SA throws farewell party

by Lindsey Gilbert

More than 700 students turned out Wednesday to an official goodbye to former Vice President for Student Affairs Zenaide Camacho. The farewell party, sponsored by the Student Association, began at 9 p.m. when Camacho and his wife, Carol, entered the Grand Hall of the Student Center to cheers and applause.

"When Camacho walked in the room, everyone gave him a standing ovation as he walked up to the front, and you could see everyone really appreciated all he's done for the university," SA President Derrick Matthews, who planned the event along with Loeb College Student Apatas Shekowrabuani and Baker College Student Brewer Tedfold, said.

Camacho retired suddenly at the beginning of August.

The SA spent about $2,000 of its $5,000 yearly budget on the meet and greet-style reception, mostly on refreshments. The SA hired Catering to supply bite-sized desserts, such as mini cheesecakes and brownies. Nearly all the desserts, including 150 cookies, disappeared by the end of the night.
We disagree with the Student Association Senate's decision Monday to deny club status to the proposed Late Night Pie Club. The denial, the first we can recall, breaks with precedent and is inconsistent with the SA's goal to encourage and support student organizations at Rice.

The SA plans to discuss the structure of the club approval process at its next meeting, and we hope the senate will vote for reform. Instead of scheduling approvals on a week-by-week basis, the SA should designate one meeting per month as its official club approval date. At that meeting, the SA should provide a full list of clubs grouped by category on the back of its agenda. That way, voting members will easily be able to assess whether a proposed new club has a unique mission that does not duplicate that of an already-existing club.

Instead of approving clubs based on subjective expectations, the senate should create a set of objective criteria and evaluate proposed clubs accordingly. Currently, each club must submit a valid constitution and secure a faculty sponsor. We think that a group of students that makes the effort to draft a constitution and seek out a faculty sponsor is serious about obtaining club status and should not be denied arbitrarily.

Additionally, SA President Derrick Matthews made a mistake when he asked the club representatives who presented at Monday's meeting to leave during discussion of their proposals. Not only is there no precedent for such a request, but it is at odds with the spirit of the SA constitution. According to the constitution, no student may be excluded from an open meeting, and meetings can only be closed by a two-thirds vote when "unusual privacy" is involved.

Senate members should be mature enough to openly and respectfully discuss their concerns about proposed clubs with club representatives present. Club representatives should be prepared to respond to criticism without taking offense.

Before Monday's meeting, the SA had already planned to discuss reform of the club approval process at this week's meeting. Senate members have expressed dissatisfaction with the SA's unwritten policy of rubber stamping clubs, some of which seem frivolous. We agree that changes are necessary, but we think the senate was wrong to make an example of the Late Night Pie Club before setting clear standards for club approval.

We think club approval should rely only on objective criteria, and the worthiness of a club should only come into question if it is repetitive of another club, malicious or hateful in intent, or in violation of the Code of Student Conduct.

But for students who want to have their pie and eat it, too, becoming official should not be such a headache.

We've all had the experience: life isnormal and everything seems fine, until suddenly something goes horribly and unnecessarily wrong and no amount of protesting or struggling or trying to wake up will stop it. I feel this nightmare recently.

It was a normal Mon-
day evening. I went to
work, had some dinner,
read some class assign-
ments and spent time
with friends in the Rice
Village. On the way home
my friend and I decided
to swing by Taco Caba-
a (the one on Kirby, to be 
precise) for a couple of taco com-
bos. Ready to quench our hankering, we
parked and headed for the
door. But as I grasped the
handle and pulled it toward
me... it didn't budge.

The door to Taco C was locked! Everything I knew to be real and true and good in life came to a crashing halt. Something was seriously wrong with the world.

OK, maybe the world didn't really end. But nevertheless, the decision to close the doors of Taco C to the innumerable, drunken and hungry masses of Houston strikes a sad chord. Granted, the new hours are limited to Monday through Wednesday, and you can still go through the drive-through window to get your tarilla or beef burrito, but... is that really much of a consolation?

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I sing the body electric

I think if you were to ask Mary Cheney what she would be doing if she was born a lesbian, she would say that she would be a school teacher. She is surprised that she is anything other than that. She claims that she is not a choice, but a choice with which she was not born.

The vice-presidential debate that resulted from the 2000 election is not just a political issue. It is also a personal one. John Kerry stated that he and Senator John Edwards all night.

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RPC announces Westin Galleria hotel as Esperanza location

by Natalie Rose

On Oct. 6, Rice students will be the best-dressed patrons at the Galleria — for once. This year’s Esperanza will be held in the Westin Galleria hotel. The dance’s theme is Breakfast at Tiffany’s, inspired by Audrey Hepburn’s classic 1961 film. The theme will be reflected in the party’s white and teal decor, as well as the evening’s refreshments, which will include mango tea, breakfast tacos, breakfast breads and chocolate fondue. Rice Program Council Formals Chair Jeanette Guanchez said, “It’s not a very far away, and there are lots of cool restaurants in the area.”

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed.

Ideas, nominations and concerns regarding the search for the dean of undergraduates may be submitted to mba@ba.ttu.edu.

The SA homecoming elections will be held Oct. 29. Nominations for Homecoming King and Queen are available outside the SA office on the second floor of the Student Center. Petitions are due to the SA office by 5 p.m., Oct. 25.

SA Director of Technology Jack Harcausti, an undergraduates’ representative, presented the student proposal for South Loop Parking, said the Parking Committee is currently soliciting student opinion on the number of cars on campus.

Matthews addressed concerns about the Registrar’s Office. Several students were disappointed with the timeliness of official correspondence.

The senate approved the timeline for the homecoming election.

The senate approved Drugi. The club will offer guidance for students interested in careers in pharmacy. Anyone interested should contact Lovett College junior Yuen Wang at yuen@rice.edu.

The senate approved GATHER. Rice’s gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and allied resource center. Anyone interested should contact Rice Program Council sophomore Althea Skinner at altheamas@rice.edu.

The senate did not approve The Late Night Pie Club at Rice University. See story, page 1.

The senate approved Students for Organ Donation, a Rice chapter of the national organization. The group will hold organ donation and bone marrow testing drives. Anyone interested should contact Brown College senior Daniel Brown at danielbrown@rice.edu.

In the article “Election theme chosen for ND 2000” in the Oct. 8 issue, the location for Night of Darkness was misreported. ND will be held in the Weiss College Commons, in addition to the election the status of the SA office. Party planners asked Rice Public Safety Department officers check Texas IDs, as well as out-of-state IDs, for oval stickers.

