New literary magazine R2 to publish in April

by Sarah Taylor

The Rice campus will find out what R2 is when a new campus literary magazine publishes this spring. The journal, R2: The Rice Review, will award cash prizes to its top submitters in poetry and fiction. R2 is not affiliated with University Blue, the existing literary magazine supported by blanket-tax organizations.

The magazine was founded by English Professor Justin Cronin and some of the students in his creative writing courses, the free journal will distribute in April. Cronin, who teaches ENGL 401: Creative Writing: Fiction and ENGL 401: Advanced Creative Writing: Fiction, said he envisions the magazine as a way for student writers to gain experience publishing their poetry and prose.

"R2 will essentially be a vehicle for students involved in creative writing and, optionally, increase awareness of literary magazines at Rice," Koch said.

Cronin, an English professor at Rice for two years, won a prior experience to the project. He was the adviser to a student literary magazine at a Saudi Arabian university for a year, where he taught for 11 years.

Koch, a Brown College senior, said he welcomed the opportunity to start a new magazine at Rice.

"It’s all about the writing," Koch said. "I think R2 will provide excellent opportunities and, maybe, a showcase for Rice students involved in creative writing.

Cronin will serve as the group's faculty adviser.

"R2 is not an arts publication," Koch said. "This is a completely student-run magazine.

The only set in the magazine will be on the cover.

A competition for the best work of the year was concluded earlier this year.

Last year, Koch said almost half of the pieces published in U Blue were visual art or photos, while R2 was almost entirely creative writing. Koch said he is anxious to see what R2 will be like.

"I think R2 will be a good experiment," Koch said. "I think it’s a good idea to have a student magazine that is not affiliated with the university."

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Can you clarify that?

by Jenny Rees

If you didn’t get your fill of town meetings in the run-up to November’s U.S. presidential election, show up at Farnsworth Pavilion Monday night for the Student Association presidential debate at 7 p.m. What else would you do on Valentine’s Day?

Candidates James Lloyd, Harry Long and Jo Kent and Noorain Khan, Kent, a Baker College junior, and Khan, a Martel College junior, will run on the main ticket. Lloyd is a Brown College junior. Long is a Jones College junior.

Of the 25 races, 13 are uncontested, and another seven are under-contested. No petitions were submitted for Cambodian editor in chief in SA or treasurer, and not enough petitions were submitted for Honor Council class representatives or for University Court senior representative. Last year, eight positions were under-contested. Only 4 of the 27 available were contested.

Contested positions include SA president, Sammy the Owl, U. Court junior class representative and Student Volunteer Program. Spring Elections will be held.

Don’t forget your blankets

Brent Creech, a former town meeting chair, and the Rice Student Government are urging students to bring保温毯es to the 2005 American Music Festival at Minute Maid Park, which has no heating system.

The 1-0 baseball team will face No. 23 Oklahoma State today at noon. Rice is a combined 9-3 in four appearances at the Minute Maid Park College Classic, including three wins over Baylor and a 1-1 record against A&M. The Owls open play in the 2005 Silver Gloves Series Tuesday at UH’s Cougar Field at 4 p.m.
Penalties too harsh for lacrosse captains

We may never know exactly what happened at the Dec. 3 lacrosse party, but it certainly led to Friday's suspension of both club teams (See story, page 1). We do, however, think the individual penalties handed down to the men's and women's captains — three suspensions each — are unduly harsh.

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Guest column

Reflecting on the Rice plan: A first-class insurance plan

Marcos Huerta

Forced with rising premiums and declining coverage, the Graduate Student Association formed a task force in 2002 to look into the Rice student health insurance program. As a result, the GSAA created a plan that can be charged toward the purchase of health insurance.

In the end, Rice did not stack up against other major universities. One possible future direction for Rice's health insurance program could be to advise graduate students to shop around for their own health insurance.

However, the GSAA task force did make several recommendations to improve the health insurance plan for graduate students. The right to vote is such an important line of working with the Rice Student Owl Club and working for it. Furthermore, the Student Owl Club will certainly have important line of working with the Rice Student Owl Club and working for it. Furthermore, the Student Owl Club will certainly have

Guest column

New Iraqi faces challenges familiar to U.S.

Imagining that for half a century or more, your ethnic or racial group was unable to vote, your ancestors would probably say that voting has a way of shaping the future. If you were a member of the black community in the United States, what would you make of that statement? What would you say about the black community's voting rights in the 20th century? What would you say about the black community's voting rights in the 20th century?

