Shooting suspect in custody

by Jenny Rees

A suspect is in Houston Police custody in connection with the fatal shooting at Ralph Dwivedi Residence Street March 20 and the March 23 shooting of a woman in the Rice Village.

The suspect, 34-year-old Reuben John Moloney, was found dead Sunday inside the home where he lived in the Rice Village. Moloney had arrested early Monday after a Department of Public Safety trooper found him inside a Dodge Durango at West Loop 610 and全日.

Moloney, who lives in the Travis County jail, had been murder charges would likely be filed against him, said Captain of Hepburn 06, 65, and an artist and Houston Community College-Southwest professor, who was shot in the head as she was vacuuming her car at the Chevron service station on 2558 Lincoln. Of yesterday, Moloney was being held without bond in the aggregated robbery of Julie Groves, 38, in the Rice Village arcade garage. Groves was shot in the arm and chest during an attempted robbing last summer.

"We're waiting for the investigation to wrap up," Reedy said. Although the suspect is in police custody, the investigation is ongoing because the vigilance nurses have practiced for the past few weeks, Reedy said.

"I think the precautions that came out of this are still applicable," Reedy said. "Mainly we're asking people to be more vigilant. Just because this one guy's not doing it doesn't mean you can let your guard down." Reedy said the increased security around the Village will be stepped down soon.

"We've pulled some resources to other locations, but we're still leaving a presence in the Village area," Reedy said. see Story, Page 14.
Let us take home exams

Self-scheduled exams have long been a needless inconvenience to Rice students, so we are elated to hear the University Standing Committee on Teaching is considering a proposal that would eliminate them. (See Story, Page 8.) However, we worry that if the committee also recommends to the president to reduce or eliminate the minimum enrollment for scheduled exams — as it is debating — the end result will be worse for students, not better.

We applaud the Teaching Committee for its initiative, and we hope it recommends the elimination of self-scheduled exams. Unfortunately, take-home exams do sometimes create hassle for professors. If the choice between take-home exams and scheduled finals was left entirely up to professors, finals might be scheduled more often than take-home exams.

Currently, only classes with 50 or more students can require a scheduled exam. If the Teaching Committee amends or removes this restriction and simultaneously gets rid of self-scheduled exams, we fear that many professors currently assigning self-scheduled exams will choose self-scheduled exams rather than take-home exams. Not only would there be an increase in the number of scheduled exams be difficult for the Registrar’s Office, but students would be more likely to have conflicting finals. If the student limit is kept and self-scheduled exams are eliminated at the same time, students’ lives will be easier, and the spirit of the Honor Code will be more closely upheld — take-home exams will be frequent.

As the committee considers its options, we have two requests of professors. First, trust in the Honor Code and in the integrity of the students who work under it. The vast majority of Rice students do not cheat on take-home final exams.

Secondly, it scheduled exams must be administered, we ask that professors attempt to be as flexible as possible, possibly scheduling exams at multiple times and seeking student input. Many students hail from other states and countries, and travel plans often have to be finalized well in advance.

We are not asking for slack or undue deference from the faculty or from the Teaching Committee but for a finals system that is efficient and built more solidly on the foundations of the Honor System.

Packing disappearing act

Since the installation of the parking gates, an error in the programming of the gates allowed students to park in the Biology-Geology lot after 5 p.m. Last Friday, Security and Administration recently had the gates reprogrammed — without a word to students — to reject our proximity cards. (See Story, Page 11.)

While we understand that it was only a mistake, not official, it allows undergraduates access to this lot, leaving students to discover the change while holding a proximity card was not the proper way to handle the situation.

While we agree the lot should be available for faculty and graduate students checking on experiments late at night, we believe that undergraduate use of the lot has posed a problem and does not warrant keeping students out. For students who work late at night at Willy’s Pub and in student organization offices, parking in this lot has been both more convenient and safer than parking in the Stadium Lot.

Thanks for the warning

We appreciate the effort of the Rice University Police Department to warn all the departmental listers to inform students, faculty and staff of the security precautions surrounding the April 11 visit of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. (See Story, Page 1.)

This is a welcome change; RUPD did a poor job of distributing information regarding the massive security operation surrounding the Oct. 17 visit of Vice President Dick Cheney. While the traffic, roadblocks and fences are an unavoidable inconvenience, informing those who are affected in advance will minimize any headaches. People deserve to know when fences and roadblocks will carve up the place where they work, study and live.

We also hope that any fences put up to form a security perimeter are removed quickly. The fences that protected Cheney overstayed their welcome, and this should not happen again. When the Egyptian President visited, the campus looked behind-the-scenes knowledge and under-standing — not ugly metal fences strewn about campus.

Caption failed to dodge misrepresentation

To the editor:

Last week’s Thresher (April 2) featured a photograph of the dodgeball tournament between the physics majors and the civil engineering majors. The caption to this picture, however, mis represented the entire story of what happened in this tournament. True, the civil engineers won the first three games, but the physics team came back to win the next four straight. The civil engineering team won one last game at the end, so the final score was really 4-4. Thus, the civil engineering team did not exactly “shut out the physicists 16-0.”

Attend Stacy Horrison's junior column

Inaccuracies abound in "Passion" column

To the editor:

As a Christian, I have been following your series on "The Passion of the Christ" for the past few weeks with interest, especially last week’s article by John Donaleski ("Passion shake up religious roots," April 2). Nevertheless, I disagree with him on several points and feel that he has unjustly misrepresented the facts on others.

Donaleski states that the Gospels were written in "at least 40 more years after the crucifixion which they depict." In fact, many Bible scholars place some of the earlier manuscripts as close as 25-30 years after Jesus' death. Additionally, I am quite confused by what Donaleski refers to as "evasive" and "at the end of the Gospel's feeling more most Greek mythological historicity, I find his spiritualism and postmodern dictum by than upon the foundations of Abraham and Moses."

I am sure what Donaleski was trying to accomplished was not with that statement, but Jesus himself contradicts this in Matthew 5:17-20. These, as well as others, are small issues, but I lead Donaleski to erroneous conclusions, such as his discussion of the "Christian savior cult." At the heart of it all, Donaleski and I absolutely have two very different beliefs on the issue. I could be expected for us to have two very different views of the movie as a whole and where it fits in relation to "orthodox belief" and "contemporary." However, I feel that his portrayal of the "facts" surrounding the Gospels and their interpretation are not entirely accurate and that he does not adequately support his arguments.

