869 vote at Rice precinct

by John Rehoe

Nineteen hours after the polls closed at Rice, President George W. Bush declared victory in his bid for a second term in the White House. Rice's precinct had 869 votes this election, up from 725 in the 2000 election. Rice Vote Coalition President Priscilla Parrett said she was happy that more students had been able to register in their hometowns.

"Most of our student population voted absentee because they wanted their vote to be counted in their home state," Parrett, a Martel College sophomore, said. "That made a big difference in the number of students that voted in Rice's precinct."

The official results from the precinct were not yet available as of Wednesday. Rice College Republicans President Pat Hastings credited the excitement of this election season with increasing interest in politics among students.

"Overall the campaign seems lit, but I think this is the year for hispanic voters," Hastings said. "There's a lot of interest, and I think this election helped turn that around to some degree."

The President's Office hosted an election viewing party that had only one major incident, according to Vice Provost and University Librarian Chuck Henry said. Major work on the first floor will be charged a fee, so hop on ESTHER who is not registered before the deadline. In the Student Center could only happen here.

In 2005, Head Baseball Coach Wayne Grissom and ESTHER, the online registration system, were elected homecoming king and queen.

In 2002, the newly-installed parking gates were elected homecoming king, "Darth Neil," and homecoming queen.


Smoke causes South Servery evacuation

by Jenny Reub

Students were evacuated from the South College Servery and Library renovation project to begin as early as December

by Monica Huang

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"I think it's pretty exciting, but I wanted to be a cheerleader, and I wanted the sun to make magic," Mokarzel said. "It was really sweet, though, I appreciate it."

"The Camacho then went. "They did us so much here, and I think it's very great that you guys elected the Camacho checks, Mokarzel said that was blindingly."

In the race for the King, the late Night Pic Club defeated Miami's new van, 1,400 students attended the party, up from 1 with a planned $14 million renovation have been progress-

In late December or early January and see� for scheduling for completion by August 2006, Library Services Dean Frank Henry said. Major work on the first floor will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rice Stadium.

With higher attendance than last year, fewer EMS calls and no arrests, organizers of the event said it was the most successful. The library will remain open and functional during the renovation. The service that will be affected by the project is the FLORIA.

The homecoming game against Fresno State will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rice Stadium.

Get registered

The deadline to register for classes for the spring semester is in mid-December. Anyone who is not registered before the deadline will be charged a fee, so hop on ESTHER and sign up for something.

Welcome home

Homecoming is this weekend, so don't be surprised if you see lots of people wandering around exclaiming about all the new buildings Rice has added since they left. Everyone who graduated in a year ending in a four or nine is having a class reunion.

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Fondren face-lift worth doing right

With renovation of the first, second and sixth floors of Fondren Library slated to begin soon — as early as December — we look forward to seeing how far $14 million can go.

We support the proposed renovations, many of which directly address the complaints of students. A new door on the west side of the library will make entrance more convenient. Instead of walking around the building when coming from the Student Center, Autry Court or Baker Hall, we can use the second door to enter from the opposite side, eliminating long walks.

We also like the idea of more communal areas and study spaces for undergraduates. The cafe and coffeehouse planned for the first floor will give us an on-campus alternative to off-campus study spots like Drichtich Coffee and Borders. Although we think the cafe will make the library more inviting, we hope a smart design will keep noise from reaching other areas of the first and second floors.

We welcome the addition of undergraduate and graduate study spaces on the sixth floor, which currently houses offices and book stacks. Only students with Rice IDs will have access, and we hope these study lounges will be more spacious and more comfortable than the library’s current study accommodations.

Although some of the construction will occur over the summer, we hope the construction that does begin in December or January will not substantially disrupt students studying in the library. If possibility, sending loud noise should be put off until after the spring semester ends.

At 55 years old, Fondren could use a facelift. The last renovation was completed in 1987, and since then, plans to raze the library and completely rebuild it were scrapped due to the economic downturn in 2001 and concerns about possible flooding of proposed underground levels. Although we’d rather see a new library, and we’re not sure how cost-effective this renovation will be, we understand that other proposed building projects are a priority, and we welcome any effort to modernize old-fashioned Fondren. If we won’t be getting a brand-new library anytime soon, at least we’ll be getting a better one.

GDP no friend of minority groups

To the editor:

Regarding the opinion article, “GDP Record Shows Concern for Minorities.” Oct. 8 (have you said that Landon Roussel has failed to check his facts. Fortunately, it would take a CA report to show this.