The Thresher regrets the error.

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— James Lloyd
Brown College senior

Matthews asked the representatives of the four clubs requesting approval at the meeting to leave the room while the senate voted on their clubs, a new procedure for the SA.

Matthews said he asked the club representatives to leave in order to encourage open debate. “Everyone is a member of the SA, and constitutionally I can’t force anyone out of an open meeting, but I did feel that I had to leave, and they did,” Matthews said. “It was so the representatives could have real discussion about the clubs…A lot less restricted dialogue can come out of that.”

The SA constitution states no student may be barred from attending an open meeting of the senate. “The Student Senate held publically announced open meetings from which students may be excluded,” the constitution states. “By a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the Student Senate may hold a closed meeting to discuss matters requiring unanimous agreement.”

Matthews said the senate acted within its rights when it did not approve the club.

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Hanszen College President Wadie Malik was one of two voting members who voted against approving the club. Malik said he voted for the club because the mine has approved clubs almost automatically in the past and has not laid out specific enough guidelines to justify denying one.

“If we don’t have any clear criteria for what a club should and shouldn’t be, I feel like it was kind of arbitrary to deny a club, even if the reason for having it seemed kind of silly,” Malik said.

He said he’s been going to the SA, and hasn’t approved any silly clubs, and he didn’t feel like this club was any sillier than some of the clubs we’ve approved in the past.

Lloyd said he disagrees with that argument.

“[He] thinks that because the SA currently rubber-stamps all clubs that means that we have to do that from now on isn’t said,” Lloyd said.

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“The entire constitution there’s no criteria for a club, so it’s left to each individual voting member to decide for themselves what would be an appropriate club,” Matthews said.

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“I think clubs are hurting each other because the strength of any club in the number of dedicated members you have, and a lot of clubs that are redundant are just fighting for the same group of people when they could spend their time, energy and money together,” Matthews said.

Matthews said he thinks systematic changes are necessary. He said unless large changes are made, the SA should stick with its precedent of approving all clubs for which a constitution is submitted and a representative attends the meeting.

“I think there are a lot of clubs that are created that don’t need to be official clubs, but until we seek some new ground rules for what should and shouldn’t be a club I don’t think we should deny someone who…played by the rules we had set,” Malik said.

Lloyd said while he is in favor of setting clearer guidelines, he does not think the Late Night Pie Club was treated unfairly.

“Having clearer standards would have been useful in this case — however, it wouldn’t have changed the ultimate result,” Lloyd said. “It helped us to see that there is becoming a pressing need for defining the guidelines for club approval.”

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RMC offers DVD rentals

by Risa Gordon

Forgetting all those five-minute drives to Blockbuster and Cactus, students will have an automated entertainment machine in the Student Center Friday, movie lovers can now rent recently released DVDs on campus.

The machine, located by the Coffeehouse near the entrance to Sammy's, holds up to 102 DVDs that can be rented or purchased with a credit or debit card. DVD rental costs $1.99 plus tax. About 45 titles are currently available, including Fahrenheit 9/11, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, Van Helsing and Spider-Man 2.

New titles will be added each week while older titles will be replaced or their quantities reduced.

The Student Center Advisory Committee decided to offer the service in the Student Center after three different movie rental machine companies requested to place machines at Rice. Based on the success of a similar machine at the Graduate Student Council, there were students living in the apartments renting the 222 Council's two machines during the first month they were offered — the connection was cut by a landlord on the other side by TX V Leonard Rice will receive 10 percent of the machine's gross sales according to the one-year contract.

"basically, TX V Leonard pays rent on the back of the building," the Director of the Student Center Boyd Beckwith said. "It's an advantage for the Student Center. . . . If it's a service we're not interested in, Rice doesn't lose anything. If they are, then we actually make a profit based on how much it's being used."

TX V Leonard franchise owner Larry Kestler said the machines have been successful on other college campuses, including Rice's.

"I like it because it's cheaper than Blockbuster," Arrogolo said. "I think most people will find it convenient and useful.

Kestler said 25 DVDs were rented during the first week the machine was available. An average of 10 DVDs must be returned per day for the machine to be profitable, he said.

"A fee of $1.25 per week will be charged if the movie is not returned on time, up to a maximum of $25."

Purchasing a movie using the machine costs $8.50. Kestler said students can call or send him an e-mail if they have any problems with the discs. Students who return their movies on time, up to a maximum of $25, will receive a promotional code that will allow them to rent one DVD for free.

The machine does not accept Tetra Points. Beckwith said there are plans to implement Tetra Point purchasing, but he will bring up the issue with Finance and Administration if the machine proves to be successful.

"Hopefully it will be successful," Beckwith said. "Certainly revenue from something like this is what we use to help to have that kind of money to keep the Student Center open.

The idea of renovations arose four years ago, Faustbich said, but the Coffeehouse did not have enough money at the time. Under the advisal of Paul Sutera, former assistant director of the student center, the business has run more profitably in the four years since. The budget for the upcoming project is about $20,000.

The concept drawings were completed last fall, but the project called in the spring. Many of the managers were outgoing seniors, and Sutera left his position to become the assistant director of Development and Student Affairs. This year, the new management team has made renovations a top priority. The managers plan to meet with architects next week to discuss feedback, complete plans for contractors by January and begin construction in May.

"People want to see more of a coffeehouse environment and feel comfortable hanging out there and not in the middle of this big hallway," Faustbich said. "They need some sense of a place that exists and not just a hole in the wall that serves coffee.

Coffeehouse management is encouraging students to consider the atmosphere and functionality of the area in their feedback, which managers will consider before plans are finalized. Panney Klepal-Shefman, the assistant director of the Student Center and Coffeehouse advisor, said, the designs present several ideas, including enclosing the space around the counter and adding picnic tables, mounted tables and shelves around the bar. Students have also suggested adding plants, low lighting, cushioned booths and soft furniture to create a more atmosphere.

"The general consensus is people are that they didn't want anything really drastic, but they like the idea of separation. Kephal-Shefman said. "People were also saying some of the drawings are very trendy-like — and what came out of that is the idea that we need to be focusing more on the natural structure of the room and keeping more with the natural aesthetic." The e-mails also suggest enlarging the counter, building more shelving, coffee house. The managers plan to meet with architects next week to discuss feedback.

