by Mark Berenson

THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Academic Shelters

The faculty council report on the Rice athletics program was released to the public Tuesday. The report, which has been available to the faculty since summer, addresses topics ranging from the cost of athletics to the admissions process for student-athletes.

The report was researched and written last year by the Faculty Council Subcommittee on Athletics and is more than 500 pages long. It was originally presented to Faculty Council and President Malcolm Gillis in March 2003, and was discussed by the faculty at large at two faculty meetings in the spring.

Access to the report was originally limited to faculty members concerned about concerns that it contained information protected by the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Before releasing the report, the subcommittee consulted with the Rice General Council, who determined that most of the information in it could be released. The public version of the report has been edited slightly to remove confidential information, as recommended by the General Council.

Academic Shelters

One of the most controversial suggestions made by the report is that some academic departments may function as shelters for student-athletes, who, the report states, tend to be lower- than-normalscholar students.

"Are the costs of special academic programs created primarily to accommodate the needs of these fundamentally unprepared athletes worth the benefit to the remainder of the student body?" the report asks.

The report states that a large number of student athletes choose to major in kinesiology, economics, and managerial studies. It presents research on the majors declared by student athletes as of Spring 2002 — including multiple majors declared by some student-athletes. As of Spring 2002, of the 208 total majors declared by student-athletes, 21 percent were in kinesiology, 17 percent in economics, and 17 percent in managerial studies, which is higher than that of the non-athletes, the report states.

"It is the only federally funded program for education in environmental species. Oberdorster has submitted her study to a peer-reviewed journal, but it has not yet been accepted for publication." Oberdorster said. "We made sure that was recognized as such."

Interview with Justin Gorman

"They were the best fit for the college," Whitmer said. "We really connected with the students. Based on our previous experience with RAs, we were looking for a different type of RA."

Three colleges announce four new resident associates

by Brooke Latham

Applications, applications!

Applications for undergraduate representative positions on intramural standing committees are due Tuesday at the SA office. The applications are available at the SA office or online at http://www.rice.edu. Now’s your chance to get involved.

Daylight-saving time

Don’t forget to set your clocks forward one hour after returning from Thanksgiving. To change your daylight-saving time, you will get four hours of light-saving time, just one hour less of sleep before school starts.

O’doyle Rules!

A member of the physics team fires a ball across the court at the civil engineering department team during an inter-departmental dodgeball match. The civil engineering team shut out the physics 3-0.

Buckyballs may be harmful

by Jan Frevert

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"Buckyballs — the super tiny, soccer-ball-shaped molecules discovered by Rice chemists Rick Smalley and Robert Curl — may have toxic properties, according to a preliminary study. This year, students brought me flowers and balloons," Gorman said. "It was incredibly sweet. I wouldn't have done this if I weren't looking forward to spending more time with my students."

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We are happy that The Report on Athletics at Rice, completed by the Faculty Council Subcommittee on Athletics, was finally released to the entire student body, containing all the information that the Office of the General Council agreed could legally be released. It is only right that the students—as members of the academic community who support athletics—have access to this important information.

This report brings many facts to light regarding the academic qualifications and performance of scholarship student-athletes. While it is sure to generate controversy, it is important to keep in mind that the report is a study of varsity athletics at Rice from the perspective of some faculty, not the entire university. In addition, it was commissioned last May, before Rice’s 2005 move to Conference USA was announced.

A report by consulting firm McKinsey & Company, commissioned by the Board of Trustees, is due out in early May. We hope that this outside report, representing a broader investigation of varsity athletics, will evaluate the state of Rice athletics in a more complete context. We urge that it be made public quickly— unlike the faculty report, which suffered a multiple-month delay.

We acknowledge the need for a study of athletics and hope any problems will be fully investigated and addressed. At the same time, however, we support student-athletes as members of the Rice community. It is important to remember that any structural faults in the athletic program are not the fault of student-athletes as students or as individuals. The report should herald the beginning of a dialogue—not the alienation of fellow students.

Position will allow focus on environmental issues

We are intrigued by the Board of Trustees’ adoption of a new environmental policy. (See Story, Page 8) Environmental issues will only become more important as time goes on, and it is good to know the leadership of the university is concerned with these issues—as we all should be.

In particular, we are pleased that the Board may create the position of Sustainability Coordinator, who would report to Vice President for Finance and Administration Dean Currie, and we hope the funding for this position is approved. When we complain about environmental issues on campus, we are usually criticizing the actions of a person or department not paid solely to consider such concerns—or we might criticize students, most of whom are not paid to consider environmental issues on campus.

On the other hand, an employee paid to work with issues of environmental sustainability will have the incentive needed to detect, correct, and address problems on campus. The desire expressed by the Board to more fully integrate environmental issues into Rice academics is also encouraging. We are looking forward to more classes in many disciplines that touch on these issues.

Faculty needs facts to justify calendar change

The members of the faculty should have gotten their facts straight before they aligned Rice’s 2006 Spring Session with that of the Houston Independent School District (“Breaks change for desired HISD alignment,” March 26).

We find it hard to believe that a significant portion of faculty would be positively affected by such a move. The proportion of faculty who have school-aged children in HISD— not older children or children in private schools—is surely not as high as 50 percent, an estimate President Malcolm Gillis made at a recent University Council meeting.

Faculty without school-aged children in HISD and most students will be disadvantaged by the change; they will face a stretch of eight consecutive five-day weeks—the longest we have had to endure in many years. The faculty should have acquired accurate data on how many professors actually have school-aged children in HISD before they finalized their decision. Since they did not, we now hope they will reconsider.

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

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After 11 months of Keep-Away, Rice students and staff may view the Subcommittee’s Report on athletics.

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Registrar, Cashier fail to coordinate functions

To the editor,

I am writing to express my disappointment in the way the Registrar’s Office and the Cashier’s Office have failed to coordinate. Monday afternoon, just after 3 p.m., the Cashier’s Office had flatly closed, and I was then required to take another trip to the Alumni Center for Business Affairs. Overall, this particular hands-on is a trivial one, but I believe it signifies a major deficiency involving these departments.