First, the No Child Left Behind Program has benefited blacks in actu- ally the same way as it has all other students in the United States, not to mention the Bush administration has failed at every attempt made at changing the system, despite receiving the requested funds from Congress. It is a surprise to anyone who has grown up in Texas and seen the effect of Bush’s “reforma- tion reform” in his state.

Roussel claims that Kerry merely pays lip service to minority issues. I suppose Kerry’s proposed tax cuts for the working class are simply lip service. I suppose his plans to stop outsourcing and bring much needed labor jobs back to the United States are simply lip service. Appearantly, Kerry does not attack the central problem of uninsured Americans, even though he plans to cut insurance premiums, extend health care coverage to 95 percent of American citizens and cut the cost of prescription medicine, which has increased dramatically during Bush’s presidency, thanks to lobbying efforts of insurance companies.

And let’s not forget that blacks and Hispanics were only marginally represented in the United States. What about women and homosexuals? Bush stands firmly in his party’s core belief about removing a woman’s right to choose in abortions. He has recommended a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, relegating those who follow that lifestyle to second-class citizen status.

It is not only Bush’s affiliation that speaks for his position on minority issues. His presidency has not as improved the status of any group but the wealthy. His attempts at courting the Hispanic and black votes with other hardworking groups will hit a brick wall, fall off, and we realize that no one has seen any practical benefit from them.

Aida Solano
Brown sophomore

NOD about decadence, not partisan heckling

To the editor:

I, like most students in attendance, had a blast at Night of Decadence. But I was surprised by the amount of partisanship being displayed at all places, the biggest party of the year. So I got conservative (doughnuts anyone?) and shared with my friends how much fun we had in Sharpe all over again.

If this is what you need to step up your game, you are doing a fine job. Congratulations! I do not approve of the negative impact this has on everyone who does not follow the Bush/Kerry lifestyle. It’s quite a disappointment.

NOD is about going out and meeting your friends and having a good time, not heckling someone because they like Bush or Kerry because they are conservative/free liberal because they want to. How many time in a row can you do this without running into problems?

I look forward to seeing another fine party on Tuesday, where we have to define who you are and the friends you have.

Lake Shad
Baker junior

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Rice for Life hands out truth, not fact

Members of Rice for Life recently placed flyers on the tables of several dining halls that classifies women who have had induced abortions as murderers. Developing breast cancer or bearing children were additional crimes.

If true, this startling statistic is interesting because it has an impact on current debates regarding public health. For example, the National Cancer Institute recently updated some of the most commonly used epidemiological data on breast cancer risk.

The Institute of Medicine, which has been criticized for its methodology and for overlooking some controversial medical studies, recently analyzed the new Institute of Medicine data and found that the risk of breast cancer is lower than previously believed.

In other words, the best and brightest minds in the medical field have agreed that the Institute of Medicine's data is correct.

But how do we know this? How do we decide which studies to believe? How do we determine the validity of medical research? How can we be sure that the data we are using is accurate?

These are important questions that are often asked by medical researchers, doctors, and patients.

Rice for Life is one organization that is working to address these questions. They are promoting the use of evidence-based medicine and encouraging the public to seek out reliable sources of medical information.

Rice for Life is committed to providing accurate and up-to-date information about breast cancer risk. Their goal is to help people make informed decisions about their health.

Rice for Life encourages people to question the information they receive from the media and healthcare providers. They believe that everyone should have access to accurate and reliable information about breast cancer risk.

Rice for Life is a valuable resource for anyone looking to learn more about breast cancer risk. They provide a wealth of information on this important topic and offer a platform for discussion and debate.

In summary, Rice for Life is an organization that is dedicated to providing accurate and up-to-date information about breast cancer risk. Their goal is to help people make informed decisions about their health and to ensure that everyone has access to reliable information.
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POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period Oct. 27-Nov. 2.

Residential Colleges

Loevell College Oct. 28 Lost wallet reported.

Wiese College Oct. 31 Rice EMS began treating an intoxicated student at night of Decadence. Student began fighting with emergency medical technicians and was detained by RUPD. Houston Fire Department transported subject to Ben Taub Hospital emergency room. Subject later released back to RUPD and referred to University Court for assault and public intoxication.

Sid Richardson College Nov. 1 Bicycle stolen.

Brown College Nov. 1 Bicycle stolen.

