home to the Jake Hess Tennis Stadium this weekend to host the 46th annual Rice Invitational.

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— Richard Barker
Senior tennis player

Sixth-ranked Rice has won the tournament four times in the last five years, but the caliber of teams has improved from years past. The Owls will face No. 39 Virginia Tech University (Robert L. Johnson), No. 75 University of Memphis (tomorrow at 3 p.m.) and No. 65 Texas Tech (Sunday at noon). Rice enters the tournament as the favorite, but the Owls recognize the potential for upset.

"This year in college tennis has shown that you can't take anyone lightly," senior Richard Barker said. "There have been numerous upsets, and these teams playing this weekend have nothing to lose. If the whole team isn't ready to play, we will struggle.

Rice did not play a dual match last weekend and faces a stern test in this weekend's opening match against Virginia Tech today at noon. The last time the Hokies came to the Rice Invitational, they won.

Rice enters the tournament fresh off a successful trip to the 115th Pacific Coast Men's Doubles Championships in La Jolla, Calif. Past winners of the prestigious tournament include John McEnroe and Arthur Ashe, and last weekend two of Rice's own, seniors Richard and William Barker, were victorious.

"It was one of the top amateur tournaments in the world," Richard Barker said. "It is renowned not only around the States, but around the globe. I was looking at the trophy, where our names were going, and a few spots above were McEnroe and Ashe. It's kind of the thing you can only dream of when you're a kid.

In a tournament that features many of the nation's best players, the Barkers lost only one set in the entire tournament. Ranked second nationally, the duo played well throughout the three-match event, completing its run with an impressive 63-63 victory over the top-ranked doubles pair in the nation from Texas A&M, Lester Cook and Anne Maupio.

On Tuesday, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association released its latest edition of the national ITA Rankings, with Rice sitting at No. 11 in the nation in doubles.
Men’s track finishes third at WAC Indoor Championships

by Dylan Hodrick

White Rice’s men’s track team finished third at the WAC Indoor Championships Feb. 26-28. The Owls took third in the meet with 128 points, while the host-several chances to improve upon its won the meet with Boise State being finished second with 133 points.

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Sis dominating in football
by Jonathan Yardley

With just one game remaining in the cloc flag football season, all four playoff spots are locked up, Sid Rice is completely dominated the Blue League, outscoring opposing 16:0 to win a 49-0 record. Hansen finished second with a 4-0 record, followed by the playing Mats and Middletown in third with a 1-4 record, followed by GAA at 3-3 and Brown at 1-4.

College Sports Roundup

In the Gray League, Jones finished fourth with a 3-5 record. G_PO-3 by virtue of the Jones’ 2-0 victory over the Wisconsin Feb. 6. Lovett (0:2) finished third, while Will Rice and Baker were both 2-3 at Midway.

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Swimmers struggle at championship meet
by Debbie Miller

The swim team finished in a disappointing fourth place at the Western Athletic Conference Championships at Palo Alto College in San Antonio Feb. 25-26. SMU dominated the conference meet with a total of 91 points, followed by Hawaii with 71 points and Nevada with 661 points. Rice scored 329 points to finish ahead of San Jose State (351), Fresno State (166). Nevada's and Fresno State (166).

In multiple events, scoring eight points for six team points. Sophomore Flo Newsgum and freshman Janine Davis also scored points in the pentathlon, placing seventh and eighth, respectively.

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Junior Adri Bichman scored in the 100 meter backstroke for the Owls in the meet. The WAC Outdoor Championships are scheduled for May 15-17 at the Rice/Track/Soccer Stadium.

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In the 5,000-meter run but recovered to finish fourth in 17:37.85. Gory's effort added five points to Rice total, but it signaled a turning point for the Owls in the meet.

"Kate [Gerry] just did the 5,000-meter run, but she fell down and didn't do the 3,000," Lopez said. "By the time we were in the middle of the second leg, we knew we didn't have a chance to [the championship] so we didn't run in the 3,000." The distance runner relay team of freshman Sharnazard Carver, sophomores Megan Sandler and Bever and senior Sharon Murto took second place in 12:05.00 in the eight teams in the relay — the 4x400 relay relay squad of Davis, Watkins, Umeh and Megan Murphy — placed fourth in 4:16.