The university seems to have a policy that allows my student account to be charged for nearly anything at a whim: lab printing costs, parking fines, blanket taxes, extra points and a multitude of other charges that have no direct connection to my tuition. In fact, the Rice University Police Department finds a way to charge an extra $5 on every ticket— falsely claiming they need the money— just in case I don’t walk over to the Alumni Center to pay my fine within the five business days that they give me— even though a longer delay would incur no additional cost on their part and it in no way affects their eventual payment, as I would receive the “privilege” of registration, should I default.

There is every evidence that the Cashier’s Office has the ability to charge fees to my account. Therefore, I think it quite absurd that I actually paid money to my account at $7 per academic transcript, I am told by the Registrar that there are no means to do so.

William R. Price
Married senior

Spain did well to oust ineffective government

To the editor,

The recent headlines in Madrid illustrate one of the most dangerous threats facing the world today. This danger is not terrorism. Instead, the most alarming aspect of the terrorist attacks is the impression many Americans believe that the Spanish election results constitute appeasement. The defeat of the ruling party in Spain has little to do with capitulation to al Qaeda.

The Spaniards who voted for the Partido Socialista Obrero Español want to fight terrorism in an intelligent and effective manner. While the socialist party does not support the war in Iraq, American critics have failed to recognize that many Spanish perceive Iraq to be an ineffective government whose acts of terror are not limited to the United States and that all nations must work together to stop destructive, radical groups like al Qaeda.

Steve Patty
Junior junior

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Passion unable to escape religious roots

The following is the third and final column in a series on "The Passion of the Christ." The series was run in The Rice Thresher, the official student newspaper of Rice University.

The Passion of the Christ, released in the spring of 2000, was a $40 million production directed by Mel Gibson and produced by New Line Cinema. It was based on the four gospels of the New Testament and the writings of the ancient Jewish historian Josephus. The film was controversial due to its depiction of Jesus's crucifixion and the portrayal of non-Christian characters.

Guest column

U.S. youth deserve more from pro athletes

The rise of athletics in the United States has brought with it the waning of parental responsibility; athletes today have a growing effect on our society, whether they realize it or not. Athletes are placed on a pedestal, often by the media and by other "normal" members of society. This constant display of stardom given to athletes makes us all too rare.

Currently, the actions of athletes directly reflect on the mindsets and actions of our society. It is then, that some of these athletes give so little duty to act responsibly and ensure that tomorrow's leaders look up to the greatest examples of morality.

Some athletes, such as former San Antonio Spurs center David Robinson, do set a positive moral example. He was named among the NBA's most valuable players all time for his incredible on-court skills. Off the court, he has many interesting and talented minds that make him a great role model.

The rise of athletes, especially those that are internationally recognized, in the U.S. N.A. He has a background in classical and commercial music and plays the classical and commercial guitar.

The past few years, several basketball players have confessed to using and witnessing the use of performance-enhancing substances, which can be seen in the proliferation of the NBA."
Take me out to the ball game

Will Rice college freshmen Ian Sergo and Buck Casson enjoy the food at Tuesday night’s pre-game event put on by the Student-Athlete Committee.

POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the University Police for the period March 23–31.

Residential Colleges
Lovett College
March 24 Subject apprehended trying to steal a bicycle from a bike rack. The individual was arrested for criminal trespass and remanded to Harris County jail for outstanding out-of-county warrants.

Lovett College
March 24 Attempted bicycle theft reported.

Sid Richardson College
March 30 An individual was reported to have crawled up in the ceiling of the kitchen area.

Sid Richardson College
March 30 Two bicycles reported stolen. Both were found in the commons area.

Academic Buildings
Founders Library
March 23 Wallet reported stolen.

Space Science Building
March 25 Money stolen from a backpack two days prior.

Other Buildings
Student Center
March 25 A graduate student was apprehended after vandalizing a stop sign at Entrance 13 and found with a barbecue grill stolen from Sid Richardson College. The individual was intoxicated, and the matter was referred to University Court.

Parking Lots
West Lot
March 23 Car burglary reported in Commuter Lot 1.

March 25 Failure to stop and give information in a car accident.

March 23 Car vandalized.

March 30 Car vandalized.

March 31 Two subjects were arrested for driving while intoxicated. Both were remanded to Harris County jail.

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Seniors consider work alternatives as hiring improves but remains slow

by Katherine Corley
Tues., April 2, 2004

As seniors are counting down their last three weeks of class at Rice, some will choose to avoid the week job market by pursuing programs like the Peace Corps or Teach for America. But for those that choose the traditional career route, most have found the job market is improving, but slowly.

Sid Richardson College senior Carlos Hoang, a chemical engineer- ing major, said she may work for Air Liquide, an industrial gas company. Hoang said the selectivity of the interview process shows that companies are still cautious with their recruitment and hiring.

"It's still a pretty tight market," Hoang said. "For the most part, companies are still hiring as they used to. Also, they are being extremely selective with whom they hire in their on-campus interviews. Most companies are being selective with whom they invite to do on-site interviews — they just don't have the money to spend bringing in people that might be a good fit." However, Career Services Director Cheryl Matherly said an increase in campus recruitment this year is resulting in a higher number of on-campus job offers, a sign that the market may be on the upswing.

"We're seeing more active interest on the part of companies in terms of hiring, and we're seeing greater numbers of companies coming back to campus recruiting," Matherly said. "There's more diversity, and the job offers are more serious than we've seen in the last three years." Matherly said despite the sluggish economy, most seniors are choosing to apply for their last three weeks of class at Rice. Some will choose to avoid the week job market and be more selective with their options.

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According to the 2003 Career Services Post-Graduate Survey, 16 percent of seniors graduating in 2003 had secured employment by graduation, whereas three percent went to graduate school or professional school, with the top three choices being medicine, engineering and law. Among the final 7 percent, a number chose programs such as JET, Peace Corps and TFA. The survey shows that seniors who decide to apply to such programs often want to take advantage of their current lack of attachment.

"There's more diversity among students this year," Matherly said. "With the current lack of attachment, Rice students are no longer fallback positions for teaching in a low-income school in a rural or urban area. Rice seniors want to do the things they've always wanted to do, but they're not settling down by any means. They're really the time in our lives when we have the flexibility to do what we really want," Hoang said. "I think 21-22 years old is a little too early to be deciding exactly what you want to do with the rest of your life. It's good to keep your options open.