Athena Foddy
Will Rice sophomore

Column's criticism of Gospels off the mark

To the editor:

Sally, I must agree with much of John Donaleski's criticism of modern Christianity. It is truly unfortunate that so many of today's Christians seem to see "Christianity" as "Christ's" and living out his way of "compassion and unapologetic forgiveness" as essentially separate activities. This can be seen — I cannot resist pointing out — in that contradiction of terms, "Christian Right.

However, Donaleski's criticism of the Gospels does not have to be either off the mark. While the Gospel of Luke, in particular, is rightly categorized in the genre of Greek history literature, its hero contains sharply with the life of Alexander the Great, since Jesus consciously rejected the use of army might. Thus, while the author par- tially adopts a particular literary style to better communicate to the Gentile audience, this is necessary to conclude that he has not adequately supported his arguments.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Vice President Dick Cheney either. (I guess I would have been a Supreme Court justice.) Recently, the media has been having shots at President Antonin Scalia. Is he a clay pigeon? Because, as1 said, so much contact with Cheney at all. For example, they slept in separate rooms and heated in separate blinks.

If this raises two questions in my mind, first, what the hell is wrong with the blind? Second, why is it now so easy to see that people of6 the creeds of the clergies at the highest level of the government might want to hang out with the other every year now and there are virtues and surrounding potential problems should not be seen as having been isolated incidents in an anomaly that can be glossed at and quickly resolved. Instead, this event is indicative of one of the most incisive institutions in American government: the sports system and its application to the judiciary. There are two main ways one rises to the bench in this country. The first involves election. Voting for judges is often an unrepresentative democracy. Many would have been the best attempt to satisfy, the less likely one has to satisfy, the less likely one has to vote against the favor of the opposite party. The opposite party might want to be satisfied, the less likely one has to satisfy, the opposite party.

In America, judges carry their own baggage; candidates don't carry impartiality to raise money, campaign and stay in office. So perhaps the best attempt to satisfy the two pathways to the bench—would be for the president—selected by the president, the elected by the people and confirmed by the Senate. Under this hybrid system, judges would be picked from a wide variety of constituencies simultaneously. Getting elected carries its own salary but will be sufficient on its own, the party not sleeping in the White House could still win and politically vote against the favor of the opposite party. The opposite party might want to be satisfied, the less likely one has to satisfy, the opposite party.

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Read it, don't weep Americans should be allowed to participate in impartiality for the courts.

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The Thresher readers, the most painful thing about it is that if, is it any wonder that the justices are well-acquainted with the members of the executive branch?

I follow Scalia when he notes in his memoirs that “if it is reasonable to think that a Supreme Court justice can be bought so cheap, the nation is in deeper trouble than I had imagined.” Yet I think the controversy encircling the hunting trip provides this country with a rare opportunity to re-examine the system by which the justices are selected. It is not only the bastardization of justice and objective decisions but also the way that powerful candidates are claiming Scalia in the Supreme Court justice—vice president—candidate or self-perpetuating system. It is any wonder that the Supreme Court justices will not be in the pocket of the president?

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Recruiting weekend to start Thursday

by Risa Gordon
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

A flock of prospective Owls will descend upon the Rice campus Thursday through Saturday for Owl Weekend, Rice's annual recruiting event for admitted students.

As of Tuesday afternoon, 380 prospective students had signed up to attend the three-day event. The Office of Admission set an attendance limit of 450 prospects for the weekend because of a limited number of student hosts.

Though typically about 250 students volunteer as hosts, only 212 students had volunteered by Tuesday, Assistant Director of Admission Laura Shultz said. However, Shultz said last year's numbers were even lower.

"We're still trying to increase our number of hosts, but we're in really good shape as compared to where [we] were last year," she said.

The Student Admission Council On-Campus Programs Committee is responsible for organizing Owl Weekend. On-Campus Programs Committee co-Chair Matt Davis said the committee has been making posters and flyers and sending e-mail messages to listservs to recruit more hosts.

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Assistant Director of Admission

Shultz said Owl Weekend is an important tool in convincing admitted students to attend Rice. Last year, of the 446 students who attended the weekend, 59 percent accepted the offer of admission.

"Owl Weekend is really important to give the students an opportunity to experience what life at Rice is like," Shultz said. "They read all the statistics and everything in the view book, but to be actually exposed to our students and our faculty members—I think they're our greatest selling point.'

The Office of Admission has made changes to Owl Weekend in response to Vision Weekend, the recruiting weekend in February for prospective students from underrepresented minority groups. Vision Weekend drew 150 students this year. However, problems with students arriving as late as 11 p.m. for Vision Weekend prompted Owl Weekend planners to set a time frame of noon to 4 p.m. Thursday for prospects' arrival.

Visiting students will have access to all campus events, such as theatrical productions and sporting events. Friday, the students may attend a student activities fair, an open house with faculty members in their division of study or a picnic with food provided by Thai Spice. In the past, Rice Catering has provided the food at the picnic.

Learning to relax

Baker College sophomore Erin Driscoll, Hanszen College sophomore Smita Dan, Brown College freshmen Marciel O'Connor and Meredith Shidler, Hanszen junior Stephanie Taylor and Hanszen sophomore Noemi De La Cruz learn massage technique from the Health and Wellness Center's resident masseuse.

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120 students kicked off campus in room jacks

by Aaron Heckelman

Approximately 120 students were denied on-campus housing for next year during this year's room draws. Housing and Dining Director Mark Ditman said the number is roughly equal to the number that were kicked off for this year. The percentage of students housed on campus will remain at about 77 percent.

For the second consecutive year, Weiss College was forced to kick the most students off campus, forcing 27 rising sophomores. Martel College was the only college that did not have to kick off any members.

"I don't agree with upping the enrollment, but if people getting kicked off is a big problem at other colleges I'm all for a new college to help them out." — Andy Judson, Hanszen chief justice

Hanszen Vice President Megan Hausern said this was because some students left of their own accord.

"We still have a lot of people who originally transferred to Martel and are choosing to live off campus voluntarily," Hausern said.

