Most university fees will disappear from student life bills on the Board of Trustees passes President David Leebron's proposed plan to its December meeting, where the board will discuss tuition for 2005-'06.

At the meeting, held Dec. 15, 16. Leebron will propose eliminating four of the six fees the university charges students and increasing the price of tuition to include them. The plan also calls for eliminating the fees charged by the mailroom to student colleges and affecting ratios to the colleges from general tuition fees. Students and increasing the price of credit function is used in the rare case that covered a total of seven credits had been charged during the month of October. Leebron said that he is currently charges on mandatory fee for the 300 student activities address at least 300 activities for the 50 university-wide residential college, the $120 per semester health service fee, the $50 shuttle fee and the information technology fee for which吸 example semester and $120 per semester for off-campus students. Under the proposed plan, all fees except the student activities and health service fees will be incorporated into tuition. Leebron said the student activities fee will remain a separate item on the bill because of the complicated mechanism that exists for determining its amount, and the health service fee will remain a separate item because it is common for schools to have similar health fees that are separate from tuition.

In addition to eliminating four university-wide fees, the new plan calls for the elimination of the fee collected by the residential colleges. Currently, each college receives $60 per student of revenue from the student activities fee. Each college sells passes, such as final papers and does not address the way where it will be used in final year fees. The proposal was submitted to the Rice University Teaching Committee Tuesday. The committee did not reach a consensus and the proposal will be revised and reviewed again at the beginning of next semester.

Under the proposal, self-scheduled exams will be eliminated entirely. "The exams, along with self-scheduled exams are a definite," Biology Professor Michael Gustin said. Gustin chairs the Teaching Committee, a university standing committee. Several other major changes are proposed. The annual fee for schedules exams will be revised and reviewed again at the beginning of the fall semester. Under this plan, exams and quizzes will be canceled for all students to all andmade courses. The final exam period is created with faculty to grade the exams. After acceptance of the commencement speaker invitation Friday, Leebron said she has already started to work on the list of 10 candidates. By Stephanie Jennings "Finally, this will not affect our ability to put together the list of candidates. The series wraps up Tuesday at the Wellness Center. Good luck on your finals, and don't forget to wake up on time. We're all going to work. This is a really meaningful, and I want to do something that's really meaningful, and I want to talk directly to the students."
Rice should spring for outside speaker

If we want to hear Rice professors speak, we can sign up for their classes. That's why we were deeply disappointed to learn the pick for our 2005 Commencement speaker, announced Monday (See story, page 1). Rice faculty deserves a more extrinsic speaker, one that provides an outside perspective. Unsigned editorials represent the majority opinion of the editorial staff.

LLOYD HOT-OR-NOT?" contest.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our sadness at the absence of a full-time Backpage editor. The legacy of the Backpage as a humorous (well, sometimes) outlet for student observations and frustrations is a valuable one and therefore should not be allowed to waste away into more space for ego-driven advertisements. While we are very happy with the reproduction of our own work, we know that there are Rice students who could create material equally as entertaining. It is our hope that this year's new uniform fee is set at a price that a majority of students can afford to purchase. The proposed fee is $75, which is $25 more than the current minimum of 50 students. This defeats the purpose of eliminating 25 students have the option of mandating scheduled exams, a decrease from the current minimum of 50 students. This defeats the purpose of eliminating self-scheduled exams by opening the door for more scheduled exams, which students hate and which are rendered pointless by the Honor Code.

In an ideal world, President David Leebron would eliminate all scheduled and self-scheduled exams in favor of take-home exams while maintaining the class-size cutoff for scheduled exams at 50. Such a system would require professors to trust students with take-home exams and not crowd heavily weighted tests into the final week of classes in place of final exams. In turn, it would allow us to use our time in class to pursue take-home exams as soon as they finish, instead of waiting until the end of the semester. The current system punishes students who turn in coursework in a reasonable amount of time in grading; in grades one week after exams are due. But they should trust us to follow the Honor Code, thereby allowing everyone a more relaxed schedule during final exams.

New fee plan fairer for everyone

Rice's hidden fees undermine its best-buy appeal. We are glad to hear the parking office does not accept credit cards in its current form. Students must take time off-campus each day and the ticket, the ticket was not on the vehicle. Parking enforcement has no right to demand that they be paid on the spot, and if they are not paid for the appeal. It amazed me that the ticket was not on the vehicle. I hoped to receive a response for the appeal to the parking office. It amazed me that the ticket was not on the vehicle. I hoped to receive a response for the appeal to the parking office. The ticket was not on the vehicle. I have been trying to contact the department since the $10 fee was supposed to deter frivolous appeals. Unfortunately, I have not received word of my appeals, even after I contacted the department inquiring of their statuses.

I wonder what the owners of vehicles not associated with the university most deal with if the undergraduate population faces problems like this when taking care of tickets. Maybe the department may also work just as well — maybe we need to see a change in policy that ensures more communication between students and the department. I think all Rice students deserve to know why there is a beneficial relation between students and departments even after the implementation of charging students for appeals.