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Student's profile
airs on PBS affiliate
Student Athletes, a profile of four Rice student athletes, premiered Monday night on Houston's Public Broadcasting Station affiliate KUHT. The 30-minute piece featured baseball player Chris Kolkhorst (Brown '04), women's basketball player Lindsey Maynard, a Hamson College senior, and football player Clifford Sparks, a Brown College senior, and Jeff Vanover (Will Rice '04). "Rice is a great example of the fact that you can have people who are talented in athletics but who are also academically gifted," Linguistics Assistant Professor Nancy Niedzielski said in an interview for the documentary. "Private universities such as Duke and Vanderbilt and Stanford and Rice compete at the highest Division I level, and I think they still are very capable of providing a high quality of education for the athletes."

Documentary producer Jim Ray of Summer Productions followed the piece over the course of the 2003-04 academic year. So far, it has only aired in Houston, but Summer public relations consultant Nancy Iurch (Jones '01), the documentary's associate producer, said she expects it to be picked up by the rest of Texas' PBS stations, and possibly a cable sports network, sometime in the near future.

Iurch, who is also president of the Owl Club, the Rice varsity athletics booster organization, said the documentary was intended to showcase the positive side of college athletics. "Unfortunately, most of what you see about athletes tends to portray their negative side," she said. "The vast majority of student athletes at Rice graduate and look forward to successful careers in the business world, but that's not the common perception."

Funding for the program was provided by a number of individuals with Rice connections. The list of 12 sponsors included eight who were Rice alumni, three who were Board of Trustees members, and former President Malcolm Gillis. The Owl Club and the "R" Association, the alma mater organization for Rice varsity letterwinners, also contributed to the documentary.

Men's basketball player Artie Colver, a Jones College junior, said, "I think the documentary accurately reflects Rice athletics. You can highlight the high points of being a Rice athlete." Colver said, "We have to juggle a full academic load and a full practice load, and professors treat us just like everyone else."

In the documentary, Gillis credits the baseball team's 2003 national championship for calling attention to Rice's strength in athletics. "People for the first time across the country began to understand what we're trying to do with academics and athletics," Gillis said.

Athletic Director Bobby May (Will Rice '65) said he is happy with the publicity the documentary provided for the university. "We're thrilled to have student athletes that are that talented that you can make a piece like this one and show the Houston community what it's like to be a true student athlete at Rice," May said. "It's a very good thing for Rice and for the kids that were involved." After a viewing review of athletes at Rice, the Board of Trustees decided May 21 to reformat Rice's commitment to participate in Division I-A athletics. At this time, a broadcast of the documentary has not been scheduled for KUHT.

Leebron to host all seniors in four dinners
President David Leebron and his wife, Ping Sun, will host des- sert receptions at Rice House, the President's house at the corner of Main St. and Sunset Blvd., for the senior class. The seniors will be divided into four groups, with two groups attending dessert at the president's home in the fall semester and two groups in the spring semester. The groups will not be divided according to college. Invitations have already been sent to the first group of students, who are invited to an event Oct. 27.

Rice's small class size — about 700 students — makes it possible to organize such events, Leebron said. Dividing the class into quartets will enable Leebron and Sun to circulate among students and talk to them, he said.

Leebron said he and Sun de- cided to host students due to the curiosity and excitement they have expressed about Rice House and as a result of similar hosting ex- periences during his time as dean of Columbia University Law School, where he had hosted receptions for first-year law students.

"We came to the conclusion we could have some kind of event or events that would enable us to invite all members of the senior class to our house, to make sure the house was something for all members of the community," Leebron said.

Internet down for three hours Wednesday
Rice's Internet connection went down for about three hours Wednesday morning due to an off-campus malfunction.

The problem was caused when Rice's Internet service provider, Verio Inc., experienced a power outage at its Houston facility that caused the company's network equipment to reset. Verio's backup power supply did not work as it was assumed by Assistant Director for Networking Long Pham said. Internet access stopped at 8:05 a.m. although Verio's backup power network, such as Webmail, were still accessible. Power was restored to Verio by 9 a.m., but the two main counters malfunctioned due to the outage. The routers would not con- nect, and Verio was forced to contact the manufacturer of the routers to fix the problem. Service was completely restored by 10:45 a.m., Pham said.

"It's something that's unexpect- ed, and we will try to look and talk with Verio to make sure it doesn't happen again," he said. "I'm sure the rest of the corporations that have major accounts with Verio will be questioning that as well."

Several updates on the situation were sent to students over some college listservs and provided on the Information Technology Web site.

Jones College junior Leor Pantilat said the outage was an inconvenience. "I tweet around to other people's computers because I had to find out if it was just my machine or if it affected everybody," Pantilat said. "It kind of sucked when you take something for granted and then it's taken away from you but I didn't miss it that much."

Verio will likely reassess its backup power system, Pham said. He said it will investigate why the power outage occurred and take steps to ensure that such a problem does not happen again, perhaps by adding another ISP. "We're going to start looking at being in another ISP, either as a backup or to off-load some of the traffic so we're not depending on one ISP," Pham said.

"It may be smaller, but better than none," Leebron said.
**Beer-bike coordinators named PASSPORT**

*From page 1*

By Joel Hernandez

The Office of Student Activities announced the campus-wide coordinators for Beer-Bike earlier this month. Will Rice College junior Camacho Weidig and Rice College junior Naaz Khumawala will be in charge of organizing the Beer-Bike parade and race, as well as coordinating communication between the administration, college and area coordinators, and students.

The coordinators were selected on the basis of a written application and an interview with the Office of Student Activities. Assistant Director of Student Activities Holly Williams will serve as an advisor, along with Director of Student Activities Heather Masden.

"The coordinators must have the ability to delegate successfully, as well as organize a large campus-wide event and work with local and intercollegiate partners," said Williams. "Both Naaz and Camacho have much leadership experience, as well as [the] willingness to work in a collaborative manner.

Khumawala was an area coordinator for judges at last year's Beer-Bike. Her responsibilities included recruiting and training judges, as well as overseeing the judging process. "Beer-Bike probably is the largest student event on campus," Khumawala said. "It's a service to the students and an honor to coordinate something like this."

The SA began planning the event for free food. Others said it is important to ensure a safe parade, as the event is strongly enforced, if not changed, to be really dangerous, "The Martel jack obviously did stand out," Williams said. "We are glad with the policies associated with doing things like that, but someone should have been watching for this."