Baker College Nov. 2 Wallet stolen from purse.

Academic Buildings

Dell Butcher Hall Oct. 31 Officer observed grafitti on building facing Alumni Dr. Facilities and Engineering notified.

Other Buildings

Aury Court Oct. 30 Report of shirtless, intoxicated student causing a disturbance at Aury Court. Student found walking away from the gym. Subject was intoxicated and told RUPD officers he "has a girlfriend back at the gym." Subject referred to U. Court for public intoxication and released to a caregiver.

Parking Lots

RUPD Lot Nov. 2 Struggle between male and female in front of RUPD. Male received criminal trespass warning and left campus.

Facilities and Engineering technicians responded immediately and began working on the AC unit. Ditman said.

By 1 p.m., students were allowed back into the servery. Rags said a few students ate at the servery between 1 and 1:30 p.m. Ditman said F&E technicians were still working on a permanent fix for the AC unit. He said because the building is relatively new, the contractor that built it may pay for the repairs. The South College Servery opened in fall 2001.

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Evacuation

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The Rice emergency medical technicians who were trying to take care of him. NOD Security Coordinator Jack Hardcastle, a Wiess junior, said the student arrived at the ticket tables too intoxicated to stand up.

"We called EMS and asked them to evaluate him," Hardcastle said. "They came and took charge of him. He didn't want to be assisted, so he started throwing punches at the [EMTs]."

Rice University Police Chief Bill Taylor said RUPD officers initially planned to take the student to jail after he got out of the hospital. Instead, they referred him to Assistant Dean for Student Judicial Programs Don Outsidk.

"By the time the student came back from the hospital, he was pretty drunk and had settled down a little bit," Taylor said. "And he said the right stuff—he seemed pretty apologetic. But at one point in time his behavior was such that he came pretty close to going to jail. He basically assaulted the [EMTs]."

Outsidk will have the option of remanding the student to University Court or handling the case himself.

Martel College freshman Becca Ostdiek will have the option of a deferred referral to University Court and a deferred referral to University Court.

Taylor said this year's NOD was an organized and fun event for students. "I wish the other parties on campus would go that well," Taylor said. "And I worry more about the other ones than NOD.

Approximately 25 students worked as care-taking, and more than 100 worked as security guards, assisted by six RUPD officers. Intoxicated students treated by EMS were released to caretakers from their own colleges.

Security volunteers worked in teams of two to enforce the alcohol policy, check wristbands at the entrances and relay information to the NOD security coordinators.

Hardcastle attributed the lower number of tickets and EMS calls to better planning, such as moving the ticket tables from the Wiess entrance to the Hines Annex patio, and a greater familiarity with the new Wiese Commons.

"It's the third year we've been in this building, and we're still trying to hang the place where to put people and where to put ticket tables, but I think we've worked it out for the most part," Hardcastle said. "So it should be smooth going from here on out."
Directories arrive on campus

by Karin Balbuz

The 2004-05 Campus Directory arrived on schedule this week and is now available for students to pick up at their college co-curricular offices.

Distribution of the 8,000 copies began Monday. Unlike last year, no major errors have been discovered in the directory, Student Media Advisor Jen Cooper (Will Rice '90) said. However, some students said they were not happy with the final product.

The directory, compiled by the Office of Student Media, contains contact information such as room numbers, phone numbers and addresses for students, faculty, staff and retirees.

Last year's campus directory contained erroneous contact information for some undergraduates. New students have phone numbers, the directory, and returning students' room phone numbers from 2003-04 were printed as a supplement distributed in mid-February contracted the errors by March.

This year's directory contained a 13-page revision for faculty and staff whose last names begin with "A." A second supplement for students will be distributed with the current directories.

The contact information for students is gathered by the Registrar's Office. Business Resources provides student, faculty and e-mail information for the Office of Student Media collects student office extensions, the student's handles-administrators contact information and the Telecommunications Department gathers departmental information. People can choose to designate that their information not appear in the directory.

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Halloween Hoopla

Lovett College sophomore Lorenzo Williams, a guard on the men’s basketball team, competes in the slam dunk competition during Halloween Hoops Sunday at Autry Court. The event, held for the third consecutive year, is put on by the Rowdy Owls.

“Looking for that atmosphere.”

Henry said. "You come, and you'll be able to see much more quickly where people are and where you want to go.”

The only major component of the renovation for which design has not been completed is the first floor pavilion, a planned cafe area near the new west entrance. The pavilion will protrude from the building into the quad behind the library.