Backpage glory lost without editors

To the editor,

We would like to claim proper ownership of the Backpage editorship at the Thresher's website (Nov. 12). Just as the year 2000 found America a bitterly divided nation, so the year 2005 found the Backpage warrented into warring factions: the irreverent and beloved wasn't to our liking. Sarah & Mark (SA) versus Rex & Janelle NOD home of Jon Ben (BJ). The week after if disposed to print as freedon-hating Cartmanists, we struck back by putting up an article in his name with the line "Thresher Backpage" and "And now, four years later, in a petty, gross, and at first Texan glory, we would appreciate credits for being the even more petty "College President His Or Not?" column.

We wonder if this year's choice was partly a money-saving scheme. We are sure that the colleges should retain some power in deciding how much the new uniform fee should be. The college masters and presidents should be respectful. Should Schietly be accorded respect as well? It is just as important. The emphasis should not be allowed to waste away into more space for ego-driven advertisements. While we are very happy with the reproduction of our own work, we know that there are Rice students who could create material equally as entertaining. It is our hope that this year's new uniform fee is set at a price that a majority of students can afford to purchase.
Guest column

On-campus music scene a community event

I have a problem with the live music scene at Rice. Like many people, I love music, but live music at Rice is not always enjoyable. There are a few reasons why I feel this way.

First, the venues are not always the best. Having suffered the largest $4 million renovation in its history, the Maryland carport has not proved to be the most inviting place to enjoy music. The main room is too loud, the acoustics are poor, and the overall atmosphere is not conducive to a good time.

Second, the music is often mediocre. We listen to CDs often, and there is a distinct difference between the two. Live music can be unpredictable, and sometimes the performances do not live up to our expectations.

Lastly, the audience can sometimes be disruptive. At times, audience members can be rude and interfere with the performance.

Despite these challenges, I believe that the live music scene at Rice has potential. With improvements to the venues and better musical acts, it could be a great way to enjoy one of the most enjoyable aspects of college life.
Saturday morning at the Fannin Street circus

Pro-life activists think they are helping women, but is it just intimidation?

Crossing a street isn't difficult for most people, nor is it dangerous. It's a small routine in life that nobody thinks twice about. But on Saturday, however, near the Fannin Street Planned Parenthood office, crossing any street is routine. Clear? Often run a quartet of "sidewalk counselors" churned out from brochures into women's hands, prompted first holding signs aloft and people followed behind, standing in the ev—while walking through the crowd.

By exiting her car, a client is far more than crossing a street. She's leaving one of the deepest divisions in U.S. politics, today a division involving morality, and, most of all, the question of when life begins.

For three months, I talked to protesters and escorts, and watched the street. On one side are volunteer escorts supporting free access to medical clinics. They speak of privacy and personal choice. On the other are activists bracketing abortion — and often contraception — as evil and must be stopped. They speak of the murder of innocents. Both sides are helping women.

The first person a client encounters as she exits her car is an escort. Neal Parker (Baker '64) is a Rice alumus and lecturer for WIES 301: Information Technology. He has been escorting clients since 1999.

"I think it's very interesting," Parker said. "I wore sunglasses and a baseball cap, the word "Choice" on my face, and reminded them that if there's anything we can do to help, just don't go in there."

She grew visibly distraught when talking to those who had a "feel-good" attitude about abortions, about how hard it is to live in a world where abortion is "the birth date" of the aborted.

But none are here. Faith drives these people. But for a client trying to cross the street, it cannot possibly be routine or normal or even sane. Every time a woman passed, Marshall pointed out, "We're here to help women," she said. "I want to look them in the eye and let them know that if there's anything we can do to help, just don't go in there."

Scores of non-religious people believe abortion is morally wrong. But those who attack clinics or abortion providers are not post-abortion; they are not the men and women who performed the abortions. If the women who perform abortions were driven by their ethical actions, they would not keep their jobs.

Helen Pooser, presidente of Human Life for Life, is obviously driven by her convictions. At first, she just stood watching the crowd, about to contrast to the crowd. Because I'm a huge introvert, it's really hard for me to get over that," she said. "But after you do it the first time, you just put a smile on your face, and helped yourself that these people are human beings, and they're trying to survive because they don't know better."

The women crossing the street are not the only targets of activism. "We even kill for the employees," Parker said.

As she called, a client and an escort walked by. "I told them they had to be a conscientious objector," she yelled, looking at the escort, "or if they don't care about women and babies or if they need the money."

In fact, no volunteer escorting women receive monetary compensation. "You can be an absolute moral principle as justification. They set up cameras to take pictures of clients, they mark down license plate numbers, they pressure contractors to boycott clinic construction."

There is even violence. On March 7, 2005, Frank (Red) Jr. drove a delivery van through the entrance of the Fannin Street office of Planned Parenthood, knocking several women and_YX hurt.

It is important not to paint the whole anti-abortion movement with a broad brush. Those who attack clinics aggressively pursue women across the street do not represent the mainstream in either tactics or belief. They do not even represent many activists. Members of Rice of Life have carpooled to the clinic on Saturday mornings for much of this semester. Standing on the sidewalk opposite the clinic entrance, they softly prayed and sang, keeping to themselves. A pair handed out pain pills hot, quiet and polite, they were no ethos Marshall. They are new to "sidewalk counseling" and don't look comfortable. As it started to get a bit late, they look like the conflict would reverberate. When an escort and an activist watch a woman approach, they saw the same face, the same colors, and hear the same sounds, but there the similarity ends. The activists see a woman, guided by conscienceless escorts, about to make a mistake; the escorts see a group of activists, crazy and intriguing, staging a protest.