Even though Rice earned a respectable third-place finish in the conference, the runners are using the indoor meet as a motivation to work even harder, hoping to regain the outdoor championship they were. They have been the last three of four years.

Men's Flag Football
Sid is also favored in men's flag football after opening with a 30-0 win over Will Rice. Lovett is also 1-0 in the American Football League thanks to a 23-0 win over Brown 0:1.

In the United States Football League, Hansen has a 7-0 record this season. A 2-0 win overBaker. Baker and Eaker were both 0:3 at Midway.

Open Floor Hockey
The floor hockey season opened last week with bigger goals, smaller goals and less scoring. Will Rice shut out Hansen 34 and Jones edged2:1 in the playoffs. Sid will face next season and to several records setting this weekend.

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The pitching has only disappointed on rare occasions. Junior righthander Jeff Niemann made a rare relief appearance March 2 in Austin and surrendered six runs in 3.1 innings. "The Owls blew a 7-2 seventh-inning lead against the Longhorns," Pendleton said. "Texas was a tough game, but they're a great team, and you can't shut them down (in the late innings)."

Pendleton said Rice rebounded with a 4-3 win the next day over San Houston State University behind a strong relief outing from junior righthander Garrett Pennington, who preserved the save. Pennington is one of several newcomers who have made a big difference already, including junior third baseman Adam Morris and junior catcher Adam Rodgers.

Morris already has two grand slams this season — more than Rice had all of last season — and leads the team with a .335 slugging percentage.

Returnees like senior centerfielder Chris Kollhorst (1.538 on-base percentage) and Ueckert (.341 batting average) have been solid offensive producers, while senior leftfielder Austin Davis has missed the last three games due to injury after leaving Friday's game.

The Owls have struggled to get consistent production from the bottom of the batting order, which has included junior second baseman Matt Moake, freshman first baseman Kyle Gunderson and freshman rightfielder Adam Hale and Josh Rodriguez. Each has contributed at different times in a three-run barber shop, for example — but also has left several runners on base.

Rice has been similarly inconsistent on defense, making long periods of solid play with sudden meltdowns. Predictably, the best defense has come from the middle of the diamond, with defensive stalwarts Janish and Kolkhorst welcoming the surprising play of Rice. Sunday's game best exemplified Rice's defense, as the Owls made four errors but still turned three double plays to back a combined shutout.

"We've sold the middle right now," Janish said. "Fortunately, we were able to get some ground balls in good situations (and) turned some double plays. We did make a bunch of stupid errors, but those kind of things happen."
February 27, 2004 — Reckling Park

**BASEBALL**

**TEXAS STATE 3**  **RICE 4**

February 26-Mar. 10


Texas State: Brian Hurley, Gabe Wisneski (4), Score by innings

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February 27, 2004 — Autry Court

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Rice: 25 — 42 — 67

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Team standings (total of 17 teams)

1. Valparaiso 578

2. Utah 576

3. Rice 568

4. Oklahoma State 570

5. Boise State 575

Rice results (field of 81 golfers)

1. Brian Beckler 0-0-1 1-2-4 1, 0-0-1 1-2-4, 1-2-4. 2. Kyle Frazier 0-0-1 1-2-4 1, 0-0-1 1-2-4, 1-2-4. 3. Texas A&M 882

4. UNO 875

5. Rice 866

Rice results (field of 93 golfers)

1. Brian Beckler 72-71-74 217

2. Koby Frazier 70-79-76 225

3. Matt Doherty 73-79-77 229

4. Tate Ricks 72-80-79 231

5. Mike Smith 80-80-73 233

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The Dos & Don'ts of buying a big red bus

When Jones Graduate School of Management student Gabriel Garcia (Baker '00) put an $850 bid for a bus on eBay Monday, Feb. 16, with the hope of purchasing it in his name for the Rice Outdoor Club, he failed to realize a number of things.