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Foxx achieves amazing transformation in 'Ray'

Michael Hardy, THRESHER STAFF

The tag line for the new film Ray — "A man who fought harder and went farther than anyone else perhaps" — applies both to the film's subject, the legendary musical innovator Ray Charles, and to its star, the not-quite-legendary but soon-to-be very-famous Jamie Foxx.

Foxx did not have to overcome blindness or the prejudices of Jim Crow America, but he did emerge from the wasteland of stand-up comedy, television and Duilio Call to become, in just two films, perhaps the most prominent black actor of his generation. The New York Times' A.O. Scott even had the temerity to liken the two men, saying that Ray is "a very good movie about greatness, in which celebrating the achievement of one major artist is the occasion for the emergence of another."

Foxx's performance is one part mimicry — he specialized as a comedian in impersonations, including one of Charles — and two parts method acting. Foxx digs deep and delivers a joyful performance of real physical and emotional complexity. With four months remaining before the Academy Awards, nearly every critic and ardent handicapper has Foxx penciled in for two nominations, one for his role — from Crone's tax-dodger in Collateral, which opened in August, and another due by the early favorite to win the Best Actor Oscar for the latter.

When he bounded onstage to answer questions after an advance screening of the film in September, Foxx appeared exhausted from round-the-clock junketing (he has received some encouragement from the latter. He is the early favorite to win the Best Actor Oscar for the latter.)

Next came the eye prosthetics, but he seemed to gather energy from the standing ovation and the film received. When he first met Charles in preparation for the film, Foxx said, "I wanted to be鲨sh by saxophone. Charles began by teaching him a piece by The losers Monk, whose compositions are notoriously difficult. When Foxx missed a note, Charles turned to him and shouted: "Now why the hell would you do that?" The audience chuckled at Foxx's dead-on impersonation, but he said Charles was genuinely upset.

"You laugh now, but at that time he was very serious about it, and in a sense he was testing me," Foxx said. "I said I didn't understand, and he said: 'Well, the notes are right underneath your fingers.' So from that point on, I just kept getting better. I realized that while he was blind, the music and all its harmony was almost a sixth sense for him. So I learned that as a metaphor through the movie, that for everyone in the notes are right underneath their fingers.'"

A teenager who grew up in Tex- rell, Texas, outside of Dallas, Foxx directed his church choir before receiving a classical piano scholarship to the United States International University in San Diego. Despite his first misstep with Charles, Foxx must have done something right in the interview by the end of their session. Charles had assigned Foxx as his cinematic double. That was only the beginning of his work on the film.

Foxx said he lost 33 pounds to make himself look more like the young, stringy Charles. During the process of getting into character, he received some encouragement from another former stand-up comedian.

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BLUES BEFORE SUNSET

Jamie Foxx stars as late musician Ray Charles in Ray, director Taylor Hackford's biographical film now in theaters.

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Distinctive Latin flair sets new opera apart

Christina M. Frangos

Houston Grand Opera's presentation of the world premiere of the Latin-Salvadorian opera Salsipuedes, a moving story of two couples, is an example of the unique opportunities in the world of opera.

Salsipuedes was written by the late composer Roberto Cidadi, and is based on the real-life story of two couples, (Ana Matia Martinez, left) and Magali (Zheng Cao) desperately search port after port for the frigate. They eventually find their husbands and disguise themselves aboard the ship.

The plot progresses with as- asinassinations, betrayal and power usurpation. The opera's happy ending is partially unexpected.

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I'm hooked: My new 'Housewives' addiction

I don't know about you, but it seems that every time I turn on the television, I find people eating disgusting things. Fried tater tots, greasy pig intestines come to mind. I've never found dining on worms and similar delicacies very appealing, so lately I have felt no desire to pick up the remote. NBC's 'Four Feathers' started this gross-out reality trend, but every network is guilty of sacrificing thoughtful original programming for sensationalism.

Until now. After several flat, formulaic seasons, ABC has lifted itself out of the dank stench of reality TV and given viewers 'Desperate Housewives,' a ridiculous, addictive new series. Set on the fictitious Wisteria Lane, the show chronicles the deeply humorous misadventures of four middle-aged women.

There's Lynette (Sandra Bullock), a formerly ambitious career woman now staying at home to wrangle her dysfunctional twin, Sean (Jared Clark & Teri Hatcher), a recent divorcee looking for a husband; and Bree (Marcia Cross), a prankish socialite.