Williams said she does not anticipate major changes to Beer-Bike this year. "I'm sure there will be some little changes here and there, but nothing that will have a great impact on everything," said Williams. "Everything has run really well in the past few years, and so we want to keep everything going."

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**VACCINE**

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said Bush cannot be held responsible for the lack of vaccine. Bratty said Rice, faculty and staff may be immunized more than the students from the lack of available vaccine. "It seems like it's the staff that are suffering the most, not the students, and that's because they can't afford to miss work," said Bratty. "And I don't think that they have the greatest benefit plan with all the days, whereas students can miss a couple of days of class and it's not a big deal."

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A Camacho and his wife have attended several Rice sporting events on campus this semester, this is the first time he has spoken publicly to students since his retirement in August. "When Camacho said he enjoyed interacting with students at the party, he said, "I'm proud of all the efforts the students have made," she said. "It's been a lovely night. I'm just sorry everyone had to hear my husband sing."

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The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period Oct. 3-19:

**Residential Colleges**

South colleges Oct. 7

- Officer saw suspicious person around Sid Richardson College. Officer attempted to speak with subject. Subject ran from officers through parking lot and across Main St. Non-Rice student arrested in Hermann Hall for existing 다양한 and disorderly conduct to Harris County jail.

- Lovett College Oct. 8

- Technician from Information Technology reported a $4,000 computer router missing from Lovett's computer lab. Officer found in 200' area behind lab. The owner of the 200' and an accomplice had stolen the router to use on their personal computers. Referred to University Court for charges. Released to the Lovett masters.

- Lovett College Oct. 11

- Caller reported someone with a BB gun in front of a room, argued. Two subjects took to RUPD station for questioning. Students referred to U. Court.

- Lovett College Oct. 13

- Bike stolen.

- Jones College Oct. 17

- Bike stolen.

- Will Rice College Oct. 19

- Bike stolen.

**Academic Buildings**

- Aberecnrie Engineering Laboratory Oct. 4

- Wallet stolen from office on Oct. 1.

- George F. Brown Hall Oct. 5

- Office door pried open.

- Herman Brown Hall Oct. 5

- Laptop reported missing for four-and-one-half hours.

- Alice Pratt Brown Hall Oct. 8

- Wallet stolen from unlocked bicycle parking spot.

- Keith-Wless Geological Laboratories Oct. 12

- Vending machine vandalized.

- Sewall Hall Oct. 15

- Theater tickets stolen.

- Keith-Wless Geological Laboratories Oct. 19

- Vending machine vandalized.

**Other Buildings**

- Student Center Oct. 8

- Officer working security at Will's Pub was subjected to a false threat to enter pub and consume alcohol. Under 21-year-old student referred to U. Court.

- Rice Stadium Oct. 9

- Officer saw two non-Rice subjects scaring tickets. Officer spoke to subjects. One gave a false name and had outstanding warrants. The other had a previous trespass warning. Two subjects transported to Harris County jail.

- Fondren Library Oct. 11

- Books stolen.

- Graduate Apartments Oct. 11

- Vehicle burglarized.

- Willy's Pub Oct. 15

- Officer observed underage student drinking. Student referred to U. Court.

- Fondren Library Oct. 18

- Book stolen from backpack.

- Fondren Library Oct. 19

- Wallet stolen.

- Parking Lots

- Lovett Lot Oct. 4

- Vehicle damaged by gate arm.

- Greenbriar Lot Oct. 13

- Bike stolen.

**Other Areas**

- Rice/Ox Works Back of University Blvd. Oct. 15

- Student stepped for speeding and running stop sign. Student referred to U. Court for fake ID.
welcome to the family

Families Weekend 2004

Above: Baker College senior Megan Batchelor dances with her father at the Baker Blues party Friday night.

Left: Managing Chef Ben Ferdinants prepares food for visiting families at the cooking demonstration Saturday afternoon at the North College Servers.

Above left: Empty bottles and empty platters are all that remain near the end of Hanszen College's TG Friday afternoon.

Top left: President David Leebron meets parents over coffee in Kelley Lounge of the Student Center Friday morning.
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'Castro's Beard' a cutting-edge political satire
Adriana Ramirez

The Beatles, those fun haircuts, the Kennedy, Fidel Castro, the CIA and those skinny, skinny ties. Not to mention the Bay of Pigs, Khrushchev and a heightened fear of imminent nuclear war.

Stages Repertory Theatre sets its newest cutting-edge production, Castro's Beard, in the height of the Bayonet Years. The minimalist production features only four characters, who sit in a static location — a CIA boardroom — transmitting ways to assassinate or destabilize Castro and reclaim Cuba from these "Red, Commie bastards." Meet Ted (Bill), Tom and Paul. Together, they form the think tank whose sole charge is to take down Castro's regime. Ted (Burrather Cramens) is the coordinator of the top secret division of the CIA. Bill (David Born) is a clandestine op-erative who single handedly tookGuevara, Tom (Jeffery Yaworski) is a Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Yale University scientist always ready with the wackiest new technology at hand, and Paul (John Richard Johnston) is a Harvard Law School graduate with a conscience.

The problem? Our four misguided bureaucrats function in a world layered with preposterous international politics and pejorative prohibitions about Cuban trade. Elimination with total debasity.

Possible assassination methods range from the classic exploding seashell to a revolution-inciting motorized Jesus. The men are determined to destabilize the regime by reinstating the old system of corporate espionage. Everyone is a double agent for a rival corporate giant and everyone already twists plot. As Ted, Cravens delivers a solid performance. He is credible as a three-stone-soldier and politician and is reminiscent of George C. Scott in Dr. Strangelove.

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In the end, though, Castro's Beard comes through with both humor and humanity. All four actors merge to form a riveting ensemble cast. Interestingly, Stewart based his story on true but little-known facts. Part of the fun of watching the show is knowing that the CIA came dangerously close to sending Jesus to Cuba on a motorized surfboard in Cuba.

Daring French thriller exposes ugly corporate underworld
Jonathan Schumann

French director Olivier Assayas' demonlover explores the backstabbing world of multinational corporations with unparalleled visual style and exceptional actors. The film functions as a critique of globalization, an exploration of surreal business practices and as a chic, daring thriller.