He didn’t know his first auction bid wouldn’t win the enormous red bus. He didn’t know the bus was located in Maine. And he certainly didn’t know he would spend the next week on the highways of the United States with an assortment of truckers, police officers, strippers and carnival workers.

Garcia was looking at a total out-of-pocket payment of $3,500 for the experience of purchasing a big red bus and driving it to Texas. The ROC wouldn’t be able to repurchase the bus, but they can now use the bus as long as club members cover gas and maintenance.

The red monstrosity will serve as a rallying point for publicity, carry ROC members on trips, or could be rented out to other clubs.

Garcia said the club deserved the bus, an integral part of college life.

"College — it’s like Animal House, right?" he said. "You need a bus."

Garcia arrived Thursday, Feb. 19 in Boston after a long Greyhound bus drive. The next morning, he and former ROC president Chris Neumann (Low '99) ventured to North Berwick, Maine to locate the bus.

"It’s this little dinky town and we keep asking people have you seen this red bus," said Garcia. "Everybody knows the bus in town."

The bus, which reads, "MUSTARD" on the side, was the last of the Christian rock band that once used it for tours that often included juvenile detention centers, was perfect for ROC, with nine mattresses and west through Atlanta, Mobile, Ala. and New Orleans on his way home.

He arrived at 5:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25, parked the bus in the stadium lot, and went to bed immediately.

Garcia said he hoped outdoor activities involving the bus will occur as early as March 23, "We’ll hope ROC activities with the bus like going to the rock gym," said Garcia. "We’ll have other activities too, like camping at Huntsville State Park."

Overall, he felt the experience was worth it. "I made a lot of friends," he said.

The Thresher has compiled this list of dos and don’ts for students looking to purchase a big red bus.

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West Bank is because Arabs have waged four aggressive wars against Israel from this base and refuse to negotiate a peace. The only reason Israel has a military presence in the West in order to pursue their pathological hatred of Jews.

PALESTINIANS WERE GIVEN A STATE AND LAND twice - in 1948 and 1949 - and they rejected both twice.

In 1948, Arab States and Palestinians rejected the gift of a sovereign Palestinian state in favor of a war to destroy Israel, the only non-Arab presence in the Middle East. The new Israeli state occupied 1% of all the land in the Middle East, but that was too much for their Arab neighbors. Lebanon was also a non-Muslim state and the only other democracy in the Middle East, until Muslim Arabs and the PLO destroyed it.

THE CLAIM THAT ISRAEL HAS TAKEN LAND IS FALSE. In 1948, the United Nations allotted land to both Israel and Palestinians to form new states. This was land that had been ruled by Ottoman Turks for 400 years. It became a British mandate after Turkey’s defeat in the First World War. The land had never belonged to a Palestinian state or to a people that called themselves “Palestinians.”

During the Arab war against Israel in 1948, Egypt and Jordan swallowed the West Bank and Gaza, which ceased to exist as independent entities for the next 17 years. During the entire 17 years, there were no complaints from Palestinians over the occupation and erosion of their homeland by fellow Arabs.

Arabs did not care because they considered themselves - Palestinians and all - part of the greater Arab nation. The goal of Palestinians has been - in their own words - the destruction of the “Zionist entity,” i.e., the State of Israel itself. That’s why there has been no peace in the Middle East for more than fifty years.

Arab States and Palestinian Leadership have always referred to the creation of Israel as “the Nakba” - the catastrophe. The creation of a Jewish state in the Muslim Middle East is viewed by Arabs and Palestinians as a catastrophe that must be undone. This is why there can be no peace without regime change in the Arab world.

THE WAR IS NOT ABOUT A STATE OR LAND. It is about the fifty-five year Arab war to eradicate the existence of a Jewish state in the Arab Muslim Middle East. There are two hundred million Arabs in the Middle East living on 99% of the land, and six million Jews living on 1%. No serious person can imagine that these Jews are an imperial power threatening Arabs.