And there's Julia (Felicity Huffman), an over-the-top woman that is easy enough to relate to, but just over-the-top people that are easy enough to relate to, but just over-the-top. These characters are slightly exaggerated versions of real people that are easy enough to relate to, but just over-the-top. That's the fourth time she's washed her car this week.

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The vocalists’ powerful voices and acting abilities are impressive. Mezzo-soprano Cao sings with a rich and agile tone when covering her sister Lucera to remain positive in their ordeal. Cao adopts a nasal voice when disguised on the worship and intentionally conspicuous. Martinez has the vocal ability to sing with tenderness and passion when expressing anger at her drunken and cheating husband, while still keeping her sweet nature. Her duet with Ulises almost sounds like a romantic period aria in homage to love.

The angelic harp sounds FUSE with the color of the wind instruments, and the orchestra’s various timbres and textures make for a strong overall performance.

The ship El Invencible looks remarkably like a WWII warship with red cradited sides. Yet the contrasting starkness of the stage is more prominent during several of the duets between the two sisters Lucera and Migali.

Despite a few lengthy scenes that feel out of place, Catan’s production encompasses all of the elements of good opera — love, death and conflict, along with distinct and colorful music.

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Jamie Foxx is receiving rave reviews for his performance as late musician Ray Charles in director Taylor Hackford’s Ray, a new biographical film.

"He’s a white director in Hollywood who makes a picture about a black man, and they don’t do that," Foxx said. "And then he listened, too. You know, sometimes (black entertainers) have to compromise how we are. But those guys that you see on that film really gave you the essence of what it’s about, so we give props to Taylor Hackford for taking that chance.

Ray Charles, who passed away in June, did not live to attend the film’s premiere, but Foxx said he did get to see a final version of the film "in his own way." Along with many members of the cast and crew, Foxx was Ray Charles filming before working on the movie. He said his current favorite song is "Mary Ann."

"When he says, ‘Mary Ann, you know you look so good,’ basically at that time he was seeing his career, his relationship with his lady, his kids. But he said you know, ‘You look so good. Here’s a man who can’t see, but she looks so fine and she went beyond that darkness and touched him in a way that made him say, ‘You gotta take a chance on this Mary Ann.’"

Similarly, Taylor Hackford took his chance on Jamie Foxx — a comedian turned actor with only a few dramatic roles to his credit — and established Foxx as the breakout sensation of 2004.

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Cross country captures first WAC championship

by Matt McClelland

Led by junior Marcel Hewamudalige, the first male Rice runner since the 1970s to win an individual conference title, the men's cross country team won its first Western Athletic Conference championship since 2001 Saturday at Lincoln Parish Park in Ruston, La.

The young team, comprised of three seniors, two juniors, four sophomores and one freshman, took control of the race's top 10 places, and Hewamudalige edged Mircea Bogdan of the University of Texas-El Paso by 36 seconds, with a time of 24:42, 42.13 seconds on the eighth-kilometer course. Bogdan had defeated Hewamudalige in the Chile Pepper Invitational two weeks earlier in Arkansas.

Hewamudalige's win was the team's third in four races this fall, and was named the WAC's Cross Country Athlete of the Week.

"We've never had success like this [during my time here]," Warren said. "This is the third WAC cross country championship for Rice since 1992.

Hewamudalige's teammates are now preparing for the NCAA South Central Regional Competition in Waco Nov. 13. To advance to the NCAA championships, held by Texas A&M, Ind. and Nev., the Owls must finish first or second at regions. With Arkansas, one of the nation's best teams, all but certain to finish first, Rice must defeat Texas A&M, Stephen F. Austin, Texas and Sam Houston, all of whom finished ahead of the Owls at last year's regional.

"The best competition for us is Texas — they're second in the Big 12," Warren said. "But I think that this team can beat them."

Davis and Robson have both missed meets and practices this season due to injuries, and Warren said they have improved rapidly since recovering, and their week's performance was crucial in their preparation.

"If they can race the way they can, we can make it in nationals," Warren said. "We can be top two at nationals."

Gorry wins women's WAC race

by Melissa Dominguez

After finishing seventh and third in her freshman and sophomore seasons, junior Karen Gorry captured the Western Athletic Conference individual title at last weekend's WAC Cross Country Championships in Ruston, La. Rice finished second to Southern Methodist University, which had runner-up finishers finish in the race's top 10.