"It is one of those things that really shouldn't be a barrier," Matherly said. "It's not a major decision, it's one of those things that really shouldn't be a barrier." As seniors are counting down their last three weeks of class at Rice, some will choose to avoid the week job market by pursuing programs like the Peace Corps or Teach for America. But for those that choose the traditional career route, most have found the job market is improving, but slowly.

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Envision, Janus winners start projects

by Natalie Kone
FOR THE THRESHER

Envision Grant winners have already started using their funds to complete projects that contribute to rice or the larger community. Grant recipients have already hosted Taste of Town, an on-campus food event, and will soon study Houston high school dropouts, produce and distribute a documentary on the pro-life movement, and create a Web site promoting interfaith experiences.

In the second of three Envision Grant application rounds for 2003-04, four grants totaling $4,600 were awarded to Rice undergraduates through Leadership Rice Feb. 25. The President's Office funds the Envision Grants, which total $33,000 annually. Six new applications were submitted in this round, and a December committee of faculty, staff and students selected the winning proposals.

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Ksiezyk said the goal of the Envision Grant program is to fund projects that effect some positive change in the community. "Envision Grants give money to students who want to make something happen," she said. Projects the committee looks for in a project include service, leadership, creativity and sustainability.

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The 2003 Black wrote an op-ed on publicizing the work and to its a Texas was published in The Christian Science Monitor. He continues to contact government and academic leaders around the world to encourage more states to establish the week. The dates of the week this year are July 1-16. Six or seven states are still considering official recognition.

Six Rice students were part of a three-member team that participated in the Envision Grant program. The team, which included College senior Stephen Fell and Will Thompson, produced a Web-based objective document following the national pro-life movement. They began the project five months ago, and will continue to interview dropouts and dropout family members and friends in the community. The compiled information will be used to build a more specific and accurate profile of the typical high school dropout.

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The project will be presented to the students and faculty at the end of the semester.

Sixteen Houston restaurant owners and managers set up booths in the Grand Hall, where more than 300 students who had purchased tickets were able to sample each restaurant's cuisine, Stuckey said. Restaurants included Amazon Grill, Dessert Gallery, Benjy's and Cedar's Mediterranean Café. We wanted to bring the eclectic taste of Houston to Rice students and faculty said, "I think we're really happy to be here." The grant will fund gas expenses, supplies, transcription fees and other miscellaneous costs.

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 Board-commissioned McKinsey report expected in May

The report next considers the SAT scores of student athletes which are found in violation of the Honor Code several times more often than student athletes who are not. SAT scores were lower than rate that reported in the report states. The report does not quantify several times over because the numbers vary in different tabulations, but it excludes cheating scandals that involved all or almost exclusively student athletes.

The report concludes with a discussion of the role of athletics in the university overall. "None, really," would argue that big-time athletics is considered a necessity for Rice by our student body, our alumni, or Rice... That's my probability, Houston's business leaders," Morgan said. "At the Student Association General Elections in 1999, 10 percent of the student body said football was too important to continue. The report concludes not enough arrests may come from these due times to make a definite statement.

Integration into the college system. The report addresses the integration of student-athletes into the residential college system by examining the role students take in participating in the submission of student-athletes participation in the college life. The report concludes: "It would appear that the Faculty Council's. "It's unfair to say over 300 athletes," "We do everything we can to minimize the cost to the university," Morgan said. "It's not just that average student-athletes receive more than other students... current students in the coming weeks. The factor that most people are paying attention to... for that at least that we're trying... "At the same time, we want to put the competitive teams, programs and the like on the same level that other athletes can be proud to be a part of. Nothing has more money than other..." We do everything we can to minimize the cost to the university," Morgan said. "It's not just that average student-athletes receive more than other students... Smith said the shift would bring significant... for a school in the short run, among other advantages... with most of the Rice athletes... Morgan said. "I think that student-athletes should be required to live on campus for at least two years among... That's one reason why they're trying... "At the same time, we want to put the competitive teams, programs and the like on the same level that other athletes can be proud to be a part of. Nothing has more money than other..." We do everything we can to minimize the cost to the university," Morgan said. "It's not just that average student-athletes receive more than other students... Smith said the shift would bring significant... for a school in the short run, among other advantages... with most of the Rice athletes... Morgan said. "I think that student-athletes should be required to live on campus for at least two years among... That's one reason why they're trying... The report concludes not enough arrests may come from these due times to make a definite statement.

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The northern half of the inner Loop from Duncan Hall to the Student Center will be shut down May 11 to begin full reconstruction of the road. The portion also known as Laboratory Road, will be reopened by John Y. Facilities and Engineering Planner Max Amery said.

The road, curb and gutters will be torn up and rebuilt with a cement base, concrete roadway and asphalt surface. A simple resurfacing, which was done to College Way — the southern portion of the Inner Loop from Ayte Court to Cohen House — last year, would not be sufficient due to accumulated damage, Y. Maintenance Manager Russell Price said.

"The base underneath the existing pavement has deteriorated due to age, rain and heavy traffic, so resurfacing doesn't hold," Price said. "We need to repave the road with a new stabilized concrete base," Price said.

College Way will be used for two-way traffic during the construction, Amery said. Cars will be prohibited to park on College Way until Lab Road reopens.

The sidewalks will be open during construction, Amery said. Essential crosswalks will also be open to pedestrians and marked off by construction fences.

"The big picture is that all the major routes will have a concrete base roadway, so that we won't ever have to go bother with it," Max Amery, Facilities planner said.

"The buildings on the north side of Lab Road — delivers and things — can come through the back," Price said. "The south side, like Anderson Hall and Herzenberg Hall, may be more challenging. I'm working with [Dean of Architecture] Lars Lempa and [Dean of Natural Sciences] Kathy Matthews in a focus to clear those kinds of issues to see how we can accommodate them during this time."

The project has been in the planning stages for several years, Amery said. A partial budget for the project was approved last year, but full funding for the entire road was not approved until the Board of Trustees acting last week. Due to the bid selection within the next two weeks, Price said he could not comment on the size of the budget.

"Last year, we put some of the money to do half of the road, and then this year we decided not to close it twice," Amery said. "We decided only to close it one time and get it done."

Pending further budget approval, similar work on College Way will occur in summer 2005, Price said.