THE GENOCIDAL WAR BEING WAGED AGAINST ISRAEL was once unthinkable in a post-Nazi world. Now it is gaining ground through the support of the international left. The left’s mission is to de-legitimize Israel and make its Jews vulnerable to the Arab attack.

The left rationalizes the Palestinian terror campaign as a campaign of “desperate” people. In fact the terrorists have twice ruled out the hope of peace and are squandering billions in past and promised gifts from the West in order to pursue their pathological hatred of Jews.

Only a denial as deep and wide as that of the 1930s will refuse to see the holocaust coming. The American left and its international comrades are in full-throated support of Jew-haters in the Arab world and their efforts to de-legitimize Israel and to portray Jews as the cause and not the victims of this terror.

David Horowitz

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What does the SA do?

- Makes Homecoming T-shirts
- Makes Silver Spur Card
- Publishes Meet Sheet
- Publishes O/C Housing Guide
- Runs eCoop
- Coordinates self-scheduled teams
- Meets with Board of Trustees
- Holds Homecoming, General Elections
- Selects University Standing Committee undergraduates representatives

The fall of 1999 was a busy semester. Not only did two-ply toilet paper, a campaign promise of then-SA President Ann Marie Jones (Hanssen '99), hit campus, but the discovery of $25,000 in SA money sparked a wave of rumors. Proposals for a rock wall, a dance club or distribution of the money to the colleges were rejected by the student body in favor of a Habitat for Humanity donation.

Changing Structures

The SA has changed since its founding and continues to adapt to new responsibilities. Martin said "changes over time are determined by the students involved in the organization. Sometimes you have activities and other times you have people who are filling the role," Martin said. "The changing nature is a cyclical one of rise and fall depending on the interest of activism. I would say that in general this is a new issue and it is for them but in general, they’re the same issues." Botsford said one of these particular issues was the role of the SA.

"I think the one thing is that every year people talk about restructuring the SA," Botsford said. "I think that if everyone just focused on the process before the decisions and get people who want to be in those positions, I think that would solve many of the problems."
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FRIDAY
12
Hilton Houston Plaza Rice Invitational
The Men's tennis team hosts Virginia Tech, Memphis and Texas Tech at the 46th Hilton Houston Plaza Rice Invitational this weekend. Rice's first match is at 12 p.m. against Virginia Tech at Jess Hen Tennis Stadium. Come cheer on your sixth ranked Rice Owls tennis team!

A tennis player went to the doctor because she heard music whenever she played. The doctor cured her by removing her head band.

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Women's Tennis
12th Annual Rice Environmental Club at the 46th Hilton Houston Plaza Rice Invitational this weekend. Rice's first match is at 12 p.m. against Virginia Tech at Jess Hen Tennis Stadium. Come support our ladies!

The Rice Women's tennis team takes on Utah today at 3 p.m in Jake Hess Tennis Stadium. Get an early start on your weekend.

How do you make a tissue dance? Put a little boogie in it!

Willy Week Kick-Off
Willy Week kicks off today with the Taste of the Town at 7 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Student Center. Fifteen restaurants will be present giving out samples of their most delicious foods. Tickets are $5. What better way to spend a week of water balloon filling, random nights of drinking and crazy jacks.

What a wonderful time of the year.

MONDAY
15
Where stars are born. No, not Hollywood.
Today the Rice Space Institute is presenting a colloquium called "The Orion Nebula: Where Stars Are Born," at 4 p.m. The colloquium will feature Professor C. Robert O'Flaherty of Vanderbilt University and will be held in Herman Brown Hall Room 227.

Faculty Recital
Tonight at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall there will be a faculty and guest artist recital. Admission is free. For more information, contact Tom Littman at (713)348-4933.

TUESDAY
16
What is the difference between beer nuts and deer nuts? Beer nuts are about a dollar-fifty and deer nuts are under a buck.

The annual Beer Debate will be held tonight from 9 to 11 p.m. in Willy's Pub. Come see the pros, the nerds, the beer geeks, and the ultimate beer geeks.