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Connie Nielsen (Gladiator) stars as Diane de More, a rising talent at VolfGroup, a global corporation exploiting the misogynist but financially lucrative market of Japanese anime pornography. The film opens as the VolfGroup team travels back to Paris on a private jet from a business trip in Tokyo. Diane poisons her coworker's coffee in the same cold, business as usual way that dictates dictation or pours a cup of coffee. This early betrayal sets the viewer up for a series of elaborate and increasingly more intense double-crossings and acts of calculated violence. It turns out that Diane is a double agent for a real corporate giant, she is involved in the thorny, violent world of corporate espionage. Everyone she works with at VolfGroup — a money-grubbing secretary (Boy'z Don't Cry's Dae Hee Seong) and a sexy predatory colleague (Les Destinées Sentimen-tales Charles Berling) — threatens or expose or thwart her efforts. While these conflicts, cat fights and intrigue make it very attractive, the film offers much of its success to Assayas' visual style. Smooth, jazzy music and innovative camera angles and voices intrigue, page 1.

Diane (Connie Nielsen) contemplates her next devilish, backstabbing action as Nerve (Charles Berling) watches on.

Connie Nielsen stars in demonlover, director Olivier Assayas' seductive corporate thriller.
In an attempt to make sense of the chaotic world in which we live, many of us turn to creative mediums. Visual art has always been a meaningful outlet and often provides social insight. Enter Joseph Beuys, a German artist most famous for his work in sculptures.

**Joseph Beuys: Actions. Images. Environments**

The Mori Collection

In this exhibit, Beuys became interested in the idea of destroying the parameters that separate literature, music, visual art, performance, and everyday life. Actions features Beuys' notable performance art. How to Explain the Pictures to a Dead Horse (1965), a performance piece in which Beuys covered his face with honey and gold leaf and carried a dead horse around a gallery explaining the pictures to him, shows that even a dead animal has a special creative power. The most striking piece is entitled [*Antwort an eine Frage von Aimé Césaire aus der Zeit der Aufstände*].

Beuys' face is divided in half by a shadow created by his hat, suggesting a degree of MYSTERY and a strength of character.

Finally, there is the theme of Environments, works created by Beuys primarily during the 1980s. Environments is the most explicit in meaning among the three themes, as the pieces in this exhibit are comprised of unusual natural objects.
American Indian culture focus of MFAH exhibit

Christina M. Franges

George Catlin and His Indian Gallery now on display at The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, is a multimedia collaboration to American Indian culture in the 1830s. Catlin's art exhibit covers several times in the 1830s, around the time the United States government forced many American Indians west of the Mississippi River to settle west of the Mississippi River to record the lives of the Plains Indians.

Although not the first to paint American Indians, Catlin was the first to preserve it with over 500 paintings of Plains Indian culture, and attempted to feature American Indians in their native lands. He became an advocate for the lives of the Plains Indians. Catlin went on to paint the United States government in the 1830s as it is an art exhibition. The exhibit features more than 100 of Catlin's oil portraits, supplemented by multimedia elements such as selected photographs of Catlin and his gallery, a series of timelines and notes and a viewing gallery history. A map of the United States showing homes of American Indian settlements in the United States is drawn by Catlin, putting the entire exhibition into a geographical perspective.

Catlin's paintings tend to focus on facial features and upper body details, requiring his training as a portrait artist and a miniaturist. His use of vivid colors such as red and blue to create the composition of each shot and the movement of each actor, as they compose various shots.

In later paintings, Catlin was more interested in details of costume and lighting. The oil painting "The Black Hawk, a Warrior of Great Dignity" depicts a Seminole-looking beaded and metal-plated medicine chest, drapery, crimson and a black and white feather plume.

Although Catlin often sensationalized his subjects, particularly in his interpretations of scalp dances and ceremonial rituals, many of his paintings are indispensable as historical documentary art. The Western Sioux, Dakota, and Comanche tribes. Of Cherokee, Sioux, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole, many of his paintings are indispensable as historical documentary art.

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Restaurant hidden in the back streets serves up tasty brunch

by Danny Blanco

Branch at Rice gets very monotonous very quickly. Every weekend there is the same kind of omelet. Maybe you feel a little daring one weekend and brave a Belgian waffle. Or maybe you resist the same old bacon, eggs and sausage you get the week.

If you are looking to mix up these boring weekly eating rituals at a reasonable price, Back Street Cafe might be the place for you.

Located on Shepherd Dr. in the Rice Oak/West Gray area, Back Street Cafe is a difficult place to find because it really is located in the "back streets." Hidden in shade by large, overhanging trees, the exterior of this converted house is primarily wooden, giving it a rustic look. The open door policy provides an inviting welcome to guests, as does the friendly and sharply dressed wait staff.

Inside, dim lighting creates a romantic mood and a feeling of your significant other. The restaurant also offers patio seating, which is a must if you are looking for away to enjoy a meal with the outdoors.

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The lively crowd adds another dimension to the enjoyable atmosphere. The customers are extremely diverse; the brunch crowd consists of families, trendy twenty-some-things and elderly churchgoers. A friendly wait staff complements the cheerful and energetic crowd. The service is casual and unassuming, allowing guests to eat at a leisurely pace.

The eggs are light and fluffy, the bacon is crisp and just the right amount of onions and peppers are liberally sprinkled. However, the sauce which leaves the black beans prevents the platter from reaching perfection. Additionally, the dinner menu offers a wide variety of different entrees, from soups to salads and sandwiches, with the hearty plates made with fluffed eggs and then baked, sort of like a frittata.

One drawback is the limited parking. Even though the restaurant is located at 230 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon, the small parking area was nearly full with diners spending $14.95 on the buffet alone. The prices at Back Street Cafe are reasonably fair. Most of the items on the brunch menu range from $8-14.

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When we arrived Sunday morning at 11 a.m., Baba Yega Restaurant was already nearly fully with diners spending $7-$15 on the popular, all-you-can-eat brunch buffet.

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The two exterior dining areas offer pleasant, open-air seating options. The patio at Back Street Cafe has a pleasant picnic-in-the-garden atmosphere.

There is something special about Baba Yega Restaurant that appeals to a diverse group of patrons. The Montrose-area restaurant attracts vegetarians discouraged by their lack of other dining options, health nuts looking for a nutritious, light meal of sandwiches and veggies. The hot table is loaded with bacon, fried green tomatoes with bleu cheese, pasta salad and a variety of rolls and muffins. The hot table is heated with bacon, sausage, frittata, blintzes, fried salmon, chicken, brisket and roasted potatoes. At the omelet and waffle station, a chef prepares any omelet requested and diners pile their own toppings on freshly cooked waffles. A huge table full of small desserts, like homemade cookies, carrot cake and lemon bars, lines the entire wall in the dining area.