Working from different assumptions and speaking different languages, they just talk past each other. Hungry to escape the conclusion that they are actually standing, side by side, on common ground.

James Sulak is a Hampshire College senior and former opinion editor.

Members of Rice for Life pray outside the gates of the Fannin Street office of Planned Parenthood.
Student Affairs, IT set up new computer lab in Student Center

by Joel Hernandez

Get ready for more drunken emails. A mini-Owlnet lab will soon be available in the Student Center. The lab will be open to all Rice students. The location of the lab will be next to the Coffeehouse. This lab will be available for setup today.

However, Director of the Student Center Boyd Beckwith said that there may be some delays completing the lab. The lab will be ready by the beginning of the spring semester, he said.

Internet access on the Owlnets at the Coffeehouse, Information Desk and Office of Academic Advising is limited to sites within the Rice domain, including Weblife. The students in the mini Owlnet lab will have unlimited Internet access but will be monitored by IT employees.

"The internet connection was so slow our student employees would use their own computer to find information out before Owlnet students could ever get it off the Owlnet," Boyd Beckwith, Director of the Student Center.

Information Desk employee Edith Goodreau, a Wiess freshman, said his biggest concern with the Information Desk station is that students will use it without knowing the limitations on Internet access.

"It seems like the biggest problem will be students trying to use this computer to search the Internet," Goodreau said.

At the beginning of the semester, only three computer stations were available in the Student Center—two by the Coffeehouse and one at the Information Desk. However, these computers, especially the iMac by the Information Desk, had become insufficient, Beckwith said.

"It was so slow our student employees would use their own work computer to find information out before Owlnet stations could ever get it off the Owlnet," he said.

The shortage of computer stations became worse when one of the iMacs by the Coffeehouse stopped working altogether.

"We always had people waiting to use the remaining one when the first one went down," Beckwith said.

Unlike the stations on the Student Center's ground level, the mini-Owlnet lab will require a Rice Owlnet account to be used. Any use of its printer will be charged to users' accounts.

The lab will be accessible with a plus ID and will be open to all Rice students and student organizations. Beckwith said the addition of the lab was initiated to increase usage of the Student Organization Resource Center.

"One of the ways to get more students to use the Owlnet is to make sure it's available when they need it," Beckwith said.

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Happy Holidays!
From the Thresher staff

STUDENT ASSOCIATION
The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed.

- SA President Derrick Matthews announced student representatives to university standing committees would give reports on what their committees have accomplished during the semester.

- The Committee on Teaching is considering a proposal from the Office of the Registrar to eliminate self-scheduled final examinations (see story page 1). The committee is also discussing ways of processing end-of-course evaluations, many of which for Spring 2004 courses were lost when Kinko’s sent them to India for processing. The committee is also responsible for selecting faculty members to receive teaching awards and evaluating faculty members for promotion.

- The Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum has discussed eliminating the English writing examination, which all new students are required to take. The committee also considers petitions from students to create specialized majors.

- The Rice University Athletics Committee is working to implement the directions the Board of Trustees made after its review of the Rice athletic program in the spring. The committee is developing admissions guidelines for the admission of student-athletes.

- The Committee on Affirmative Action is working on developing new guidelines.

- The Committee on Parking has heard President David Leebron’s ideas about the future of parking at Rice and has discussed changing the faculty parking lot procedure for the close-in parking lots.

- The Committee on Examinations and Standing meets weekly to review undergraduate petitions for exemptions to university deadlines, such as declaring courses pass/fail and dropping courses, and academic policies, such as retroactive withdrawals.

- The Committee on Environmental Health and Safety discusses chemical waste management but has not yet met this year. The committee hopes to meet regularly in the future.

The next meeting will be next semester.

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Althea Skinner
Leebron said he doesn't think the cost of attending the university should be part of the college fees. "I think that's important that we're transparent, and responsible in being accountable for the things that we're doing," he said. "I haven't seen anything that's going to change the amount of the fees."

Forman also said he is not concerned about a loss of student control over the college budgets. "We'd be concerned if students thought that the new funding plan would represent more university control over the college budgets."

Arnold said she is not concerned that the new funding plan would represent more university control over the college budgets. "We asked President Leebron about the spending of the money, and he assured us that this move has nothing to do with the way the money is spent." Arnold said. "I don't think students operating choices will be imposed." Forman also said he is not concerned about a loss of student control over spending.

Arnold said she hasn't seen anything that causes her to have concerns about the autonomy of the college when it comes to how they spend their money.

The Baker Institute for Public Policy is seeking applicants for its new Washington DC summer internship program. The program will provide stipends sufficient to support Rice undergraduates conducting policy-making research at government agencies and private think tanks and NGOs in DC in summer 2003. Those accepted must be currently enrolled as full-time undergraduates throughout fall 2003 and spring 2004. These selected will attend a seminar on public policy and global affairs coterminous with their internships and will write a research report for publication. Applicants are encouraged to apply for the internship and residency in DC. Interested students should send the following materials by Jan. 28 to Steven Lewis, Washington Policy Research Internship committee, Baker Institute, MS-40:

1. A letter of application with your campus and home address, telephone number and e-mail;
2. A short essay of no more than 600 words describing your career goals, your internship plans, and how these tie in with the mission and policy research of the Baker Institute;
3. A resume;
4. An official transcript;
5. One letter of recommendation from an individual who can discuss your ability to conduct policy research.