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The roadway is scheduled to be completed by July 15, due to the Advanced Placement Summer Institute held at Rice July 13-31.

"There's going to be hundreds of teachers on campus," Price said. "It's got to be done before July 12."

The project may be affected by weather, Price said. Also, complaints about excessive noise during campus events may force construction to stop for several days. The purpose time line is important because Rice is resurfacing its roadway, so that we won't ever have to go bother with it," Amery said.

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In forming the policy, students discussed such measures as building recycling drivers and coordinating rides on campus to reduce the number of non-sustainable trips students make, for example, but the policy action plan still did not reflect the steps the university, students and faculty wanted to take or a commitment the university would make, So, students, with the help of the Rice Recycling Council, the Rice Environmental Council and the Rice Student Association Environment and Facilities Committee, came up with the idea of creating a university sustainability policy.

"It's important to me because it formalizes the university's commitment to sustainability from the highest levels of the Board of Trustees," Currie said. "It's important to me because I think it formalizes the university's commitment to sustainability for the future."

"I think that the sentiment is good, but it doesn't seem that it does much," Israel-Trummel said. "It has admirable intentions, but it seems kind of empty."

"We wanted to support the policy. The policy is a good thing because it formalizes the university's commitment to sustainability from the highest levels of the Board of Trustees," Currie said. "It's important to me because I have been teaching and researching sustainability for many decades."

"There are constantly new ideas and approaches across a huge range of Rice's activities and Rice's interactions with the environment."

"The university will hire a sustainability coordinator to oversee efforts to address campus sustainability initiatives if the new position is authorized in the annual budget process in July," Currie said.

In consideration of the university's chief commitment to instruction and research, Rice's new policy is conceptional, Currie said. However, there are many steps the university can take to improve the campus's ecological condition without posing financial obstacles, he said.

"For whatever sustainability is a trade-off between helping the environment and running up costs," Currie said. "The tough call is how much sustainability is when something has a significant effect on the environment and a significant cost."

The idea for an official university environmental policy began about five years ago in UNIV 303: Rice into the Future, Student Association Environment and Facilities Committee co-Chair Gustin Durnin said. The course focuses on ecological concerns.

Class members have submitted environmental proposals in previous years, but President Malcolm Gillis has rejected them because they were not specifically Rice-oriented, Durnin, a will Rice College sophomore, said. While College senior Phil Levine, who cochaired the Environment and Facilities Committee during the fall semester along with Sid Richardson College senior Miller Henderson, took the UNIV 303 course last year, and brought the idea of creating a university sustainability policy to the SA, Durnin said.

The Student Recycling Council, the Environmental Council, the SA Environment and Facilities Committee, and other interested SA members revised the draft policy to make it more specific, introducing it to the SA Senate for review, Durnin said.

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"For whatever sustainability is a trade-off between helping the environment and running up costs," Currie said. "The tough call is how much sustainability is when something has a significant effect on the environment and a significant cost."

The idea for an official university environmental policy began about five years ago in UNIV 303: Rice into the Future, Student Association Environment and Facilities Committee co-Chair Gustin Durnin said. The course focuses on ecological concerns.

Class members have submitted environmental proposals in previous years, but President Malcolm Gillis has rejected them because they were not specifically Rice-oriented, Durnin, a Will Rice College sophomore, said. While College senior Phil Levine, who cochaired the Environment and Facilities Committee during the fall semester along with Sid Richardson College senior Miller Henderson, took the UNIV 303 course last year, and brought the idea of creating a university sustainability policy to the SA, Durnin said.

The Student Recycling Council, the Environmental Council, the SA Environment and Facilities Committee, and other interested SA members revised the draft policy to make it more specific, introducing it to the SA Senate for review, Durnin said.

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Twenty-four faculty members have received promotions, which will take effect in July. The Board of Trustees approved the promotions at its meeting last week.

Professor Eugene Levy said a high point of his career was essential for a school like Rice, and the recently promoted faculty members will enrich the education Rice offers undergraduates.

The very best undergraduate students sought to seek—and increasingly do seek—an educational environment in which they can learn from faculty who are themselves actively engaged as leaders in expanding the boundaries of human knowledge and understanding, or who are among the oldest practitioners of their professional disciplines,” Levy said. "These individuals have the most persistent understanding of their disciplines, and, generally speaking, the best ability to convey that understanding.

Miki Hebl was promoted to associate professor of psychology with tenure after six years at Rice. Hebl searches the expression of discrimination in society and the ways in which it might be remediated, with a particular focus in enhancing diversity in the workplace. "I am really indebted to the graduate and undergraduate students with whom I have researched and worked," Hebl said. "They are a constant source of inspiration and an integral part of my research.

Matthew Henze has been promoted to associate professor of religious studies department. Now in his seventh year at Rice, Henze specializes in the early history of biblical texts and has recently been working on early Jewish and Christian interpretations of the apocalypse.

"The University has always been very successful in identifying and assisting members who have been underrepresented faculty members, very generously, new-line, Henze said. "I have always felt supported by both my department and the division of Humanities.

Other faculty members promoted to associate professor with tenure are Gerald Dickens in earth science, Matthew Fraser in civil and environmental engineering, Daniel Millman in electrical and computer engineering, and Horacio Rezende in computer science.

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Will Rice to receive $1.35 million in summer capital improvements

The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed:

■ Applications for ADVANCE — Avoiding Diversity and the Need for Cultural Enrichment — are due at 5 p.m. today.

■ The SA executive committee members will be holding office hours in the SA office on the second floor of the Student Center. Office hours are available online at http://sa.rice.edu.

■ Applications for undergraduate representatives to the national Student Assembly are due by 5 p.m. today.

■ A SA President Derek Matthews announcement will be forming an information technology task force to meet with Vice Provost for Information Technology Karen Stein. The task force will be expected to meet on the same day as the task force.

■ Fifty dollars in keep will be converted into a residence associate apartment and two new student rooms.

■ The Board of Trustees approved $1.35 million in capital improvements to Will Rice College last week. The improvements will take place this summer.

■ Will Rice's heating system will be upgraded from the current two-pipe heating and cooling system to a four-pipe system, which will allow students to control the temperature in their rooms with a thermostat, instead of having a uniform temperature set for the building.