At Hanszen College, although a former RA apartment and part of the former Health Services were converted to student rooms with seven former RA apartment and part of the college, and five were kicked off at Weiss. Rather than trying to get rooms on campus, only 10 rising juniors were forced off campus at Rice and the college doesn't have to kick off any members.

"I agree with the decision of adding a 10th college," Judson said. "But they will find a way to fill the rooms. Hanszen Chief Justice Andy Judson said he thinks students can benefit from living off campus.

"I got my sophomore year as well, but it taught me a lot of things I need to know after graduation," Judson said.

In response to ongoing administrative discussion of adding a 10th college, Judson said an additional college is a good idea, as long as total enrollment does not increase substantially.

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All that jazz

Sid Richardson College senior Andrew Weiner and Baker College sophomore Eric Sanderson play their trumpets with the Latin Jazz band Friday afternoon in the Ray Courtyard of the Rice Memorial Center.

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Some faculty members call athletics report biased

REPORT: from Page 1

Corcoran said the purpose of the poll is to determine where the facul-
ty stands on the issue of athletics at Rice in order to make the faculty opinion known to the Board of Trustees before the Board makes a deci-
sion on the future of athletics at Rice this summer.

The poll includes questions de-
signed to gauge faculty members' opinions about Rice's participation in Division I-A athletics as well as specific questions about the admis-
sion process for student-athletes, student-athletes' academic qualifi-
cations and other issues addressed in the Faculty Council report.

Rice University Athletics Com-
mittee Chair Robin Sickle said the
poll is flawed and may not provide
data that can easily be generalized
to the entire faculty. He said if the
poll has a low response rate, the
results may not be able to be gener-
alized because the poll does not col-
clect the correct type of demographic
information to identify potential biases
in the group of respondents.

The Report

Sickle, an economics and statistics
professor, said at the meeting that he questions the objectivity of the
subcommittee's report.

"Certain question the validity
of information in the members of
the Faculty Council Athletics
Committee. Sickle said, "I genu-
inely question the fairness of the poll because I am biasing the data that the faculty has heard and the views of how the faculty can be registered by the process.

History Professor Tom Haskell, a member of the athletics subcommit-
tee, said while the subcommittee
reached conclusions after gathering information, the members were ob-
jective in conducting their research
and creating the report.

"The members of the committee
were over worked to take into
account many different points of
view about the strengths and weak-
nesses of the Rice athletic program," Haskell said. "We do not pretend to
have been neutral. We have arrived at conclusions, we have argued for
the best ... ways we arrived at, we
have presented evidence. We will
persuade some. We will not per-
suade others.

Harter said she hopes those who
read the report will not take it at
its criticism of individual student-
athletes or coaches.

"I am very saddened that some
people view the Faculty Council re-
port on athletics as a criticism of our
athletes themselves," Harter said.
"This absolutely has not been the
case. These are extraordinary indi-
viduals whose dedication and con-
tributions to Rice are enormous."

Sickle also objected to the tim-
ing of the discussion, arguing that
the board-commissioned report by
the management consulting firm
McKinsey & Company will pro-
vide more complete and objective
information, and discussion prior to
receiving that information will not
be worthwhile.

Speaker of the Faculty Ed Akin
agreed the timing was not ideal. Akin
said Tuesday's meeting was planned
with the intention of discussing the
discussion report, but because the
report is behind schedule, it has not
been completed. The report is
expected to be published in early May.

Admission

"The decision is not been the
upset of faculty members," Akin
said. "I think the report is not take it as
the decision belongs to the
Faculty Council."

Heineman Wright, who attended the meeting,
expressed her concern that those
reading the subcommittee's report
have placed too much emphasis on
SAT scores — which were found to
to be lower on average for student-
athletes than for non-athletes — rather
than on a more comprehensive view of
students' achievements.

Wright said the admission pro-
cess is complex and takes many fac-
s into account, and SAT scores alone
create an over-simplified and
sometimes misleading view of stu-
dents' abilities. For this reason, she
said, the College Board opposes the
use of cutoffs in making admission
decisions.

In addition, Wright said she
wishes to clarify information about the admission process for
student-athletes, because the
information contained in the report
was outdated. Wright said Senior
Associate Director of Admission
Eric Heimemann, who is responsible
for handling student-athlete admis-
sions, makes judgments about
whether or not to admit student-
athletes based on a variety of
different types of information.

The three-person faculty subcommit-
tee of the Admission Committee
that reads athletic recruits' applica-
tions makes recommendations to
Heineman. Wright said the subcom-
mittee votes in favor of admission in
a large majority of cases, but in all
cases, the decision belongs to
Heineman. When Heineman decides
to admit student-athletes, coaches
occasionally appeal those
decisions. Wright said he said in
such cases that the appeals are handled
first by her and then by the
President's Office.

Heineman said because the
coaches spend considerable time
personally recruiting student-athletes
before they apply to Rice, he has access to more personal infor-
mation than admission officers have
for most non-athletes applicants.

Heineman said the coaches can
choose to spend time and resources
recruiting student-athletes with ac-
cetable academic qualifications and
admitting in the high rate of admission
for student-athletes who apply. Wright
said two or three student-athlete appli-
cations were denied admission in the
year that the process of recruiting is
more challenging for schools like
Rice — trying to find kids that will be
on winning teams but can manage in
the classroom," Wright said.

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Houston Chronicle
College chefs win national awards

by Brook Luftman

South College-Servay Execu-
tive Chef Roger Elkhouri and Sid Richardson College Manage-
ting Chef Rick Schisser won first and third places, respectively, in 
the Culinary Competition at the University Food Services 
tional competition. In 65 minutes, each chef prepared 
hot plates with side dishes from 
a single salmon.

The competition, called the 
Southern Culinary Challenge, 
was held in New Orleans 
March 30-April 2. The southern region includes colleges and uni-
versities from 12 states, Mexico, 
Puerto Rico and the Virgin Is-
lands. Elkhouri beat out 10 other chefs, including chefs from 
Tulane and Georgia Tech, and 
ared enough points to receive a 
silver medal, the highest 
awarded in the competition, for 
his prosciutto-wrapped salmon 
with sauteed asparagus, potato 
gallo, sage bread rounds, and 
white truffle oil.