The highlight for me was the vegetable frittata, which is full of broccoli, yet light and delicate. A frittata is an Italian omelet made with fried eggs and then baked, sort of like a crepe. I was impressed by the great variety of fresh fruit, which includes papayas, mangos, pineapples and fresh chocolate-covered strawberries. The woods salad and flavorful salmon were also memorable, but the omelets too closely resembled those offered every Sunday morning in the college services.

I know it is hard to wake up earlier than 2 p.m. after an exciting Saturday night, but it is worth it to spend an hour or two relaxing with fresh-squeezed orange juice. The prices at Back Street Cafe are reasonably fair. Most of the items on the brunch menu range from $8-14. The rest of the menu is mostly under $20. The prices might seem small, but they are deceivingly filling, making this little cafe a back street sensation.
Swimming defeats UH to open season

by D'Yon Peoples

The swim team began its 2004 season with a 132-68 victory in three meets to secure a civic award for the Cougars. After finishing back in the pack Saturday, Seniors Urka Ros, Lauren Hill and Jane Keith each achieved personal bests. Ros and Keith, who have been hurt by injuries to I ACLs or hips, came back to win. The Owls lost but defeated UTEP Sunday to improve to 2-2 in the WAC.

Haurle leads tennis to regionals

by Matt McCabe

After encouraging performances at two different tournaments last weekend, the men's tennis team has high expectations as it enters its most important tournament of the season, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Southern Central Region Tournament.

The regional tournament, which begins today in Austin features defending national champion Baylor University, as well as Rice University and the University of Texas, who qualified last weekend to the ITA and, respectively. The top two individual finalists at the tournament and winning doubles team will earn invitations to the ITA National Indoor Championships in Austin, Mich. Nov. 4.7

"All of these matches [in the regionals] are important for [upcoming] season rankings," head coach Ron Searle said. "Everybody's in the same draw — it is a big tournament for everyone." The team split up last week, with senior assistant tennis coach Dave Maggard said the Cougars should never lose to Rice in anything again. They must be confused on Cullen Avenue, because UH has never again. They must be confused on Cullen Avenue, because UH has

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Men's cross surprises, third at Chile Pepper

by Matt McCabe

On a day with nearly perfect conditions, the men's cross country team ran almost flawless race last weekend at the Chile Pepper Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. Rice finished third at Saturday's meet with 105 points, losing only to thrice-ranked University of Arkansas and a team of Arkansas alumni which consisted of two former NCAA champions and an eight-time All-American. Individually, junior Marcel Neumuller completed the 10-kilometer race in 30 minutes, 4.6 seconds to take third place, and sophomore Steve Magness, 73rd, eighth, just 4.7 seconds behind his teammate.

"To run a sub-30-minute 10k, even though the conditions were absolutely perfect, is phenomenal. It was one of the best races that [Magness] has ever run," - Jon Warren (Jones '88) Head cross country coach

"We weren't expected to do that well...I think we surprised a lot of people." - Steve Magness
Sophomore cross country runner

The Chile Pepper Invitational allowed the Owls to gauge their progress against other WAC teams such as 13th-place UTEP, 16th-place Boise State, before the WAC Championships Oct. 30 in Tucson, Ariz.

"The three teams that beat us last year in the WAC Championships were there: UTEP, Boise and Tulsa," Warren said. "But we think they ran everyone, and we were three able to win. We should be the favorites going into WAC." Neumuller said. "It's hard to look past Marcel and Steve's performance and yet get a little attention basi- cally." Neumuller said. "It was a big surprise," Warren said. "I think our team is well prepared, especially after this past weekend," Neumuller said. "But we've still learned some- thing from every game," Carter said. "Everybody's really been showing their focus and consistency these last few matches because we've been beating teams and doing it in a very strong fashion," Volpe said. "Enough to go out and decisively beat so many teams in any league. Everyone's contributing, and the hitters are always ready to go." Against U. La., junior setter Kristin Robin had 61 assists, and the starting six hitters combined for 47 kills against only two errors.

"The teams we've been playing haven't been exactly on Hawaii's level, but we've still learned something from every game," Carter said. "We're in a new technique or serving aggressively, we keep coming out of those matches a little more-skilled." In the final match of the home stand Oct. 13, the Owls played their home record to 100, and their sweep of the Golden Hurricanes continued their streak of not losing a single game, much less a match, at home this season. Rebecca Pano and junior right side hitter Olana Fakoya posted 16 and 11 kills, respectively, and the teams combined for 47 kills against only two errors.

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"The Owls cruised past the University of Louisiana-Lafayette Oct. 13 in five-game matches. As of Wednesday, the Spartans had won four consecutive matches, and San Jose State has a perfect 5-0 record in conference matches. It's important for them to keep their focus," head coach Gentry Volpe said. "Sun Jose is just as important as Hawaii and we need to get in there with our heads high and be able to anticipate what their plan is. These two matches are huge in our quest for the WAC championship."
Hanszen sophomore Loree Darrington rushes around Will Rice senior Della Hoffman in a Powderpuff game last weekend. Hanszen won, 18-7 to improve its record to 3-2 on the season. Hanszen plays Jones tomorrow at 5 p.m.

Lovett edges Brown in overtime

by Stephen Whittington

The Lovett Powderpuff team edged Brown with a 29-25 overtime win over winless Brown in this week’s Powderpuff Game of the Week.

On its opening drive, Lovett marched down the field, culminating in a 29-yard touchdown pass to senior receiver Ken Tucker. But Lovett responded immediately afterward, as sophomore running back Amy Richter ran for a 3-yard touchdown run on Brown's opening play from scrimmage.

After the initial scoring outburst, both defenses played well, as each team managed only one more touchdown in reputation during regulation play. The first quarter ended with the score tied at 12.

Richter caught a 44-yard touchdown pass — her second of the day — in the second quarter to give Lovett a 19-12 halftime lead. Richter scored her second touchdown on the final play of the third quarter, tying the game at 25.

Lovett allowed twice drives into Brown territory during the fourth quarter but failed to score on both occasions, forcing the first overtime game in recent memory. In the overtime period, senior back Elizabeth Collee took control for Lovett, running twice for 17 yards and scoring the game-winning touchdown.

After relying heavily on its running game because it seemed to be working,” Tucker said. “Today, everything was working — I think the practice has been helpful. I think we’re going to keep it up. We’ve got a lot of great receivers, and everybody’s been doing really well.”