"We raced as well as we could have raced," senior assistant track and field coach in charge of cross country Jim Bevan said. "SMU was the clear favorite — they are ranked 12th in the country, and we knew we needed a good performance at all positions to finish well.""We raced hard and gave every bit of what we had," Gorry said. "I am happy I was, but am happier with the effort I gave the entire race. I made it a race. I made it a competition to do at the finish."

Gorry completed the five-kilometer race in 17 minutes, 59 seconds and led the field of about 70 runners from start to finish.

"She really put it together, and it was a result of her day to day habits and determination," Bevan said. "The field she dominated was the best field we've had in the WAC in last ten years. The most amazing thing is that all of this is coming from a freshman last year."

Freshman Marissa Daniels finished fifth overall in 17:08.31. "I didn't really know what to expect since this was my first conference race," Daniels said. "Kate has helped me a lot and given me a lot of great advice. I knew the competition would be tough, but I thought I could do it.""I am excited for her to race at regionals because I want everybody else to see how good she can be," Bevan said.

Daniels also earned WAC/WACAC honors, one of only two freshmen in the conference to do so.

"It was an unbelievable race and she seems to have an even better effort every race," Gorry said. "I am excited for her to race at regionals because I want everybody else to see how good she can be." Freshman Laura Reilly also finished in the race's top 31, taking 17th in 18:42.40. Juniors Ana Reive and Lauren Blakey and sophomore Megan Sanford finished within 10 seconds of each other in 32nd, 33rd and 34th places, respectively.

"Megan and I ran together the whole way, and that really helped," Murphy said. "There were times in the middle of the race when neither one of us was in the lead. Someone at the very end was pushing Megan to push me, and that really helped."

The team now turns its focus to the regional meet, the top two teams — among 16 — and the top four individuals qualify for the NCAA championships.

Football looks to rebound in homecoming game

by Adam Tahakian

After losing its last three games, all on the road, the football team hopes to keep its home record perfect entering against Western Athletic Conference foe Fresno State University at its annual homecoming game at 2 p.m. at Rice Stadium.

"We've lost all our road games, but we've won all the home ones," Rice head football coach Ken Hatfield said. "We're going to give them our best shot. I'm expecting the Fresno to begin the season on us and come out.

Tonight's contest will be the sixth meeting between the two schools, and Fresno State has won the first five. Many games in the series have been close, however. The Owls lost home games in 2000 and 2002 against the Bulldogs and last year's matchup against the Bulldogs by three points each. Head coach Ken Hatfield said his seniors will be mentioned to lead Fresno State before leaving Rice.

"We've played some good games with them, but we have not defeated Fresno," Hatfield said. "We play them good all the time here, and we played them good last all their place for the first time... The biggest thing is the seniors' leadership — being sure everybody else is ready to play."

Junior cornerback Raymorris Barnes of the Owls perfect record at home this season bodes well for them against Fresno State and its WAC-leading defense.

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Football vs. Fresno State (Rice Stadium)
Men's Tennis Rice versus Utah (UH Rec Center)
Women's Basketball exhibition vs. EVI Sports (Autry Court)
Volleyball at UH (Hofheinz Pavilion)
Men's Basketball exhibition vs. Augusta (Autry Court)
**Twin killing: Bryans will play Barkers on campus**

by Amber Obreneyer

Tennis stars Bob and Mike Bryan have captured a grand slam title, and are now the No. 1 doubles team in the world and have won more than four million dollars in combined prize money. If they want to keep climbing their way to the top of the tennis mountain, they will have to win a match this week at Lake Honda Tennis Center.

The Barkers will play an exhibition against Rice alumni Richard Barker '04 and William Ladhani '04 Barker Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

"The Bryans played a lot of singles to start, and it wasn't until later that they realized they needed to focus on doubles," Richard Barker said. "The Barkers came out of college with their number one choice being to play doubles—they know what their niche is," Ladhani said. "The Bryans have shown us that it is possible to be a doubles specialist and not play any singles, and that's what the Barkers want to do."

In their three seasons as professionals, the Barkers, who began their ITA National Indoor Championships as juniors in the fall of 2002 have dominated the sport. In singles they've won the NCAA title, the ITA National Men's Tennis tournament, and the ITF World Champions. In doubles, they've won the National Indoor, the ITF World Outdoor championships, and the NCAA title.