Schisser scored enough 
points to win a bronze medal 
for his black-and-white sesame-
gallette and sage beurre-blanc 
with white truffle oil.

"Rice lets us do these competitions, and enables us to extend our careers a little 
bit for the future. We learn a lot," 
Schisser said. "Before this competition 
I did not think we could extend our 
careers this much. At the last 
minute, I was deciding between Rice and 
Washington University in St. Louis, and that made me decide to completely throw Wash. U. out. Thankfully, the families that are interested in Rice are families that read a lot about colleges, and they try to look at Web sites and read what they can. Rice provides a better value than rankings. That's why Rice provides a college value to students of 'slender means,' and that's the philosophy for keeping costs for students down. You compete against your skills, and you compete against your professionalism."
Self-scheduled exams may be eliminated

by Audrey Waitstrom

This may be the last semester Sewall Hall is crowded following the last few days of classes.

Vice President for Enrollment Ann Wright submitted a proposal to the University Standing Committee Teaching to modify the current framework of self-scheduled exams because, Wright said, the Registrar’s Office has experienced difficulties with the current system in recent years.

Wright said that self-scheduling will investigate various alternatives or modifications to the current system, such as eliminating self-scheduled exams in favor of scheduled and take-home exams or paying student proctors in order to decrease the number of proctor absences.

The proposal states that self-scheduled exams have become “almost impossible to administer.” During last semester’s exams, 27 of the 99 students who signed up to proctor failed to show. When an alternate could not be found, Registrar’s Office staff members had to leave the office and fill in, resulting in a total loss of 50 working hours, the proposal states.

One solution offered by the proposal is to pay proctors, but this step would incur significant costs each semester. Wright estimated paying students $37 per hour would cost $2,425.50. In addition, the proposal states that faculty members find it difficult to change an exam after they submit it for distribution, creating a credibility issue, and they frequently fail to submit exam material in time. They also state that students often ignore the scheduling time frame and try to make changes to their exams after the self-scheduling deadline has passed.

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Student Association president

Finally, the proposal states that some faculty and students have expressed disinterest in self-scheduling, and there are only 37 self-scheduled exams this semester.

"Basically, from the Registrar’s Office perspective, there is a major issue of administering the exam, but when we began talk to people, we found there were many students, faculty and administrators that are opposed to the self-scheduled exams, because they think they are in conflict with the Honor Code," Wright said. “My suggestion is that because the number of self-scheduled exams is very small anyway, I’d like to see us have another way of doing exams, primarily through scheduled exams or take-home exams.”

Wright said after looking into the issue, she and Montgomery realized there is documentation that self-scheduled exams are official university policy, and apparently they were originally adopted because of a lack of faith in the Honor System.

Teaching Committee Chair Michael Gustin said the main concerns of the committee with the current system are cost and convenience, not conflict with the Honor Code.

Gustin said the committee expressed concern that students could be overwhelmed with difficult exam schedules and called for more student input. The committee is also gathering information about new proctor systems in which other institutions handle final examination periods.

Tulane University, which pays local adults to proctor students’ exams, and Yale University, which has scheduled exams, are among those that allow flexibility in the grading schedule, as possible models.

Wright said another concern is the 50-person class size requirement for a professor to receive a scheduled exam. Under the current rules, only classes larger than 50 are eligible for scheduled exams. Wright said the limit may be too high and should be lowered or eliminated to allow professors more flexibility in choosing the possibility that exams.

Wright said she plans to push the Registrar’s Office, the student body, students and Registrar’s Office staff to draft various plans to bring to the Teaching Committee for investigate.

Wright said the discussion and decision-making will probably continue through the fall. She said any final decision on the matter would probably need to be approved by a vote of the full faculty.

Student Association President Derrick Matthews addressed the issue at Monday’s SA meeting. Matthews said student response at the SA meeting was generally in favor of eliminating self-scheduled exams.

"It’s an unnecessary burden on the SA as well as the Registrar’s Office, and it’s unfair to ask students to support a system that conflicts with the Honor Code," Matthews, a Will Rice College junior, said.

However, Matthews said he is concerned about the proposal to lower the class-size limit for scheduled exams. He said such a change could result in more scheduled exams and thus less flexibility for students during examination periods.

Some students at the meeting also voiced concern about increased Honor Code violations with take-home finals and the possibility that professors would assign more work during the last two weeks of classes.

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Contest winners to implement laundry sensor system design at Will Rice

by Clarence Yung

Two teams of engineering and computer science majors solved the classic college laundry room problem by designing an affordable laundry sensor system for a contest sponsored by the Rice chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Each team will receive a $500 prize.

Both winning systems employ a sensor system detecting changes in the level of laundry machines. The system is connected to a small Linux-based web server, which interprets the sensor readings and updates a Web site on the Rice campus.

Jones College seniors Nick Anaya and Eliot Flannery created one of the winning designs, and Will Rice College freshman David Carr contributed the other. Both teams completed a paper and a prototype for the project.

Three judges — Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor Bill Wilson, Jones Graduate School of Management Professor Conde Merrill and Facilities and Engineering Coordinator Ken Thompson — decided to split the prize money to the two teams.

Wilson said the decision was based on the projects’ similarity. “Their basic approach was similar, and we saw some strengths in one and other strengths in the other,” he said.

Wilson said: “When we were talking about it, we couldn’t really decide this was right or wrong.”

The schematics for the sensors will be given to the residential colleges that helped donate prize money, Lai said.

Anaya said work for the prototype and Flannery made took longer than expected.

“We were hoping it would take us a day or a half,” Anaya said. “That was a little bit low. It took quite a bit longer, probably, because the implementation on the prototype was pretty tricky. There was a lot of wiring to solder.

Carr agreed that the project was time-intensive.

With any engineering project, you’re going to say, ‘Oh, it’s going to take this long,’ and it’ll take three times that,” he said.

Lai, a Will Rice senior, said concerns like this one have been held at other universities, such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

“People have actually written senior research proposals to do this,” Lai said. “It’s actually really hard to do.”

The project for the Rice contest was created by the IEEE officers, including Treasurer Alan Wong, who worked with Wilson on the initial design process.

The competition was designed as a real-world electrical engineering activity.

Rice IEEE will hold more events next year aimed at a broader engineering audience, Lai said.