Questions should be addressed to swlewis@rice.edu

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COLLEGE FEES

President David Leebron's proposal to roll most university fees under tuition includes college fees currently remitted by the college. Here are the fees for each college, broken down by on- and off-campus prices.

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Arnold said she thinks whether the fee is charged by the college or the university, it would be beneficial to the colleges to keep it separate from tuition. "I think there is a psychological benefit in knowing that there is a set college contribution, that it's each student's money, but that it's each student's own personal investment in their college," Arnold, a senior, said.

Finally, Leebron said he doesn't think the cost of attending the university should vary depending on the college to which a student is randomly assigned.

"I think it's important that we're transparent, and responsible in being accountable for the things that we're doing," he said. "I haven't seen anything that's going to change the amount of the fees."

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Looking for copy editors since 1916
 Clubs committee proposes two-tiered system

by John Kehoe

A new plan will split university clubs into two groups with different degrees of privileges following approval by the Student Association Senate. The SA's ad hoc committee on club approvals announced its plan for a new approval system at an SA forum Nov. 22.

The two-tiered system would allow proposed student organizations immediate approval for charter status, which would allow the groups a limited set of privileges. After a period of about one semester, a charter group could apply for the full privileges of a recognized student organization upon approval by the senate.

"Now, only clubs that have shown us what they're going to do will be considered for official status." — James Lloyd

Brown College junior
Ad hoc committee chair

"It seems like it was a very solid proposal," Matthews said. "We want to make sure there are legitimate organizations, but we also don't want to stomp on the rights of anyone to form a group.

Currently, all new clubs must be approved by the SA senate, in accordance with the SA constitution. While official status does not guarantee university funding, clubs may request funds from the President's Student Programming Fund and the Student Activity Fund. Clubs are also able to reserve rooms in the Student Center, set up mailboxes and Chase bank accounts through the Office of Student Activities, participate in activities fair, and use the Rice name and logo.

To become an official club, an organization must submit a constitution and secure a faculty or staff sponsor. At least half of its membership must be part of the Rice community, and all of its principal officers must be Rice students. A club must register with the Clubs Office each year and may not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sexual orientation or national origin.

Under the proposed plan, clubs meeting the basic requirements could become charter groups — an initial step to some of the privileges clubs currently enjoy — without going before the SA senate. The Clubs Office and SA Parliamentarians would be responsible for checking their credentials.

Proposed student organizations not restricted to charter groups under the plan include the ability to make contacts on behalf of the university and the ability to apply for a mailbox.

Under the proposed system, prospective clubs would only have the opportunity to apply for official status twice a year. However, the committee is considering changing the proposal to allow approvals as frequently as four times a year, chair Lloyd said.

Matthews created the ad hoc committee in the Oct. 25 SA meeting to define guidelines that would make the clubs approval process less arbitrary.

In response, the committee drafted six points of consideration to be given to the clubs. In addition, the senate will examine how the charter organization developed during the provisional period and whether it has potential for further development. The senate will also consider the proposed club's viability as a part of student life, its potential conflict with university policies and its goals.

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ISRAEL IS THE CANARY IN THE MINE

The war between Arabs and Jews is not the cause of the war on terror, as apologists for Muslim radicals claim; it is the war on terror.

Twenty-five years ago, there were two non-Islamic democracies in the Arab Middle East, Israel and Lebanon. This was too much for Islamic radicals and Syrian irredentists and Palestinians who joined forces to destroy Lebanon and make it a base for terror. This was too much for Islamic radicals and Syrian irredentists and Palestinians who

Zarqawi will come only when the terrorists surrender or are defeated. For apologists of the Islamic terror of 9/11 and the Zarqawi terror in Iraq, is not a self-generating creed but has a "root cause...". Of course, no one would argue that the war between Arabs and Jews is not the cause of the war on terror. The question is, what is the root cause of the war on terror?

American apologists for Arab aggression are also apologists for Islamic aggression. In their eyes, Arab terror in the Middle East has a root cause in the policies of Israel, whom terrorists refer to as the "little Satan." For apologists of the Islamic terror of 9/11 and the Zarqawi terror in Iraq, is not a self-generating creed but has a "root cause" in the policies of "the Great Satan," which is us.

Peace in the Middle East and peace in the war with al-Qaeda and Zarqawi will come only when the terrorists surrender or are defeated.

~ David Horowitz

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EXAMS

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You're required to take what is essentially a take-home in a particular place at a particular time, which is ridiculous. It seems like we're not being trusted.

— Derrick Matthews
SA President

The proposal aims to encourage professors to replace self-scheduled exams with take-home exams. Director of Enrollment Administration Diane Havlinek said.

"List spring, the suggestion was voiced that if take-home exams were spread throughout the exam period there might be more faculty members who might say 'Well, I'll give a take-home if I'm going to get it on the third or fourth day of the finals periods instead the last day,'" she said.

This semester 49 courses will require self-scheduled exams and last semester 47 courses required them, Havlinek said.

The Student Association is in favor of abolishing self-scheduled exams and replacing them with take-home exams because the self-scheduling exam system is contrary to the Honor Code, SA President Derrick Matthews said.