■ Housing and Dining Director Mark Ditman said newly built or renovated colleges already have this system, as do Jones and Brown Colleges, and other colleges are likely to see the upgrade eventually.

■ The project is expected to begin May 17 and continue through about July 15.

■ Ditman said he is confident the project will be completed before Orientation Week begins Aug. 15, barring a natural disaster. In such an event, college members would be notified before returning to campus so they would know what to expect.

■ "We're going to do whatever it takes to have it ready before O-Week," Ditman said. "Not being ready isn't an option. We have a very, very good contractor and architect... and I think the whole project shows us that the project is going to happen before O-Week.

■ Additional projects that will also be inspected and repaired by Risa Gordon

Another project at the same time will replace the roof of the Old Dorm of Will Rice, which White said is expected to cost $500,000.

■ Ditman said the projects are important to keep Will Rice in good condition for students.

■ "I think people had concerns at one point in time that Will Rice was going to deteriorate, and that's not the case," Ditman said. "We have every intention to keep the building in good working order and nice to live in. So this is a real obvious improvement to make for a building you have long-term.

■ Bergauer said one of the most important improvements will be the repair of some covered patios in New Dorm.

■ Other colleges will see capital improvements this summer as well. Fire sprinklers will be installed at Baker College, and painting to College, completing a program to put sprinklers in all of the rooms at the same residential colleges. Hanszen College will also undergo several changes, with the continuation of the renovation of the master's house and the remodeling of the former Health Services Center, which will be converted into a residence associate apartment and two new student rooms.

■ Rice's Educational Technology Department is currently working on information technology to improve in the Computing Associates program. ET Director William Wymore said the project will involve students' needs. Miles said.

■ "He has been in charge of the program since 1997, said he believes the key areas for discussion are CCA training and compensation, knowledge of the program within the colleges, and improved communication and using similar programs at other universities as models for improvement.

■ "Ultimately we focused on heavily interconnected and email services," Miles said. "I feel that we have some grousing insurance that the CCA need to address, mainly in the areas of privacy education and security issues, since violations are rampant. The other issues that we're up against are things like freshman support. We have a great deal of work to do during O-Week, we'll go to that program on its own to speed, so they understand what resources are here at Rice..."

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Scholar speaks on effect of Brown case

by David Berry

George Wright, Prairie View A&M University professor, spoke about the changes in education since the Brown case.

"Some shall sow, and some shall reap," Wright said, altering a biblical phrase. "Brown concluded by tackling the question of diversity in today's educational system and society.

"Brown put the question of diversity clearly on the map of American society," Wright said. "The Brown decision can be viewed as a starting point for so many of the movements that have swept America since, including the women's movement." 

Minority presence, in universities' student bodies and in their curricula, is important to continuing knowledge of the minority experience," Wright said. "The more we learn about minorities and other people, the better off we arc. We also learn more about what we have in common."

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"Only in the Brown decision did the Court come to see separate but equal as an impossibility," Wright said. "Wright examined the legacy of the Brown decision by discussing the impact it had on the role and the reality of diversity in American society.

Wright said he was born in 1950 in a segregated society. "To see the desegregation of public schools in 1954, I know African Americans wereellido because of my race," Wright said. "That is what I wanted to be a teacher," he said. "But in Rich- ard Wright's novel Black Boy, they told me, 'You can't do that, you just a black boy.'"

Nevertheless, Wright said he was a beneficiary of both the Brown decision and the civil rights movements of the 1960s.

"I graduated from high school in April 1968, the year Martin Luther King was assassinated," Wright said. "When it came time for me to go to college, there was opportun- ity, and there were scholarships for me to go to the University of Kentucky."

Wright attended graduate school at Duke University, where he reaped the benefits of expanded educational opportunity due to the Brown ruling, he said.
Go to mastercard.com to apply for an internship making a music video for the band Hoobastank. There are some things money can’t buy, for everything else there’s MasterCard.
On Nov. 30, 2000, Rice students geared up for the administration’s first kick, when Camacho and Home kicked out the DJ at 8 a.m. and locked the KTRU door.

After years of tension between KTRU and the administration regarding issues of accountability and control, the administration shut down the station, bringing campus-wide protests and uprisings from students and community members.

In the days following the incident, two DJs broadcast music during an hour of a scheduled women’s basketball game.

The board is held accountable for all that goes out over the air. In that sense, KTRU is clearly a university asset.

— Malcolm Gillis

President

President Malcolm Gillis said there were several things that could have been done to prevent the incident from occurring.

KTRU could have listened to the President’s Office before December 2000, to prevent the shutdown of KTRU both to the student Association and to the broader issue and were able to separate and implement the appropriate lines of accountability needed to resolve it.

The incident was handled in a really tangible way since the shutdown, in that the students at the station are much more responsible to the needs of the students of the university, and the students were very aware of the consequences of their actions.

This was kind of the last straw. It was a really tangible example of how the administration could step in anytime they wanted to and basically stop what students were doing.

— Lindsay Botsford

Former SA president

The board held its meetings twice a week, and with a listening radius of eight miles.

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However, meetings were not the only way in which students expressed disagreement with the administration’s actions.

Around 700 people signed a KTRU protest petition, and a silent protest was held outside of the Ralph S. O’Connor House during and the Theorax published extra and received a page worth of letters to the editor.

By Monday, Home said, the administration was willing to work on a compromise.

The administration changed its stance from hardball to a settlement and the Theorax published extra pages worth of letters to the editor.

But 1 think what other organizations like this, Botsford said. “There’s always the tension between students and administration, the conflict is inherent in that relationship, I can only hope that they would hope that people would look to KTRU in a lesson in how to resolve it.”
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The Blue Period

Picasso capitalizes on Steve Martin's trademark wit

Elizabeth Mims
THEATER STAFF

Sometimes there is nothing better than a show that makes the audience laugh. If this is what you are after, look no further than the Lovett Undergraduates, where you'll find Picasso at the Lapin Agile and all the Steve Martin wit you can handle.

Getting the conversation and comic possibilities of this chance meeting through his lovely cast of characters and a sense of intellectual resonance.