Anaya said the organization will sponsor more design contests in the future.

“It’s cool that Rice IEEE sponsored something like this, because this actually get a bit of people actually thinking of real-life applications in one of the areas where we’re supposedly learning,” Anaya said. “I would like to see more.”

Sing, sing, sing

Sid Richardson College junior Jennifer Moore sings a solo in Richard Nano’s Creeds at Tuesday night’s Rice Chorale concert in Stude Concert Hall.

POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the University Police for the period April 1-7.

Residential Colleges

Brown College

April 4

Student reported exhibiting belligerent behavior. The individual was detained and released to a resident advisor, and the case was remanded to University Court.

Academic Buildings

Baker Hall

April 1

Locker door damaged. Case suspended.

Other Buildings

Greenbriar Building

April 5

A disabled vehicle was reported blocking a driveway. A nonlice- subject was arrested for public intoxication and remanded to Harris County jail.

Parking Lots

West Lot

April 1

Vehicle reported as having its engine on with no driver present. The driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated and transported to Harris County jail by RUPD.

Allen Center

April 3

Pick-up truck damaged parking gate arm.

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Music
Study shows gender gap in faculty job satisfaction

Rice faculty members are generally satisfied with their job environment, according to a recent survey sponsored by the Office of the Provost, which reveals some differences between how male and female faculty members feel about Rice. About 43 percent of Rice's 680 tenure-track assistant, associate and full professors participated in the mail-in Academic Climate Survey last April and May.

The survey asked about many aspects of work experience, climate and satisfaction. Overall, 43 percent of respondents said they were "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied," and 23 percent were "very dissatisfied" or "dissatisfied."

Political Science Professor Paul Brace said he was shocked at some of the findings from the survey. "The proportion of people experiencing incivility and the proportion of women experiencing unwanted or uninvited sexual comments is intolerably high," he said.

"I was pleasantly surprised that the differences were small," said Kathy Matthews, Dean of Natural Sciences.

Only 26 percent of the respondents said they had not experienced an incident of incivility — such as neglect of opinion or views, devaluation of work or the silent treatment — in the past 12 months. About 14 percent of female faculty respondents said they had not received such treatment, compared with 32 percent of male faculty respondents.

Brace said he was also surprised to see that only 27 percent of respondents said they felt like "part of the family" at Rice and that 21 percent do not plan to stay at Rice for their entire career.

"This seems problematic," he said. "In terms of faculty commitment, if only one-fourth of the faculty feel like part of the faculty, that seems low to me, and I don't feel like I belong here, that seems high to me."

Male faculty consistently responded more positively than did female faculty to questions about satisfaction in a variety of areas, including perceived organizational support, friendly and tolerant atmosphere, gender-equitarian climate, satisfaction with pay, being valued by peers and overall satisfaction. The differences between the average male response and the average female response were generally about half a point on a five-point scale.

Dean of Natural Sciences Kathy Matthews, who served on the committee that developed the survey, said the survey was underwritten internally and that the survey was undertaken partially to understand the small differences between the average male and female responses were generally about half a point on a five-point scale.

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Judicial organizations
fill vacant positions

by Prasadha Brevati
DEPARTMENTS

The Honor Council's mem-
bers are elected for 2004-05, but University Court is
still working to fill all remaining repre-
sentative positions and has not
yet elected its chair for next year.

Following Spring Elections, one
Honor Council alarge-repre-
sentative position and two Court
senior representative positions re-
main unassigned because no
one submitted a petition to run
for the positions. Honor Council held
a special election to fill its empty
position March 24, and 13 students
substituted. "I was very surprised
Honor Council Chair Keith Henrici
said. However, the elec-
tion ended in a tie, with Humanities
College/English Jonathan Jack-
son and Jones College/sophomore
Rebecca Steduto Dublin each receiv-
ing 25 out of 100 total votes. The
council chose between the two can-
didates, electing Jackson to fill the
position.

Chemistry graduate student Chris Edwards was elected
Honor Council chair by the council
in a closed meeting March 26. Edwards said he hopes to help improve the council's
decisions and make the council
organization.

"I think the main issue is that there are a lot of ""a lot of
boredom and lack of accountability,"" he said. ""I promise to make
Honor Council a more effective and efficient body."

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the remains of the departments.

Matthews said he is also unhappy
with the way the policy was enforced.

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An error in the parking gate
system that has allowed students
access to the Biology-Geology Lot
for the past two years has been
corrected. Students who previously
used the lot while attending events in
the Student Center can no longer
call their cars there.

The change was made last Friday
after the flaw was discovered.
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Boulter let me know that the lot would be closed for the rest of the
semester, and that it was nothing more merely en-
forcement of policy that had been in place."

Matthews said.

"Under the current parking regula-
tions, the only students approved
for access to the lot are graduate
students in the biology and geology
departments. The policy has been in place since the mid-1980s,
Boulter said. "I'm disappointed in how
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Matthews said.

"There may be several nights
in which the lot had been closed, there were,
Matthews said. "Also, clos-
ing the lot right now is a detriment to
the grad students who aren't on the list."

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Matthews said he has contacted
the undergraduate representatives
at the University Standing Commit-
tee on Parking, and they are now
planning a proposal to have the policy
canceled on the behalf of the SA.

Matthews said he hopes the Park-
ing Committee will meet before the
end of the semester to discuss pos-
sible policy changes.

"I'd like to see them meet before
the year's over and come up with
some kind of interim plan to allow
students to park there until the
matter's resolved," Matthews said.

Boulter said the issue probably
will not be considered until the fall,
because this month's Parking Com-
mittee meeting, which would have
been held yesterday, was canceled
due to a lack of agenda items.

Matthews said he does not think
the change in enforcement will cause
serious problems for students, be-
cause they are able to park in the North Lot behind Huisman Hall af-
fter 4 p.m. He said he does not think
the change will have much effect
"I don't think it would happen at all. I don't think the parking is tight enough," Boulter said.

"It sounds like it's for the convenience of people meeting in [Micha-
elsen Center], and I think the needs of
the departments will outweigh it."

Matthews said he has solicited
graduate student input on the
possible policy changes from the
Graduate Student Association.