"I think the Barkers are the best doubles team of all time. The Bryans certainly have the advantage," Richard Barker said. "It wasn't until late in the match that we put up a good fight. The Bryans were very seasoned at doubles; they have the advantage." Ladhani said.

"I remember knowing our coach, so when they approached us, we were very happy," Richard Barker said. "It was great to see us play and win a tournament for the first time."

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**Soccer two wins from NCAA bid**

by Jonathan Yandle

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**Massengale breaks Rice 1,000 record**

**by D'yon Peoples**

The Owls swam the 1,000-yard freestyle, followed by a relays relay, and finished first in both races, setting a new school record in the 4x200 relay. Rice won both the 1,650 free and the 400 medley relay.

**Tulsa kickoff return seals football defeat**

**by Adam Tabakin**

Despite changing its starting quarterback and placekicker, the football team lost its fifth consecutive road game Saturday, 39-22 at the University of Tulsa. The Owls were outscored by a 22-point margin, with Tulsa scoring the only touchdown of the first half.

The Golden Hurricane struck first on a 32-yard pass from quarterback Cody Davis to wide receiver Braxton Berrios, who ran the ball down to the 5-yard line. The Owls were unable to convert on third down, and Tulsa lined up for a field goal attempt.

The Owls' only score of the game came on a 28-yard field goal by junior kicker Dajuan Cooper, who was trusted with the extra point after Tulsa's second touchdown.

With 3:25 remaining in the game, Tulsa lined up for a 35-yard field goal attempt. The Owls were unable to block the kick, and Tulsa scored on the play.

The Owls' final chance came on a 41-yard field goal attempt with 1:49 remaining in the game. The Owls lined up for the kick, but Tulsa was able to block the attempt, sealing the win for the Golden Hurricane.

**Volleyball nears postseason**

**by Scott Selinger**

With a 10-1 record in Western Athletic Conference play, the volleyball team (21-3 overall) enters the final weekend of the regular season needing to win both matches to secure a top 25 ranking and a berth in the NCAA Championship.

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Sid shuts out Wiess, remains undefeated

by Stephen Whitfield

TheSid Hamburg Powder-puff team increased its winning streak to 18 games and pulled within one game of its second consecutive perfect regular season.

From 40 yards out and caught San Jose State guardier Adrienne Herbst off guard, snagging the ball under the keeper for a 6-0 lead. Despite dominating early, Rice struggled to maintain its advantage against the physical Spartans. Three four-way alignment, Senior sweeper Carla Caram and senior midfielder Marisa Calvan each scored twice to take the lead, and senior goalkeeper Lauren Shockey made two more saves in the showdown. Houston said: "Rice had all three of our best players and it was the regional's best defense. Shockey, Curry and Droeger were all first-team All-WAC Wednesday, but the break down and Shockey earned the 2004 Player of the Year award for the conference.

"We've had so much experience and say, 'You have a lot of offense, your defense is tough,'" Houston said. "The four of them have a special bond together, and they were superb.

The Owls played superb defense, dominating Fresno State in another 1-0 victory, shooting the Bulldogs 1-0. Rice said it was all the better as it allows Coach adherence to the game. It was our goal to get as far as possible without having to change our defense, and we're not about to start now.

After each team punted on its first possession, both teams put on an efficient 69-yard drive with a touchdown, but the Owls could not score a touchdown.

The Owls finished with a perfect 7-0 record, maintaining its 10-0 mark, and senior forward Becky MacAllister leads the team with 11 goals. The Owls are 2-0, Baker has lost its last five games to the WAC. The Owls are in the final four in the regular season, with just four goals allowed, an average of 0.37 GAA are both new WAC records. Rice will play in the conference tournament this weekend. In another Powder-puff Game of the Week, Rice's 4-0 record in the Pacific Division, the Owls will also have the Owls' first recruiting class in 2001, were honored before the game.

"I got there, and we just got confused and we didn't have too much control over the ball as much as they did," Shockey said. "They just got confused and we didn't have too much control over the ball as much as they did."

Shockey said: "With what they have on offense, we have to do things differently on defense than we've been doing. We don't afford to look past them because they are a tough team, and we're not about to start now."
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Tngg, Reyes. J.D. Wood 1-5, Moore 1-5, Bailey 1-5.

Ejections: none.

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MONDAY

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TUESDAY

Why can't the Amish go water-skiing? Because their horses can't swim.

SUNDAY

Insults 103: What sexual position produces the ugliest babies?
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