With amoral quarterback Brandon Banoi starting her first game of the season, Brown relied on running back Richter after her 14 games dating back to 2002, as efficiently eliminated from playoff contention after tying 3-2. Next week, Lovett plays Martel (2-3), who is in the conference for one of the four final spots of 38 yards. In total, she led the ball on Brown’s 30 offensive plays. Richter said Richter’s role in the offense was an adjustment for her team.

“On our offense changes with every game — we adapt to whatever team we’re playing against,” Richter said. “Lovett, just what it worked that from the ball. Today was a brand new offensive for us, and we just felt it. It depends on what offense — at changes every single game.”

With its win, Lovett improved to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in conference. Lovett improves to 4-1 with a 42-19 shutout of Will Rice next week followed by games against playoff contender Baker and defending champion Bush. Richter and her two victories against Brown and also witness Will Rice, has been been a consistent total of eight points.

Win and Brown are teams that have the capability to just pull it together, and they just haven’t so far,” Banoi said. “As far as Lovett’s concerned, we have three’s plug of the most focused backfield the last couple of weeks, and I’m thankful to see them come against us. We’re going to have to put a full game together — we had some really good things happen on both sides, and then we started to get sloppy and bad things happened.”

Brown said the experience of playing close games in Lovett is really important. Being able to play with pressure on you — even if it’s against a team with which you probably shouldn’t have had such pressure against — it helped me learn and I think we’ll have that experience.”

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Mark Gorry takes seventh at national meet

by Melissa Dominguez

In its final preparation for the Western Athletic Conference Championships, the women’s cross country team traveled to Terre Haute, Ind., for the 2004 Division I Pre-Nationals meet on Saturday.

The meet, hosted at the site of this year’s NCAA National Championships, featured the nation’s top teams, including past NCAA champions Stanford and Notre Dame.

With another quality week of training, we will be in a good spot heading into the conference [meet],” Kate Gorry Junior cross country runner

Race finished among the top 300 runners at the meet, finishing 10th in a 20-yard touchdown pass to senior Burns starting her first game of the season. Brown relied on running back Richter after her 14 games dating back to 2002, as efficiently eliminated from playoff contention after tying 3-2. Next week, Lovett plays Martel (2-3), who is in the conference for one of the four final spots of 38 yards. In total, she led the ball on Brown’s 30 offensive plays. Richter said Richter’s role in the offense was an adjustment for her team.

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Football falls on the road again

by Adam Tabakin

Rice (5-1) defeated Navy 38-6 last Saturday, falling 35-10 in Reno at the University of Nevada. The Owls face another option offense this weekend when they travel to Navy.

The football outlook for the 18th time in its last 16 games last Saturday, falling 35-10 in Reno at the University of Nevada. The road loss was also the Owls' third in a row, as they dropped the season's opener at second-place UT 50,000 fans against you. The problem is not so much being on the road—it's why we play so badly away, and that's the reason we were having so many letdowns, you lose the game. That's the reason we were having so many letdowns, you lose the game. That's the kind of tough game we need right now — long out and stay focused.

The Rice and Navy option offenses rarely feature prolific passers, and this year's teams are considered the most prolific passing attacks in the nation.海军的效率。

"I think everybody has improved significantly," Barnes said. "I think what we need to do is get better in the fourth and fifth quarters, it comes down to each individual player mastering the fundamentals — doing everything individually to help the team out as a whole.

It's evident the game plan worked for the Rice defense. Rice managed a field goal in the first quarter, but the Wolf Pack answered with a 43-yard field goal by senior kickoffreturner Jarett Armstrong, but the Owls won the seventh match 13-10.

"I'm hoping we can go out and stay focused," Barnes said. "I think that's what we need to do, but I think we need to go out and stay focused."
Despite strong winds, the golf team finished fourth at the Squaw Creek Intercollegiate on the campus of Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. In the last couple of years, the Owl team finished tied for 13th and 18th places, respectively. After finishing in a tie for 13th and 18th places, respectively.

"We still need to put three good rounds together in each tournament we play. In every tournament this fall we had one bad round." — Dick Ellis

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"This was a tough field of teams and to finish fourth was a good accomplishment," head coach Dick Ellis said. "All five players contributed to the team's success, and I would say this was the strongest part of what we were able to achieve in this tournament." 

Freshman Jeff Krakowiak and senior Frank Buttsman led the team, finishing tied for 13th and 18th places, respectively.

"As a team it was our best tourney this fall season," Krakowiak said. "It might have been one of the best we have had over the past couple of years.

"I think Friday night [we] played the best. Motivated to do better after falling 3-2. The Owls hoped to rally from a 3-0 deficit and outrun the Miner corner kick, however the Owls could not find a way to stop Shockley from 35 yards, as UTEP had a 10-3 shot advantage in the first half. Rice would get just one more shot during the half, a bad round by senior striker Angela Acker from 25 yards, as UTEP had a 10-3 shot advantage and 4-0 advantage in corner kicks in the first half.

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In the face of almost constant offensive pressure from UTEP in the first half, Carri was a pillar at the center of the back line, stepping up with precise timing to clear the ball and covering for her teammates.

"It was a conscious effort," Carri said. "I feel like I could be someone that can fit with us, as far as how I play. Since the [Hawaii] match, I've been playing better than I have in the past because [Rice] has been winning because of my defense and how we have been playing on offense."

The Squaw Creek Intercollegiate concludes the Owls fall season. Krakowiak said the Owls hope to improve in every tournament individually before the Rice Intercollegiate, their first tournament of the spring season.

"I think through that individual preparation, we will have another good round of the season.

The Owls' second tournament of the spring season is the Radrick Farms Intercollegiate, which Krakowiak has finished in the top 20 in each of his last three tournaments.

"I think that the fall season really got me prepared for next season," Krakowiak said. "In the first couple of tournaments, I was really nervous, but I got adjusted to all the pressure. By the last tournament, I felt far more comfortable."

"By next spring I think I should be able to really turn it on." — Dick Ellis

Head golf coach

"We have a lot of good players off the bench, so think we're well-equipped with injuries," Serrano said. "We have a lot of depth this year.... We just have such a solid back line.