Fredly (Lovett College junior Lanny Bose) owns the bar that Picasso (Hamptons College sophomore Reynolds Valdez) regularly frequents. As Fredly opens the bar for the night, Gaston (Lovett senior Nicholas Stagg), a stereotypical drunk Frenchman, is already under the influence. Einstein (Lovett sophomore Brian Dockrath) walks in and sits down, awaiting his fate, the Countess (Lovett freshman Jacqueline Kirby). Minutes later, Germaine (Will Rice College sophomore Katherine Gerber) and Suzanne (Lovett College freshman Lezlie Hawks) — two very sexually charged women — enter and light up the scanty, testosterone-filled bar of men, adding layers to the script. Sagot (Corey Cussew, Jones '02) — the art dealer — bursts into the bar next, full of maximis and great comedic timing, and joins the cast as they await Picasso.

When Picasso arrives, the debate between the characters really gets heated and delves deep into the unspoken and the absurd. The battle of the brains culminates with a draw, see ART PAGE 16.

The Israel-Palestinian conflict personified in 'Dirty Story'

Victoria Zup
FOR THE THRESHER

After nearly 50 years, two major wars, several failed peace treaties and much bloodshed, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is very difficult to grasp. If the promised land wasn't so far away, did a trendy New York apartment? And what if the characters weren't faceless nation states, but personified — first as the gun-slinging soldier, Palestine as an explosive-wearing thing.

"Dirty Story"
Stages Repertory Theatre, 3135 Main St. Through April 11, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets from $25-$35.

This is the scenario presented in Dirty Story, a play by Oscar-winning screenwriter John Patrick Shanley (Mystic River), playing through April 11 at Stages Repertory Theatre. It is an allegory that at times leaps off the ledge of good taste in depicting a conflict where often no side seems completely correct, ruthlessly socially or ethically.
Having watched the play twice, and having studied the Israeli-Palestinian conflict itself a great deal, I was aware that every single line in this play is loaded with meaning, even those that seem like simple jokes. The first act is, however, so carefully crafted, that it is not immediately apparent which character embodies which role in the conflict. There is a villain and a victim, and it is not clear until the last line of the first act who is Israel and who is Palestine. In fact, the politics here seem mainly of the sexual nature. The play begins in a park, where aspiring novelist Wanda (Christine Jones '02) comes to meet the condescending, sausage writer Brater (Alex Kilgore) to discuss her first work. He spends the scene insulting her, her novel and her innocence for even bothering to write fiction in the new-millenium modern world. Despite his household first encounter, the two meet again in the trendy New York City apartment that becomes their common home and battle ground.

The second act opens in a bar, featuring its drawling owner and his British barkeep. In this act, labeled "non-fiction," the connection between the characters really gets heavy and delves deep into the unknown and the absurd. The battle of the parties equally, cleverly skewering them on their most pointed stereotypes. America is a fat, gun-pushing States and Britain — debate the idea of heroism, making America's stance, it is an important way to be educated. If you do have a stance, it is an important way to be educated. Perhaps if Americans acted like they are in Dirty Story, it is an enjoyable way to be educated. If you do have a stance, it is an important way to be challenged. Perhaps if Americans acted like they are in Dirty Story, it is an enjoyable way to be educated. If you do have a stance, it is an important way to be challenged. Perhaps if Americans acted like they are in Dirty Story, it is an enjoyable way to be educated.
To the list of life's missing pleasures, add watching zombies shop during after-Christmas sales. Director George A. Romero certainly did not create zombies, but I have never really wanted to watch anyone else's. The first film in his zombie trilogy, Night of the Living Dead (1968) is a black and white low-budget wonder with biting commentary about race relations in 1960s America.

Romero had virtually no money, so he made do. The "blood" that flows actively from zombie victims is actually chocolate syrup — there are so few. An audience can easily differentiate between them — even in the chaos of a shopping mall at the end of the world.

This brings us to the question at hand: what happens to Romero's original, over-the-top, captivating glib film when you re-make it in 3D?

The zombies in Night also walk very slowly, but they do not get distracted by clearance sales at J.C. Penney.

Well, the short answer is "nothing too grand." Dawn of the Dead (2004) is not a bad movie. In fact, as a stand-alone horror movie, it probably holds up just fine. The problem is, Romero's shoes are hard to fill, and new director Zack Snyder and screenwriter James Gunn -- esteemed with a shot to keep straight.

Three geniuses play with reality

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Einstein creates a formula. "Mine from the future, the cast is given Young), an Elvis-esque songwriter who brings a startling honesty and clever commentary on what is considered real and whose opinion makes it so.

Picasso and Einstein eventually become convinced they will be the great names of the 20th century, but — as everything always comes in threes — there must be a third genius.

Introduction Schumendeman (Lovett Junior Sean Smith), an inventor who claims he is the missing name, but the audience soon realizes that his mouth is louder and more productive than his inventions. But with the help of The Visitor (Lovett freshman Patrick Young), an Elvis-esque songwriter from the future, the cast is given some insight into the identity of the third genius, who is revealed later in the play.

In their quest through the unknowns, Picasso and Einstein come to realize what they have in common — neither man's ideas fall under conventional, defi nitive lines. They recognize that both theories and art help to rationalize the in-definite, and in that respect, both are benefi cial.

Martin has constructed a play of connected eggs, but the plot lacks some fl uidity and consistency. Sometimes the lack of action makes the constant stream of wit seem lackluster, so some of the jokes are not fully realized. But Martin has packed enough punch in his script to laugh every minute. For instance, Einstein remarks, "A triangle with four points will neither forget nor regret such an intimate setting in the Lovett Undergrounds. The audience is unfl ittingly close to the ac-
tors, but the intimacy is appropriate — since Martin crosses the mythical "fourth wall" throughout the play and connects with the audience on several occasions.

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Behind Martin's familiar silliness and a script full of many tangents lies a backbone of reality. The play is a clever commentary on what is considered real and whose opinion makes it so. The characters emerge anew in the end after they "say goodbye to the age of indifference ... hello to the age of regret." I highly recommend a trip to Picasso at the iMpin Agile Summer School — for you will neither forget nor regret such an entertaining spectacle.

COMING UP THIS WEEK
New films look promising

If you feel anything like me, you're never satisfied with what's at the movies. "The Dreamers" and "Open Water" Summer are some of this year's film fare, and here is a look at films I look forward to seeing.