"Even if it's tight that their fid-
ly to park was hamstringed when un-
graduate students had access to the lot, we could reach a compromise with
the students and gates. My job is to
provide reserved spots for the grad
students," Matthews said. "Also, clos-
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**Circus Devils provide a fresh take on the concept album**

John Koch  
FOR THE THRESHER

It sounds like one of the worst concepts for an album in recent history: Robert Pollard, the eponymous frontman of Guided By Voices, attempting to tell the tale of a deceased motorcycle-gang leader named Harold Pig through songs serving as "remembrances" by his "many friends." Accept it while you please to guess about the spectacular album by Pollard and his new band the Circus Devils.

\[ \text{Admittedly, no one would dare listen to The Harold Pig Memorial if it did not have Pollard's name on it. Pollard's past inability to separate the wheat from the chaff leaves buyers wary, and based on Recorded Records' pre-release description, Harold Pig Memorial does sound like a record nourished on chaff.} \]

However, saying that Harold is a concept record about a biker is like saying Harold's O.K. Computer is a record about technology. Harold Pig Memorial is a surrealist phrasing and imagery.

While "Dirty World News" is the low point of the album — Pollard's stuttering, multitracked vocals — it is also the high point of the entire album. For a comparison of how brilliantly he sounds, try listening to "First An Early Coaster" off O'Keeffe's Made Song. As if the only appropriate way to address a listening experience like this.

A happy yet yearning bounce propels "Soldiers of June" into the dark, gritty and flat-out rocking "I Propels "Soldiers of June" into the dark, gritty and flat-out rocking. The record starts out slowly with the windy drone and elegiac timbres lead vocals from Guided By Voices' Robert Pollard. Pollard's haunting vocals whisper "Imperiled," a song, "Splintering Until Further Notice" is given life by Pollard and his latest band the Circus Devils.

\[ \text{Simply put, this album at most incites, briefly and conventionally, and puts the blue ribbon on this} \]

\[ \text{while whispering "Imperiled," a song until further notice." Pollard's proclamation of "Carry on, Harold Pig Memorial!" in the second verse establishes a consonated intensity — in this case, either a call to arms or a severe threat against the reaction of a mind-shifting instance he should not have taken at face value.} \]

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\[ \text{The script by Becker and Bernd Lichtenberg is in fits of humor and commentary on modern society. Several people from the West begin moving into the Korners' neighborhood, they bring with them not only tasteless Coca-Cola and Burger King, but also BSE furniture and floor} \]

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\[ \text{If Harold had been released as a proper Guided By Voices record, it would have gathered attention far beyond Desmarais the monsters in} \]

\[ \text{Circus Devils members Tom and Todd Tolias are undernourished musicians who provide varied instrumentation (mostly, but building) the Guided By Voices classic rock for Pollard to lay down his beautiful, surfably abrasive and engaging.} \]

\[ \text{This is a leased effort between Poland and the Tolhuisen, producing a laughable French biker soundtrack but one of the cleverest realizations of Pollard's creative genius.} \]
I have decided it is nearly impossible for me to relax. When I'm not working at the Thresher, there's homework. When there's nothing to do, there's surely a party to attend. When there's not a party, there are friends to chat with and dinners to be had — you know, keeping up appearances.

Maybe it's me, or maybe it's the communal nature of campus life, but it is very difficult to be alone and just breathe. This is not life, but it is the communal breathing. Or maybe it's FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

At the theater, I was reminded of an especially memorable episode of Sex and the City in which Samantha, after being stood up earlier in the week, steps out to have dinner alone, without any of the "armor" a single person pulls out (books, newspapers, phone, etc.). She simply sits down for a meal alone — and is instantly empowered.

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Sitting in the theater before the film started, book closed in my lap, phone turned off in my pocket, stripped of all the going-out alone "armor," I felt in addition to this renewed confidence, a sense of calm that had long been absent in my life. As the credits began to roll, I was at my most placid — simulated by witty exchanges, induced by films, constructed characters and above all, alone.

Christiane (Katrin Sass), an idealistic socialist woman living in East Berlin, falls into a coma only to miss the fall of the Berlin Wall in Goodbye, Lenin!

What the film does most successfully is delve into the world of history and representation, both at a personal and at a large-scale political level.

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Junior shortstop Paul Janish slides into home against the University of Texas Feb. 14 at Minute Maid Park. Janish hit two home runs, including a grand slam, last weekend to extend his team-leading total to seven. The Owls play Miami (Ohio) in a three-game series at Reckling Park this weekend.

**Owls take Silver Glove again**

by Jonathan Yardley

The baseball team's offense made headlines last weekend, but the Rice defense proved the difference Wednesday, as the Owls beat the University of Houston 4-3 at Cougar Field to win the best-of-five Silver Glove series for the fourth consecutive year and sixth time in its seven-year existence.

Senior catcher Chris Kolkhorst and sophomore rightfielder Lance Pendleton each made crucial defensive plays in support of junior right-hander Josh Baker, who whiffed two batters in the seventh for his third win of the season.

"This is our city, and this is ours, and we’re going to return this weekend against our in-city rival," Baker said.

The Owls take Silver Glove again made headlines last weekend, but Baker said that "it was really windy, and the conditions weren't that great, but we were still able to put four runs on the board." Baker struck out a career-high 14 batters in 6 2/3 innings Tuesday at Cougar Field to win his third win of the season. The Owls won by outscoring the Cougars 14-3.

"Everybody's finally realized that Coach Graham brought us in here because we could play, so we're finally realizing our ability and using it," Baker said.

The defensive excellence came despite the absence of junior shortstop Paul Janish, who has missed the last two games after rolling his ankle against the University of Nebraska-VoCA Saturday. Janish said he hopes to return this weekend against Miami University (Ohio).

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Wiggins’ winnings propel Owls to Relays success

By Dylan Hedrick

Junior Ben Wiggins (far right) races in the 110-meter hurdles at the Rice University Bayou Classic March 27 at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium. Last weekend at the Texas Relays, Wiggins won the 400-meter hurdles and qualified for the NCAA regional meet. The track team will compete at the SeaRay relays this weekend in Knoxville, Tenn., and the Texas A&M Invitational in College Station.