"We have an Honor Code that says you're trusted to take take-home exams, yet you're required to take what is essentially a take-home in a particular place at a particular time, which is ridiculous," Matthews, a Will Rice College senior, said. "It seems like we're not being trusted.

Eliminating self-scheduled exams would also eliminate the burden of soliciting student volunteers to act as proctors for exam times, Matthews said. Currently, the SA is responsible for finding more than 100 students each semester to pick up the exams from the Registrar's Office, pass them out and then take the completed exams to the Registrar's Office at the end of the testing period.

However, Matthews said he does not support the other major components of the proposal under review by the committee.

Jones College senior Nate Deal, one of two undergraduate representatives on the Teaching Committee, said he thinks the proposed policy will benefit the Registrar's Office the most.

"This is being pushed because [self-scheduled exams are] a scheduling nightmare for the Registrar," Deal said. "From my prospective, there really aren't that many students who take self-scheduled exams in comparison to those who take scheduled exams and take-homes.

Some students said they are concerned that more courses will offer scheduled exams if the minimum class size for these exams is reduced from 50 to 25 as dictated by the proposal. Of the 914 courses offered this semester, 53 have more than 50 students enrolled and 160 have more than 25 students enrolled, Wright said.

'Doing away with self-scheduled exams is a definite.'

— Michael Gustin
Teaching Committee chair

Once the Teaching Committee approves the proposal, it will go before Faculty Council. If Faculty Council approves the proposal, it will then go before the full faculty. The president will make the final decision on the proposal.

"I'd love to see this become policy for spring 2005," Wright said. "But it might be fall 2005. But we'll just have to wait and see and get input across campus."

Wright said she hopes to implement changes to the final exam period smoothly and efficiently, whatever the changes may be.

"The goal is to create a process that benefits students and faculty and is administratively feasible," Wright said.
He was just an intern in the company. The other employees would laugh and call him names until one foggy Christmas Eve when he showed up for work with Peppermint Mochas and then boom, fat-cat promotion.
Dean search will not be completed this term

by April Goldman

The dean of undergraduates will not be named this semester as originally anticipated. The search committee for the new dean began interviewing applicants Tuesday. Student Association President Derek Matthews, a member of the search committee, said the interviews will be completed within one week.

The committee plans to turn over the names of two or three recommended candidates to President David Leebron and Provost Eugene Matusow by the end of the semester, Matthews said.

Leebron said the chosen candidate will be announced at an earliest possible next semester.

The committee received about 10 nominations for the position and will interview six candidates. Matthews, a Will Rice College senior, said.

Leebron said the candidates include faculty members from both the George R. Brown School of Engineering and the School of Humanities. All applicants must be tenured faculty members.

In addition to the dean of undergraduates, another new position — the dean of students — will be created. The dean of students will assist the dean of undergraduates with issues specifically related to student affairs, Leebron said.

The dean of undergraduates will be concerned with all aspects of undergraduate life, academic and extracurricular. The creation of the dean of students position will make the administration more accessible to students, Levy said.

Search committee chair Allen Matsows, associate director of the Baker Institute, said the committee met with a group of deans, a delegation of college masters, representatives from Student Affairs and Curriculum Committee Chair Bill Wilson to gather input on the selection process before beginning to interview nominees.

The committee’s undergraduate representatives, Matthews and Wa-

Heavy winds carry high-jump pads through track stadium wall

by Emily Vroman

Winds from a fast-moving cold front blew high-jump pads through a brick wall at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium Nov. 23, causing significant damage.

The pads knocked out a 20-foot section of the wall, and the Athletic Department decided to remove a surrounding 20-foot section due to resulting instability, Senior Associate Athletic Director Steve Moniaci said.

The storm moved through the area between 10 and 11 p.m. The campus weather station, located on the rooftop of Fondren Library, recorded the night’s strongest wind gust at 63.6 miles per hour. However, wind speed on the ground was probably slower, Physics and Astronomy Professor Arthur Few (E'Dd 80), who teaches a course about weather and climatology, said.

"It is pretty unusual to have winds that close to the ground that fast," Few said.

A student alerted Moniaci of the damage Wednesday morning.

We came in, and one of the kids that was running out on the track came in and told us we needed to take a look at the brick wall at the track," Moniaci said.

The stadium is currently being used for track practice, and the damage has not interfered with any planned activities, Moniaci said.

"The wall is what gives [the stadium] character and differentiates it from being just another steel structure. We want to rebuild and reinforce it as necessary to make it safe," Moniaci said.

Moniaci has not received any cost quotes, but he expects that insurance will not cover the cost of repairs.

"We are going to have to get some quotes, but I don’t know what they will look like, " Moniaci said.

We haven’t moved the pads, but it looks like the pads have been torn. We are trying to get them dry out a little bit before we move them," Moniaci said.

The storm, which Few said moved through campus fairly quickly, caused minor damage to several other athletic facilities on campus.

"We had a lot of windscreen damage, and fortunately the windscreen gave way so none of the fences came down," Moniaci said. "The lighting cage at the baseball field got blown into the third-base dugout, but the damage was only minor, nothing we couldn’t repair."

RICE IS GOOD

A festival of student talent

A banner day of studying

A student studies in Sammy’s Cafe as new banners representing each college fly overhead. The Student Center installed the banners permanently last week.
Four students win new leadership award

by Kenna Billars
THE RICE THRESHER

Four Leadership Rice students were selected by Leadership Rice as the first recipients of the Hilda Rich Circle of Giving Award Nov. 10. The new award encourages students with leadership skills to act as philanthropists and donate money to charitable institutions.