Open Water Summer
Acquired by Lions Gate after a spectacular reception at the Sundance Film Festival, this low-budget thriller about scuba divers stranded in the sea supposedly is a throwback to Jaws. So what makes this film, with unknown actors, so appealing? Due to a low budget, the filmmakers used real sharks instead of computer-generated effects.

The Door in the Floor June 22
The eternally beautiful Kim Basinger and the wildly talented Jeff Bridges star in this marital drama based on the opening one-third of John Irving's "A Widow for One Year." The novel is an elaborate character study, leaving a great outline for Basinger and Bridges to wow audiences.

Who doesn't want more of Johnny Depp? A Home at the End of the World — July 23
The Academy Award-winning film adaptation of author Michael Cunningham's novel is a hit. It was showered with awards recognition, but can this melodrama mimic the "Honeymoon" surprise? With Sissy Spacek, Colin Farrell and Rosanna Arquette starring, it promises to be a precise, intense emotional journey.

The Hours — Fall
Bill Condon's last directorial effort, "Gods and Monsters" explored the life of horror fi lm director James Whale. Now, he explores the life of Dr. Alfred Kinsey, who came up with the now-famous Kinsey scale of sexual behavior. With Liam Neeson in the title role, and Laura Linney co-starring, the film promises to be stimulating and thought-provoking.

The Upland of Anger — Fall
Long one of the most talented actresses working, Joan Allen ("The Contender, Pleasantville) stars as the implored mother of four whose life changes after a man (Kevin Costner) new to her life, enters the plot. With solid performances and a backbone of reality, "The Upland of Anger" should star in a contemporary Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice, which deals with the marital problems of swingers in the '70s.

THE AVIATOR
October 22
J.M. Barrie's Neverland
"Who doesn't want more of Johnny Depp?" After last year's streamlining work in Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl and Once Upon A Time in Mexico, the actor returns by playing the legendary playwright J.M. Barrie, who brought the story of Peter Pan to the stage. With Martin Scorsese behind the camera, the film looks like a contemporary take on the classic film.

The Life Aquatic December 1
Following the success of The Royal Tenenbaums, director Wes Anderson released this film about a quirky, dandyish, dapper and enigmatic ornithologist (Bill Murray) and his eccentric crew that sail around the world. "The Life Aquatic" stars as a Rubik's Cube of actors and acts and subterfuges of editor.

www.ricethresher.org
Coffee with exotic atmosphere

by Emily Edwards

Although difficult to spot from the street, Brasil belies its exterior inconspicuousness with quality coffee and a hip atmosphere.

Located on the southeast corner of Westheimer and Dunlavy, this chic café serves a variety of coffees, teas and desserts in addition to more-than-average offerings of pizzas, salads and sandwiches. Finding Brasil can be a bit of a challenge, so the try climbing the brick walls and covering the patio hides any signs. The lack of a parking lot might also throw you off, but parking abounds on the surrounding side streets.

In trying too hard to be modern and questionable taste in music, you won't expect a hip crowd to greet you at the door. If you're looking for a quiet place to study, try Brasil. With the sounds of busy traffic permeating the entire establishment, the high volume of the music precludes the luxury of the music, so do studying or chatting with friends. For coffee and tea lovers seeking variety, Brasil is heaven on earth. Between the blended frozen drinks, teas, coffees, iced and hot, and the I.Q.-enhancing mixture, Diedrich is a perfect place for studying. Patrons will only find standard coffee and hard chairs to keep its customers from becoming too comfortable.

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Brazil's atmosphere embodies a refreshing originality. Brasil, complete with excellent coffee and a funky atmosphere, provides a great setting for a boisterous group outing.

Brazils's original coffee bar exudes unconventional flair.

With several locations in Houston, including two in the Montrose-Westheimer area, Diedrich will fulfill any academic's craving for a place to curl up with a copy of Toni Morrison's latest novel or any person's desire for a quiet locale to discretely listen to AC/DC. The wireless Internet access and abundance of electrical outlets even make Brasil an excellent venue for writing diving reviews. The brick-walled windows facing towards Westheimer Road, stained hardwood floors and large lounge chairs help to create the cozy and relaxing atmosphere at Diedrich, and the I.Q.-enhancing classical music wafting from the stereo renders it the perfect work environment. In addition to TECHNOLOGY, patrons sitting near windows will also be exposed to the sounds of busy Westheimer traffic.

Even the air conditioning helps create an environment conducive to studying: cool breezes hit the face every twenty minutes or so, jolting the napping scholar awake. This atmosphere exemplifies the beauty of Diedrich as a place away from Fendon's frantic stream of students and pre-med's compulsion for a place to curl up with a copy of Toni Morrison's latest novel or any person's desire to be able to find exactly the right moment to satisfy any craving. Patrons hungry for portions more filling than a cup of joe should explore the wide variety of delectable desserts. Rich caramel drizzled over pastries and chocolate chips combined with light and creamy the espressos make the taste of Diedrich perfect for a place to chill will both enjoy the comfortably and laid-back atmosphere of Diedrich.

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Dining: Diedrich

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Fri-Sat 7 a.m. - 2 a.m.

Price Range: $2-$5

Special Deals: Saturday 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Smoking: No.

A caffeine fix without the pick-me-up

by Kim Swanson

Nestled in the heart of revitalized downtown Houston, Kaveh Kanes coffee shop is short in its attempt to create a cozy, cult favorite hangout.

Kaveh Kanes

Overall: ••• Atmosphere: •••/5 Value: •••/5

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The airy portal of Kaveh Kanes coffee shop.

Coffee lovers enjoy the patio seating at Diedrich Coffee.

Brewing casual comfort

by Kim Swanson and Emily Edwards

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by Dylan Hedrick

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Men’s tennis drops a pair

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IN FOCUS: BASEBALL

Record: 21-6
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Last week: Rice swept Fresno State last weekend and beat UH on Tuesday.

What made the difference: Timely hitting in the late innings and solid pitching allowed the Owls to pull four consecutive series and win five games.

Up next: Rice plays three games at Nevada (14-14, 1-2 WAC) this weekend.

Baseball batters Bulldogs

by Jonathan Yardley

Better late than never.

That was the story for the baseball team's offense last week, as Rice scored 17 of its 21 runs during its last three at bats in comeback wins Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday.