Despite its depth, Rice and its back line had to withstand heavy UTEP pressure in the final minutes, including an 85th-minute blast from striker Christine McCartney that sailed just over the goal. With senior goalkeeper Lauren Schookc's punch of the final Miner corner kick, however, the Owls converted their third shot in the 116th and 61st minute of the season. The victory was also Rice's first 1-0 win in its last four games, after freshman midfielder Jackie Rellas scored in the 97th and 63rd minute at the Radrick Farms Intercollegiate, the Owls' third 1-0 win in its last four games.

"We need to be really careful about those preconceived notions going in about playing a team that's lesser than us.... None of our games that we have left are a gimme by any shot." — Dick Ellis

Head golf coach

"A lot of people think Rice's performance is getting fatigued, and you get tired, and people were tired," Carri said. "But I don't think it's (tiredness). A lot of people come out one day and play well, but you have to work for each game. We have to play as well as our rival teams."

Senior midfielder Jackie Rellas said the Owls must maintain their focus for all games.

"One thing [assistant coach] Nicky Thrasher said that stuck with me was that we're not going to get any respect as a team until we get consistency," Rellas said.

Rice showed its potential Friday, rallying from a 3-0 deficit and outshooting rival and No. 2-ranked SMU 22-0. The Owls hoped to avenge a last-minute 2-1 defeat in the last year's WAC game but trailed 1-0 at halftime due to poor finishing advantage. In the 58th minute, SMU forward Amanda Jordan, a three-time all-WAC selection, penetrated the Rice defense that entered the game as the nation's best, slcing a cross from the end line on the ground to defender Kimberly Bailey, who finished easily from point-blank range. Just three minutes later, 2003 WAC Freshman of the Year Radrick Farms Intercollegiate's runner-up finish in the WAC game against Rice and its own penalty kick, which Owls converted, and WAC Offensive Player of the Week Marinx emerged from a scaresome first half with just six shots on goal and four corner kicks with about six minutes remaining. Owls played most of the remainder of the game in Smirnoff's half of the field, and the Owls' opportunity came on a corner kick with about six minutes remaining. No Rice player could connect, though, as the ball bounced through the penalty box and the initially cleared.

"It think Friday night [we] played well," Carri said. "That was probably the best we have played all year. We did everything defensively. Obviously we would have rather had a win.... We were disappointed in the result but not in the level of play."
DiSesa advances to quarters, freshmen win in first round

by Amber O'Umburmer

The women’s tennis team continued its maturation process last weekend, as the freshman-dominated squad had three players advance to the round of 32 at the Wilson/ITA Southwestern Regional Championships in College Station.

Junior Blair DiSesa and freshman Kimberly Patrane played doubles together for the third time in four fall tournaments after advancing to the consolation finals at the Baylor Invitational and the semifinals of the fall tournament at the Hilton/Plaza Rice Classic in September. DiSesa and Patrane continued to be Rice’s most successful doubles pairing, winning their Oct. 15 first-round match 8-3.

On Saturday, the third round of the main singles draws three freshmen advanced to the round of 16, highlighted by Karas’ 6-7, 6-1, 6-3 upset of second-seeded Rima Dzamska of the University of Houston. Head coach Roger White said Karas became the first freshman in the program’s history to win an opening round match at the ITA National Intercollegiate Outdoor Championships, which Rice has earned an invitation to since 1987.

The eighth-seeded Rice swept SMU in straight sets, 6-0, 6-3 in Sunday’s second round and following that with a 1-6, 6-1, 6-2 win over UNT (6-0, 6-2) to advance to the consolation finals of the top flight at the Hilton/Plaza Rice Classic in Houston.

DiSesa said it was inevitable that she and her doubles partner would fall as a singles player to the senior she beat, but she also predicted the freshmen overcame their experience gap.

"I really thought it would be a tough match, but we didn’t take advantage of it on that day," DiSesa said. "But after losing the tournament’s fourth seed in the first round, Chung rebounded in the consolation bracket, advancing to the semifinals with a win over Megan Schnurbach of North Texas and M&M’s Marta Drux, as well as an opponent’s default due to injury.

"This fall has been quite a building process," White said. "From our first tournament to the ITA National Intercollegiate Outdoor Championships, the whole team will have the opportunity to travel to Champaign, Ill., for the Midwest Blast, a mock dual-match event. Rice will play Illinois, Southern California and Florida in the first round. The eighth-seeded Rice continued her singles success past the first round. The eighth-seeded Rice continued her singles success past the first round. The eighth-seeded Rice continued her singles success past the first round. The eighth-seeded Rice continued her singles success past the first round. The eighth-seeded Rice continued her singles success past the first round. The eighth-seeded Rice continued her singles success past the first round. The eighth-seeded Rice continued her singles success past the first round. The eighth-seeded Rice continued her singles success past the first round.

DiSesa may be advancing to the quarterfinals, but she also predicted that her doubles partner will do better.

"I think we’re going to be really tough matches in the spring," DiSesa said.

The girl I played in the quarterfinals was definitely better, but I did take advantage of it on that day. I think we’re going to be really tough matches in the spring."
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**FRIDAY**

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**Body Art, Sounds Intriguing.**

The School of Architecture presents a Body Art Exhibition tonight at 10 p.m. in Anderson Hall. This could be really hot. To submit or present an exhibit, contact albahary@rice.edu.

**SATURDAY**

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**Mardi Gras!**

Hanszen College hosts its famed Mardi Gras Party tonight from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Hanszen Commons. The strip show is at midnight, so have your routine ready!

**MONDAY**

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**The Most Highly Anticipated and Informative Series of the Year...**

The Rice chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers will host a UNIX tutorial today through Wednesday in Byron Lab. The session will begin each day at 9 a.m. Come find all the answers to IBC's great mysteries... about UNIX.

**TUESDAY**

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**International Opportunities for Engineers**

Shannon Cates, associate director for international training, hosts an information session at 4 p.m. to discuss international opportunities for engineers. The information session will be held in the conference room on the second floor of the Student Center.

**Hey terrorists... terrorize this!**

The Baker Institute, Lessons in Governing from the White House Chiefs of Staff,* tonight at 6 p.m. in Baker Hall. Dr. Sulivan is an associate professor at the University of North Carolina and a former research fellow of the Baker Institute. To RSVP: fax (713) 348-5993 or contact HUPRST@rice.edu.

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**THURSDAY**

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**Travel. It's better than candy.**

Andrea Battle, assistant director for International Programs, will host an information session on the international opportunities available for students majoring in science and those interested in a career in medicine at 4 p.m. in the Miner Lounge of the Student Center.

**FRIDAY**

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**Important! Deadlines.**

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