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Junior hurdle

Junior Ben Wiggins was the athlete of the week at the Texas Relays last weekend, a surprise given he can’t really run the 300-meter hurdles smoothly, which I think allowed me to clear the last hurdle, Wiggins said. “It still early in the season, but I don’t put a lot of stock into that.”

Wiggins said he was able to concentrate on his technique during the race, which helped him catch the other runners over the last few hurdles.

“I’ve been concentrating on rhythm and not necessarily going faster so much as getting my steps right to the hurdle,” Wiggins said. “That allowed me to clear the last three hurdles smoothly, which I think hurt some of the other runners in the race. It’s still early in the season, and our team did great and ran a lot of personal records.”

In addition to becoming the first hurdle runner in the country, Wiggins was named Western Athletic Conference Athlete of the Week.

“Ben Wiggins is the Athlete of the Week,” Powell said. “He has been working hard trying to get ready for the season, and he did a good job.”

After many successful individual performances at the Texas Relays, the men’s track and field team finally has proof that it has what it takes to win its first conference championship in nine years.

The Owls have gone to the Texas Relays, but now they must split, to the Sea-Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn., and the Texas A&M Invitational in College Station.

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Head coach Jon Warren knows the hard work that went into the meet, but it’s just because I’ve had the opportunity to work with a lot of good people,” Wiggins said.

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Tennis faces Tulane

By Christine Chen

On Saturday, the women's tennis team will travel to New Orleans, La., for its match against 15th-ranked Tulane University. The Owls are excited about the match and hope that they will be able to avenge recent disappointments.

"We have nothing to lose," sophomore Blair DiSesa said. "We need to increase our spirit and just play hard. We know that we will definitely be a tough match. We've had a few losses in a row, and we want to make up for that."

Last weekend, Rice played a pair of matches in Boise, Idaho, facing 17th-ranked Brigham Young University and Western Athletic Conference tennis team. Rice swept BYU Saturday, 6-0, with the closest doubles match coming at the second position, where Chao and Goodrich beat Tiffany Coll and Mok lost his serve, however, and it didn't work out our way, but I don't think the score reflected the way we played that. All the girls showed a lot of heart, and I know that something is going to pay off by the end of the season."

Despite the difficult loss on Saturday, the Owls rebounded forcefully in Sunday's match against Boise State University. For the fourth consecutive match, Rice lost the doubles point but quickly recovered in singles.

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Sophomore tennis player

"I don't think our score reflected what we did," Chao said. "It could have gone one way or the other." DiSesa added that though the Owls could build on their performance last year and this year, they may still face challenges.

"Boise State was really good for us," DiSesa said. "We're not looking at the singles match now, right? It's a team sport, and Chao and Goodrich lost their third sets, but we still know we are capable of doing really well and hopefully winning the national championship," — Robert Searle

Sophomore tennis player

The Owls lost in a tiebreaker, 9-8.

"I think we played very well today. I think we're getting killed," head coach Lauren Fisher said. "I think we need to play better the second day but play better the second day but play better the second day against Boise." DiSesa said the team's strong singles performances will be telling in confidence.

"The Owls' six losses this season have seen the team's strong singles performances will be telling in confidence. We've had our losses now, and every one feels like it's time to get back to where we know we can be."
Golfers stopped at Border Olympics

By John Hankey

The golf team, coming off a solid performance three weeks ago against some of the nation's best teams, faltered last weekend at the Border Olympics in Laredo, dropping back precipitously after a strong first round and finishing a disappointing 16th out of 17 teams.

The Owls will attempt to rebound next week, when they play their final regular-season event in Jonesboro, Ark., at the Arkansas State University Indian Classic.

Last year, coming off a 135-hole finals in Laredo, the Owls came in seventh in Jonesboro, 14 strokes behind champion University of North Texas.

Senior Ryan Morgan said he is optimistic about Rice's chances to make a similar improvement this year.

"We'll work hard this week in practice, and we don't usually let one tournament get us down," Morgan said. "It's a shorter golf course, and there's a chance to pop up some good numbers."

Head coach Dick Ellis said the Owls have a chance to improve their play and finish strong at the ASU Indian Classic.

"I feel good about this tournament," Ellis said. "It gives us a chance to do a little better and get ready for [Western Athletic Conference Championships in Fresno, Calif.] in May."

Rice began the Border Olympics last Friday with one of its strongest first rounds of the season, posting 74-71-74 to place 17th after 18 holes, only eight strokes behind leader SMU and just four strokes behind second-place Baylor.

In the afternoon round, however, Rice shot 294 — the worst combined round of any team on Friday — and finished the day in 15th place.

On Saturday, in the final round of the event, Rice's combined four-rounder of 207 bested only Texas State's 209, and the Owls slid to 16th place, 37 strokes behind the winning Mustangs and seven ahead of last-place Texas State.

The University of Houston, which finished 14 shots behind the Owls at the recent Hall of Fame Invitational in Humble, Texas, beat Rice by nine strokes.

Ellis said he could not identify a specific reason for the Owls' poor showing.

"We had one of our best rounds of the season in the first round, and that for some reason we did not play as well in rounds two and three," Ellis said. "It was a difficult course, and there were some heavy winds, but the team needs to play better so it can finish well."

Morgan echoed Ellis's sentiments about the team's performance.

"We played well in the first round, but after that we all struggled," Morgan said. "It was like we hit a wall. It was disappointing."

Morgan said his struggles with his putting but was happy with his ball-striking.

Colorado State's Martin Laird shot a seven-under 65 over three rounds to take individual honors. No Rice golfer finished in the top half of the individual field, although sophomore Parker Laird posted rounds of 74, 71 and 70 to place 45th and lead the Owls.

Ellis said Laird had his best tournament of the year, noting that the sophomore had earned his spot in the tournament earlier that week in competition with teammates.

"Morgan and seniors Winn Smith and Scott Phillips were 54th, 53rd, and 60th respectively. Morgan began the tournament with Rice's best individual round of the tournament, a one-under 71. Junior Matt Tooby, who has played well all year, even par in the first round and then struggled, matching a pair of 79s. Ellis compared the team's inconsistent play with the oscillating rounds of the world's most prominent players.

"All tournaments are different," Ellis said. "There's a lot of talk this week about Tiger Woods at Augusta National — he's one of the best players in the world, but recently he has not been playing well from week to week. People have used rounds and bad rounds."