THURSDAY
18
Walter & Helen Hall Annual Lecture
The Rice Women's tennis team plays Central Florida today at 3 p.m. in Jake Hess Tennis Stadium. Get some sun and enjoy some quality tennis.

Willy's birthday picnic will be held today at 5:30 p.m. in the academic quad. Come out and get some food to celebrate.

Willy's Pub Night
Tonight is Will Rice's Pub Night. Please attend to help consume Will Rice's beer beer and then go do some jacks.

FRIDAY
19
Declare Your Major!
Today is the last day for sophomores to declare their major. Pick a major, any major. It's time to tell your parents you dropped pre-med and became a Nietzsche Studies major.

Exciting Lecture
The Department of History presents a lecture this afternoon called "Jimmy Carter, Liberalism." Leo Ribuffo of George Washington University will be presenting the talk. The lecture will be at 4 p.m. in Room 426 of the Humanities Building.

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A long time ago in Middle Riceland there lived a hobbit named Zen Camacho. Zen lived in a magically cozy home with his beautiful wife and children. One night, while Zen was enjoying a worry-free delicious meal with his family, a tall and mysterious wizard by the name of Harry Potter appeared at his door. "At least I have a challenging task for you, Zen," said the mighty wizard, towering over our diminutive hero. "You are the possessor of a very powerful item. You see, a long time ago, a Backpage was forged in the air of the dark lord Berenson. This Backpage threatened the life and well-being of all the inhabitants of Middle Riceland. You, my little hobbit, must go to Berenson's lair and destroy this Backpage in the printer from which it was made."

Zen was terrified that such a burden would be placed on him, but he was courageous and ready to do this deed for the good of his people and, indeed, all of Middle Riceland.

The following day, after a brisk 4 a.m. walk with the misus, Zen said goodbye to his loving family and with three of his hobbit friends (Grumpy, Sleepy and Dopey) and a man named Hatfield, embarked on his journey. Just before they left, over hills and through valleys, past towering over his diminutive hobbits and tower-hills and through valleys, past towering over his diminutive hobbits and towering over his diminutive hobbits and towering over his diminutive hobbits, until their little legs could approach Stadium Lot, a small stadium, he sent some of his-Thackeray's to reclaim the powerful Backpage.

Seeing that their friend was not himself, Grumpy, Sleepy and Dopey escorted him back to the privacy of a hayloft, where they all took a nice little hobbit nap. Attracted by the force of the Backpage, the dark lord Berenson's evil eye came to rest upon the four little hobbits. Seeing them lying asleep in Stadium Lot, he sent some of his-Thackeray's to reclaim the powerful Backpage.

The four friends decided that it was best to leave the town of Saintu Lot, a small town many miles away from the home, in search of a place to rest their weary bodies, only to discover that something had been gated! Just then, a hooded figure materialized. "I am Neill, gatekeeper of this community," the man said. "What business do you have here?"

"We are looking for a place to rest and recover from the rigors of our travels," Zen replied.

"It will cost you three gold pieces per hour if you wish to stay inside my gates," said Neill the gatekeeper. "There's a maximum stay of eight hours, and you are not permitted to stay overnight.

Reluctantly, the hobbits agreed to pay the man's price, for there was nowhere else to go.

While partaking of some ale in the local pub, Zen was tempted to use the Backpage. The power of the Backpage overtook Zen, and he could speak only in misclass.

"Well, look Rick," Zen said. "What was that?" inquired Dopey.

"Yes, I was a Mid, replied Zen, unable to control his power of speech due to the intoxicating effects of the Backpage. Saying that their friend was not himself, Grumpy, Sleepy and Dopey escorted him back to the privacy of a hayloft, where they all took a nice little hobbit nap. Attracted by the force of the Backpage, the dark lord Berenson's evil eye came to rest upon the four little hobbits. Seeing them lying asleep in Stadium Lot, he sent some of his-Thackeray's to reclaim the powerful Backpage.

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"I'm like you guys, except without my very own penis."

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