"It's a big thing for us to come back late in the game — it shows heart and character — but I'd like to see us blow some people out early," senior leftfielder Austin Davis said. "These are pitchers that we need to be getting on early."

Though the Owls' offense was sporadic, their victories last week ran their winning streak to a season-high five games.

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Though the Owls did not take the lead until the fifth inning, they scored 17 of their 21 runs during those five games at Nevada.

"I've learned a lot from [Adam] Rodgers has taught me a lot since I've been here, and I've learned a lot from the pitchers," Davis said. "It's not totally back yet, but the hits are coming, so I'm ready to be back."

Rice has a relatively easy time in last Friday's series opener against Western Athletic Conference foe Fresno State University, scoring four runs in the fifth inning for a 6-1 win.

Junior right-hander Jeff Niemann struck out 12 batters, and freshman designated hitter Adam Hale and sophomore right-hander Lance Pendleton each hit home runs.

Leading the conference by 3.5 games over Hawaii, the Owls expect to continue their hot play this weekend, Davis said. "We need to go in there and get our arms extended and use the park to our advantage."

Nevada is a completely one-dimensional team; it leads the WAC in runs per game with 31, but its 6.74 ERA is second-worst in the conference. Wolf Pack batters also strike out more than any other conference team, while Rice's pitchers make up one of the top strikeout staffs in the country.

"Those guys have unbelievable stuff — they're going to strike out guys no matter what," junior shortstop Paul Janish said. "It's our job to keep the mentality of the batter in that mindset to strike him out."

Junior right-hander Wade Townsend tied for the team lead with the strikeouts, said said he expects a similar fight from Nevada's offense.

"There's a lot of skills and they love nothing more than to beat us," Davis said. "We need to go in there with some of our heart and fight and go in there and sweep the series."

The Wolf Pack's potent offense is led by outfielder Chris Gimenez, who has a team-high .416 on-base percentage, .592 slugging percentage and six home runs.

Pitching is Nevada's un Rodney's weakness, as its starting pitcher has an ERA less than 4.74. Nevada lost two of three in its home opening WAC series against San Jose State, including a 1-13 defeat Saturday in which it combined for one home run.

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"I think we've had as many wins in the WAC," Janish said. "It's a big story — it's a big story that we're able to keep up our play."
Softball playoffs set

by Jonathan Vander

After last week's men's softball action, three teams are tied at 2-2 for the spot behind defending champion Brown (3-1) in the Ivy League Division. GSA qualified in second place ahead of Sid and Jones with a 2-2 differential in games played between three teams. Sid blew its playoff chances in a 5-4 loss to Jones Sunday. Similarly, Jones forced the three-way tie with a 5-1 win over West Rice.

In the Coed Pair Division, Hamoon, Marcel and Lovett tied for the division title with 3-1 records after Lovett stunned Hamoon with a 7-0 shutout Wednesday. Hamoon wins the division title with a 14-15 differential in games played between the three teams, while GSA qualified second at 2-3, just ahead of Lovett at 3-4. Lovett 5-3 tied 5-3 licenses for the division's three teams forfeited at least one game.

In other action last weekend, Williams and Davis tied 2-2 on Saturday and Wil Rock 5-2 Sunday to secure the second playoff spot in the machine league, but GSA bests Baker 2-1 to clinch the lone playoff spot from the Saturday League. On Sunday at Hamoon (3-0) beat Baker (2-0) by a score of 4-5, and Jones (2-1) edged rival Jones (2-3) by a 1-2 margin.

Five Owls qualify at Bayou

TRACK: Even Day 10 and 11:08 seconds respectively

Sandler: "As an event, it was very nice with the high schoolers there, the good weather and good competition. The main thing is that the team kept working on technical aspects. We need to make sure we're going to have these days to work on the Western Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships in April.

Elsewhere in the meet, senior魏 Watts bested the second in the javelin in 30.37, and sophomore Megan Sandler took fifth in the 100-meter run in 12.48.

In the 1,500 meters, Muto led for most of the run but fell back to finish in fourth place in 4:32.29, while Sandler took sixth in 4:35.48.

In the men's 800 meters, the third place qualifier behind in the 800 meters in 1:51.75, finishing 1:52.08 behind two runners from Hawaii.

The Owls added two members to their regional qualifying list for field events, an senior left-hand Gunther finished third in the pole vault, reaching 12 feet, 1 1/2 inches, and sophomore Kayleigh Robertson tied for first in the discus, recording a throw of 133-11. In hurdles events, senior Terrence Crews placed fourth in the hammer throw with a distance of 148-4. and sophomore Lawrence Ngueu tied third in the high jump, clearing 5-4.

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Baseball sweeps Westgate

The 60th-ranked women’s tennis team will travel to Bates, Idaho this weekend to face 17th-ranked Eastern New York University tonight and unranked conference foe Boise State University Sunday. After a pair of disappointing losses last weekend, team members are eager for their turn.

"We are really excited about the matches ahead," sophomore Blair Díeis said. "BYU obviously has a ranking, but we’re definitely not going to take Boise for granted. We know that they want to win after we beat them last year. They have that extra incentive to beat us, so it’s important that we don’t take them for granted."

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Upvalued this year by Dylan Hedrick

Last weekend, the women's polo club team continued its dominance at the Texas Club Water Polo Division by winning all four of its matches at the University of Houston. At Rice, the team began play last Saturday with a 15-4 blowout over the University of Texas and routed Baylor University by the same score of 15-4.

"I feel like we stepped it up from the last tournament," senior goalkeeper Emily Spears said. "The first two games were the best that we've played in a while."

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Inconceivable! Lebron really an evil genius!

It has recently been revealed that Rice’s own president-elect David “Bron-bron” Leebron has a secret life. He’s not a drug dealer, he’s not an international hit man, or a get-rich-quick schemer. No, his life is much darker.

David “Lebron” is actually a pseudonym used by the evil arch-villain Vladimir, who is famous for kidnapping Buttercup in the movie The Princess Bride.

Bron-bron/Zeppelin lived in hiding for two years in the basement of a public library in northern Wisconsin, studying law to pass his time. He emerged from hiding in late 1989 and was promptly named Dean of the Columbia University Law School.

The evil villian, who fled his own death in order to escape public scrutiny following his infamy, accidentally revealed himself when he exclaimed, “I’m the new president of Rice! Inconceivable!”

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