Will Rice freshman Tyson Heller (white jersey) takes a face-off during a college floor hockey semifinal Wednesday night. Lovett beat Will Rice 3-2 to advance to the championship against GSA.

Sid, Jones meet in flag finals

by Jonathan Yardley

Jones and Sid Richardson will meet for both the men's and coed flag football titles on Tuesday after all four teams rounded out the championship with a 5-0 record.

\[College Sports Roundup\]

In the first men's semifinal Tuesday, United States Football League winner Jones edged Lovett 20-14 in the second game, American Football League winner Sid held off Texas 28-13. In last year's championship game, Sid edged Jones 23-22.

In the second coed semifinal last Thursday, Blue League winner Sid beat Weiss 36-19 to advance to the championship against Grey League winner Jones, which beat Hamilton 23-19 in the other semifinal.

\[Women's Softball\]

Defending champion Hanszen didn't face either Will Rice or GSA in the championship after both recorded semifinal victories this week, GSA (4-1) advanced with a 6-1 victory Tuesday over Jones (3-2) following semifinal Wednesday, Lovett (4-1) scored a goal in each period to beat WCLC Conference winner Will Rice (1-1) by a 5-1 margin.

GSA, the defending champion, and Lovett played to a 2-2 tie in the regular season, while Will Rice will finish third based on its 24 regular-season wins against Jones.

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- All entries should be submitted to the English Department, Herring Hall, second floor.
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FRIDAY 9

Miami? Remember "I know a guy named TltO week?"

The baseball team plays Miami (Ohio) tonight at 7 p.m. at Reckling Park. Come enjoy the ball game!

"Mr. Miyagi taught me all I know week."

"I grew up under power lines so I have a sixth toe week."

"Russel Crowe week."

"I wish I had Jackie Chan or Jet Li at my "Tal Kwon Do week."

Think About Germany: We Forgot to Go Back will be showing at the Rice Media Center tonight at 8 p.m. The film is in German with English subtitles. It will play along with other short films Weed and German Poltergeist. Come get a good dose of Deutsch.

SATURDAY 10

UT? They probably have "Oh-Oh week."

The men’s tennis team plays the University of Texas Longhorns today at noon in the Jake Hess Tennis Stadium.

SUNDAY 11

"I’m gonna show her my O-face week. Oh, Oh, Oh.

Rice plays Miami (Ohio) one last time today at noon at Reckling Park. Come watch and be glad you live in the great state of Texas.

MONDAY 12

How about "Uh-Oh week?"

Come watch our boys bring ‘da luckless.

"I grow up under power lines so I have a sixth toe week."

Baseball takes on Miami (Ohio) again today at 2 p.m. at Reckling Park. Come watch the madness.

Your roommate might be a psycho week.

Stop Violence Against Women Week culminates in dinner and a movie tonight from 6 to 10 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion in the Student Center. Come by and get free food from Veggie Club and Chipotle and watch Thelma and Louise.

Time for another fun German fact! Sandra Bullock’s mother was actually a famous German opera singer.

TUESDAY 13

I wish I had Jackie Chan or Jet Li at my "Tal Kwon Do week."

Chen Style Tai Chi Grandmaster Cheng Jincai will perform a rare martial arts demonstration that includes the use of skillful weapons and an amazing women’s self-defense routine. The event is sponsored by Rice Tai Chi Association and will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion. This sounds really cool. Don’t miss it! Contact mckill@rice.edu for more information.

WEDNESDAY 14

"Banged your mom and now you know week."

The Fourth World War, directed by Big Noise Films, will show tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Rice Media Center. Friday’s showing will be at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY 15

I know I’d be excited for "Russel O’Zone week."

Today is the last day to complete loan applications for Spring 2004 loans. So get your paperwork together and head over to financial aid for some good times.

Hey there, Owls! Are you ready for "Stanford and No Week?"

Owl Weekend kicks off today so watch out for those crazy high schoolers taking over campus and drinking vodka shots in the double digits.

FRIDAY 16

Tennis ... ... O week.

Rice Women’s Tennis plays UTEP today at 3 p.m. in the Jake Hess Tennis Stadium.

Hey Laura ... "Millennium under the Sea Week?"

Wiene College puts on its annual Jamfest concert starting today at 4 p.m. and running all night in the Wiess Acabowl. Get ready to party, Owls!

As a finale, we will keep up with current events with "Michael Jackson and El Nino week."

Rice baseball plays San Jose State today at 7 p.m. at Reckling Park. Come out and watch because you don’t have many dark days left here before summer!

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Administration censors Backpage

In a bold move inspired by the Federal Communications Commission's recent action against Clear Channel Communications Inc., the administration unanimously decided yesterday to censor the Backpage more stringently from now on.

"It's something that we have been looking to do for many years now," Vice President for Student Affairs Zenaide Camacho said. "There haven't been any problems, but we've decided to take preventive measures...just in case."

Experts say the administration is looking to cash in at the Backpage's expense. Clear Channel Communications Inc., the administration unani- mously reserves the right to be entertained!

"It's a tough budget year," Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration Neill Binford said. "So we decided to fine the [expletive] out of the [expletive] Backpage. It's time those kids gave something back to the Rice community, those greedy [expletive]."

Blanco said he is having trouble coping with the change. "I hold myself up in my room and say all the curse words I know over and over again. It gets it out of my system before I have to go write some [expletive] family-friendly Backpage. A friendly Backpage! What the [expletive] is that about!"

"We want the Backpage to continue with good, clean, family topics like the Apocalypse and Mad Libs," Dr. Camacho said. "I mean, come on, we don't have a good clean Mad Libs?"

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President

"You know, I wish I were bisexual, just so I could give him the fright of his life." — Anonymous Rice rower

"That'd be a great story to tell over the last couple of years. Since it felt that he's taken a lot of curse words with more than five syllables. Mark Berenson, winged Willy (when talking about William Rice), Thresher.

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"I'm trying to figure out whether you're an alcoholic or a slut." — Anonymous Rice Philharmonic

"I can't wait to be a whore." — Anonymous Rice rower

"We'd just be saying [expletive] you.__or make fun of Gillis' [censored] or maybe make fun of Gillis' [censored] or even saying [censored]."

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