Outstanding students who have participated in Leadership Rice's Summer Mentorship program or who have held leadership positions in the Wellness Center or the Community Involvement Center were eligible for the award, as stipulated by donors Hershel (G7) and Hilda Rich.

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- Erica Derrickson
Martel College senior
Rich Circle Award winner

Martel College junior Suzanne Attia, Hanszen College senior Erica Derrickson, Wess College senior Kristin Hartono and Jones College junior Przemek Milwicz, an exchange student from Poland, were awarded a total of $1,000 to contribute to charities of their choice.

Seven students applied for the award.

The winners were chosen based on their involvement in the organization to which they intended to donate and the level of passion they exhibited for their organization through which the fund contributes to the formation of cross-cultural and community needy populations.

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Humanitarian Medical Outreach chapter at Rice, Attia chose the chapter as the recipient of her award.

"HMO is an incredible organization through which the passion of students to help medically needy populations translates into clinic, medical supplies and volunteer work in Kenya and Mexico, and AIDS education here at Rice," Attia said.

Milwicz made his donation to the Polish Children's Fund.

One of the Polish Children's Fund's main focuses in furthering children's education by organizing seminars for children featuring Nobel Prize winners, world-renowned poets and Oscar-winning movie directors.

"Most important, however, is the unique atmosphere of the events of the fund, based on liberalism, tolerance, openness and appreciation of differences," Milwicz said. "Through this, the fund contributes to the formation of civic society in post-communist Poland."

Hartono donated her $1,000 to a clinic in Kenya and the Polish Children's Fund.

"My interest in helping the Polish Children's Fund is the unique atmosphere of the events of the fund, based on liberalism, tolerance, openness and appreciation of differences," Hartono said.

The Riches also created the Youth Initiative, which combats deficiencies and inequalities in Polish education.

Derrickson gave her award to the Self Knowledge Symposium, which helps tax student groups at Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University. After a volunteer internship with the organization this summer, SKS helped her organize a club at Rice. Action. Reflection. Transformation became a Rice club this fall.

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It worries us that something like this could happen, and we want to make sure it doesn't happen again.

No password is required to use the card swipe terminal, which is located in the Thresher office in the Student Center.

"Feasibly, many people in the office could have made the transactions, particularly people who know how our business transactions work," Gilbert said.

Gilbert said she and Yardley, a Will Rice College senior, are evaluating Thresher business practices and examining the system of regulations in place.

"We discovered the questionable transactions more than three months after the first one occurred," Gilbert said. "If more people had been involved in overspending credit card billing, this might not have happened."

Jones senior Patty Palavong, a booker-business manager when the credits were made, could not be reached for comment.

Gilbert and Yardley decided to comment on the reasons Palavong wouldn't pursue the situation in the theater but said they are unrelated to the missing money.

If you know what an em-dash is...

... you should work for us — thresher@

Hollowed-out Bale stuns in mind-bending ‘Machinist’

Mike Matthews

Trevor Reznik (Christian Bale), the protagonist of director Brad Anderson’s The Machinist, is living proof that emotional and psychological torment can lead to bodily degradation.

Bale lost 63 pounds to play the disturbed Reznik, and the film’s absolutely grizzly tones make his ribs, spine and other bones look sickeningly crisp. His emaciated body creates an image more profoundly frightening — particularly in a society where obesity is epidemic — than much of the violence in mainstream horror films.

Bale works in a gloomy factory, and probably lives in Montana — but not in reality, crowded with gray, malfunctioning machines. He has not slept in a year, and he spends his time sitting in his apartment, having amatory encounters with his refrigerator, stove (the latter’s Jennifer Jason Leigh), and making friendly conversation with imaginary waitresses. Material across Absence桑赫斯特学院.

Bale inherently smiles and talks, and does not express any unamused or even silently with the movie’s moral messages. The film’s central conflict compels him to contemplate the nature of the cage trapping him in this epiphany space. He probably is not genuinely perplexed or his head, but, rather, profoundly content.

The apartment that begins as a place where Bale finds magickal stick figures and random objects on his refrigerator and when mysterious coworker Ivan (Michael Ironside) disrupts Trevor’s life, turns into the center of an odyssey involving the scoring of another coworker’s (Total Recall’s Michael Ironside) arm. These clues lead to others that all accumulate into a resolution which, in the body of all cinematic conflicts, evoking the world of the I!nited States, Anderson shot the film’s repetitious scenes in and around Marfa, Texas in her new show through January 19.

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Bale will soon be making a big Hollywood splash when he assumes the role of Batman in director Christopher Nolan’s, The Dark Knight, which premieres in summer 2005. The Machinist is Bale’s opportunity to demonstrate his dedication to and skill in his profession, and he made the most of it. If Bale happens to fall into the realm of trite, big-budget material with Batman Begins, we will still have this film to remind him of his potential.

Speaking with the man behind ‘Neverland’

J.M. Barrie (Johnny Depp, left) and Peter (Freddie Highmore) converse each other in director Marc Forster’s holiday film Finding Neverland.

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Houston Ballet fills stockings with perennial holiday favorite

The Houston Ballet's production of the holiday classic The Nutcracker will not disappoint fans of the holiday classic. The Nutcracker, a timeless tale of adventure and wonder, will transport audiences to a magical world of imagination.

The Nutcracker began with a traditional family Christmas in which a young Clara received a nutcracker doll that would become her constant companion. She would eventually become a princess, and her adventures would be guided by a magical world of toys and imagination.

The Nutcracker is a dance that has been around for centuries, and it remains a favorite during the holiday season. The ballet tells the story of Clara, a young girl who receives a nutcracker from her grandfather. As she falls asleep, she is transported to a magical world where she meets a range of fantastical characters.

Throughout the ballet, Clara and her nutcracker friend play a game of chess, which is transformed into a grand battle against the forces of evil. This part of the ballet is known for its iconic Nutcracker Prince, who emerges from the chessboard to become a truly unforgettable character.

The Nutcracker is not just a ballet; it is a narrative that speaks to the human experience. It explores themes of hope, love, and the power of imagination. The story of Clara and her nutcracker is a timeless tale that continues to capture the hearts of audiences around the world.

So why does it matter if I watch The Nutcracker on television or in person? It is not just about seeing the ballet; it is about the experience of being transported to a magical world that inspires and entertains. The Nutcracker is a reminder of the power of storytelling and the importance of imagination in our lives.

In conclusion, The Nutcracker is a classic ballet that continues to captivate audiences around the world. It is a story that speaks to the human experience and reminds us of the power of imagination. Whether you watch it on television or attend a live performance, The Nutcracker is a must-see during the holiday season.
Changes necessary for Rice football

The football team played its first game of the season against St. Louis on Sept. 5, and the Owls beat crosstown rival University of Houston 17-10. Expectations for the football team were high — so high I wrote a column: "Firing up for Rice football." Things have changed quite a bit since. I walked out of Reliant Stadium after a Rice game again Monday night, but this time I left absolutely disappointed. The 51-14 beating that Rice took from Louisiana Tech University was only the culmination of the disappointing season's down-ward spiral. Remember when the Owls were 2-0? It's still hard to believe the same team played at Reliant Monday.

The atmosphere for the La Tech game felt more like that of a closed-door scrimmage than that of a final football game of the season. By the end of the game, few fans remained that the football team could have come back and thanked each fan personally. I believe the same team played at Reliant Monday. Considering them, as well, because they have a large bearing in the perception of the university as a whole. A small affiliation in order to consistently have high attendance.
Rice, Williams claw
Cougars, capture Cup

by Adam Tabakin

With sharp shooting, strong rebounding and late-game heroics from an unlikely source, the Owls clawed their way to the University of Houston 74-73 win over the Cougars Saturday to secure the Administrative Bayou Cup for the third consecutive year.

Sophomore guard Lorenz Williams connected on a running jump shot with 2.8 seconds remaining to give Rice the victory in the deciding contest of the final Bayou Cup.

"J.R. did a really good job," Harris said. "Sophomore point guard Lorenzo Williams eyes his pass to senior forward Michael Harris in the Owls' 74-73 win over the Cougars last night...

"Early in the second half, we didn't really respond well to the adversity, but we brought ourselves together and settled ourselves down," Wilson said. "Down the stretch we did a pretty good job of taking care of things and not letting little things become big things."...
Football loses sixth straight as La. Tech scores 51

by Adam Tabak

In a perfect microcosm of its entire season, the football team started promisingly but ended embarrassingly on Nov. 24. At Houston, Rice University Mountain coach Ken Hatfield was disappointed with a pair of victories: at Reliant Stadium against No. 6 Tennessee and the disaster that followed. Despite not playing conference champion Boise State, the Owls finished 24-0 in the season and ended up in ninth place out of 112 teams. Before Monday's game against La. Tech (6-6, 5-3 WAC), the Owls had not played since Nov. 13 because of a bye week and because the game was pushed back two days to maintain the Texas' Sunday game schedule.

"We played well against SMU,... but we weren't the same team that we were the first-and-a-half games of the season," coach Ken Hatfield said.

Senior notebook

After La. Tech kicked a field goal on its opening possession, Rice drove 77 yards in 11 plays, with senior running back John Syptak recorded two tackles for a loss. Bailey again was the Owls' leading rusher, gaining 140 yards on 23 carries, his fifth game with at least 100 yards rushing, bringing his season total to 1,251 yards. In 10 games Bailey became only the third player in Rice history to eclipse the 1,200-yard mark.

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"We were disappointed to go out on a game like this, and obviously the 16-day layoff certainly had an impact on that," Hatfield said. "At our next practice, we will have to work on bettering ourselves, and we will have to take advantage of the second half of the season."

"We started the season in a loss with one of the biggest victories we've ever had against Houston," Hatfield said. "That was one of the biggest games we've ever had for us, and we'll have to make sure that we get back to playing well against SMU, but we had some bad ones and Moats is a really good running back. We played hard the whole game, but we just don't get the job done."

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We've got eight sophomores and freshmen. Those guys need to play, they later in the first round of the WAC these second round in each of its 20 NCAA favored host UT, which has advanced to for final exams. While the Tigers University of Nevada in the semifinals themselves after a disappointing loss to the Sept. 25 before taking the Golden scrimmage last spring.

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FRIDAY 3
Last day of classes
Today is the last day of classes. It is also the last day for students who matriculated in fall 2004 to drop a class. Roar!

Biology majors gone wild!
The Auditory Engineering Museum Exhibit, presented by the students of BIOE 382 and 492 and funded by a Leadership Rice Endowment Grant, précures today in the Keck Hall Lobby. The exhibit will be on display until Jan. 6.

Hot women, hot hands.
The women’s basketball team faces Monmouth University at 7 p.m. at Autry Court to kick off the Gene Hackerman Rice Invitational. The winners of today’s games meet on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Express yourself!
Bring Your Expression presents “The Sanctuary,” an open-mic event featuring song, dance, poetry and spoken word tonight at 8 p.m. in the Student Center. The event will feature a live band. Sign-ups are available at the door. For more information, visit http://www.ruf.rice.edu/poetry.

Orchestra performance
The Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Larry Rachleff, performs pieces by Prokofiev and Sibelius at 8 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall. For more information, contact Tom at (713) 348-4923.

SATURDAY 4
Put on your happy face!
Today is the last day for seniors to submit a picture in the Campus. You may submit the picture digitally to photos@rice.edu or you may submit a hard copy at the Campus Office on the second floor of the Student Center.

Posada: Noche de Luz
HACER proudly presents “Posada: Noche de Luz,” a Hispanic/Latino cultural evening. The candlelit procession will begin at 6 p.m. at Brown College and proceed to the other residential colleges before ending at the Grand Hall of the Student Center. Entertainment will begin at 7:30 and feature the Rice Ballet Folklorico, Rice Philharmonics, Rice Salerosos and the Rice Owl Dance Team. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for others. Tickets are available at the HACER Posada table in the Student Center from noon to 1 p.m. all week. For more information, contact Eddie Miranda at emira@rice.edu.

SUNDAY 5
Cabinet? Is that a French taxi?
Wiese Tabletop Theatre starts auditions for its spring production of Cabinet at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Wiese College Commons. Auditions will also be held Monday at 9 a.m. Please come prepared to sing and wear clothes and shoes appropriate for movement. For more information, contact Elizabeth at elizapa@rice.edu.

Time to get relaxed!
President Leebron will host the first of three nights of study breaks at 9 p.m. tonight in the Grand Hall of the Student Center. The study break will feature free 10-minute massages, showings of The Simpsons and Family Guy, musical performances and other stress-reduction resources.

MONDAY 6
Time to get physical!
The Recreation Center hosts the second study break in the “Getting Centered” series from 10:30 to 11 p.m. The event will feature plate painting, massage therapy and Pilates workshops.

TUESDAY 7
Finally, let’s get refreshed!
The Wellness Center hosts the final study break in the “Getting Centered” series from 4 to 7 p.m. The event will feature paint-painting, massage therapy and Pilates workshops.

Happy Holidays!
Two explorers on a remote island were apprehended by a tribe of very hostile cannibals. The tribesmen put them in a large pot of water and built a huge fire under it.

A few minutes later, one of the explorers started to laugh uncontrollably.

The other explorer couldn’t believe it. He said, “What’s wrong with you? We’re being boiled alive! They’re gonna eat us! What could possibly be funny at a time like this?”

The other explorer replied, “I just peed in the soup!”

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Look behind that lathering mass of conservatism and you'll see more sparkling sequins than in one of Cher's headresses.

Brokaw's faux pas is especially surprising considering the number of newsmen who work with him on a daily basis. We all joke about how clean-cut and dignified newscaster's look, but I'm sure they roll into the makeup chair with bags under their eyes, a five o'clock shadow and a head full of coiffiks. Leave it to a deferent minded gay man to make a chic joke: Brokaw's shockingly disheveled appearance definitely provided an inside look at the Tinky-Winky purple tie is the new black — and I'm telling you it is — those puppy are the new red, striking and seductive. Unless it's coupled with a saddlebag brown blazer that is.

Brokaw's folly inspired me to look at the fashions of other media men. Take, for instance, Fox News zealot Bill O'Reilly (garbed above, right). This is a tradition, trim, clean suit. But notice the tie. The mix of brassy yellow and black is certainly interesting, but wouldn't it look better suited in Red-state crimson? Or how about losing the blazer and rolling up those sleeves? All that gay bashing must get tiring, and we wouldn't want O'Reilly to break a sweat, would we?

But wait. How about we do an against-the-grain reading of this photo?

Look behind that lathering mass of conservatism and you'll see more sparkling sequins than in one of Cher's head-hungs. It seems that straight men just don't know what's in, but have no idea how to pull it off. It's as if they've flipped through the J.Crew catalog and soaked up what they could, but forgot to read the all-important captions. Now don't get me wrong, I love the Tinky-Winky purple tie as much as the next queen. If pink is the new black — and I'm telling you it is — then purple is the new red, striking and seductive. Unless it's coupled with a saddlebag brown blazer that is.

Brokaw's look exemplifies a crushing trend that is sweeping the nation. It seems that straight men know what's in, but have no idea how to pull it off. It's as if they've flipped through the J.Crew catalog and soaked up what they could, but forgot to read the all-important captions. Now don't get me wrong, I love the Tinky-Winky purple tie as much as the next queen. If pink is the new black — and I'm telling you it is — then purple is the new red, striking and seductive. Unless it's coupled with a saddlebag brown blazer that is.

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