Marcos Huerta is a physics and astronomy graduate student and GSAA internal vice president. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology graduate student Angela Hitzel contributed to this article. The GSAA task force report is available at http://www.rice.edu/gsaa.

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LETTERS FROM PAGE 2

Predictably, Elizabeth Stephens also made reference to the controversy surrounding Iraq. Many of the accusations against our commander in chief with regard to this war have been driven by hypercritical and emotional minds. I do not know if all in the reason we went to war or not, but do know Iraq just held free elections. I do not know whether the Iraqi people as a whole support our presence there or not, but I do know that we are training a native Iraqi army to take our place. I do not know if other Middle Eastern nations approve of our invasion or not, but I do know that they will take us more seriously from now on. It is my conviction that in the long run, both Iraq and the United States can only prosper by such a war.

Philip Connell
Lovett sophomore

Pro-life consistent with progressivism

To the editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Elizabeth Stephens' column about abortion and the right wing. Completely agree with her excellent argument that being "pro-life" is not consistent with supporting capital punishment, unjust foreign wars or lethal environmental policies. But she appears to take this inconsistency as evidence that the pro-life position is in itself misguided. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In fact, the kink of consistency cuts both ways. Being truly pro-life is incompatible with supporting avoidable and unjust deaths of innocent Iraqi children. But it is just as inconsistent to say that you are "progressive" — to deeply believe in saving foreign civilians, death row inmates and the victims of environmental destruction — and then have no problem with killing innocent children just because they haven't been born and are unwanted.

Voters and citizens today are faced with a black-and-white battlefield on both sides. There is the conservative pro-life, and the progressive and pro-choice side. Each side has articulated the public into believing that one of these two sides is correct, and — of course — it is "our" side. But as with most such distinctions, the truth lies elsewhere.

In my opinion — and I am not alone in feeling this — the only consistent position is one which respects all life, whether unborn, disadvantaged, foreign or criminal. Furthermore, this position is represented in today's political and ideological battleground. This, of course, has always been the reward for positions that truly stand for the disinterested and power-bloc interests.

I agree with Stephens who should the consistent. But I believe that such consistency is only found in a true support for life: progressive and pro-life.

Shawn Schell
Baker senior

At least Hebl will be better than Yao Ming

To the editor:

"It's not about Psychology Professor Mikki Hebl; it's not about having a Rice professor," Jeb Britt implies ("In-house grad speaker reveals low self-esteem," Feb. 9). Right? That's why we've been whining about this last year.

Did the class of 2003 throw a fit when Shannon Lucid spoke? I'm sure it's her home too? I have no doubt that I speak for the students there isn't—she was only one of the people who recognize some faces in the audience. But hey — she's the one nominee within the hedges of Rice. Doesn't that count for anything?

Oh, right. She was only one of the five commencement speakers in 2005. She's just someone who gives a damn about the students here and is bound to pour her heart and soul into fulfilling this honor. This Hebl? Who cares? Heck — we want Yao Ming. He could take his money, and we'd never see him again. Isn't commencement about our last four years, and aren't real identity and achievements what we want to take away from graduation? What's so stupid about a speaker who's actually recognized some faces in the audience and who knows this school because it's her home too?

Baker senior

Houston light rail cannot replace cars

To the editor:

Light rail development is of central importance ("Faster light rail expansion critical to city," Feb. 4), but due to the circumstances today for and the foreseeable future, automobiles will be the center of Houston transportation. Any effort to make it more difficult for Rice students to bring their cars to college — my attempt to provide an incentive to use public transportation instead — would thus actually limit their chances to be part of the larger community rather than help increase the opportunity.

As it exists today, the METRORail does not have stops in critical areas that would attract college students, such as Moody Gardens in Galveston, the Edwards Fwy and I-10, the Space Center and NASA, and the San Jacinto Monument. Six Flags/SplenDow and the Cynthia Woods Pavilion. Even if legislation is passed to expand METRORail service to these locations, it takes time to complete construction, and cars would be needed until then. It is not fully served until the work is complete.

It would be impossible to force students out of their vehicles by citing METRORail as an alternative, if a student calls a Houston-suburb home. Take Sugar Land. Sugar Land — METRORail will never expand there.

The reason is that Sugar Land is not a part of the METRORail "transportation system". The City of Houston monoplies the board, selecting five of the nine members, and the two more come from Harris County. Sugar Land, if it did join, would be the overall loser in a regional "transportation plan." It would have to win one out of five slots allotted to other local cities. Rather than looking for excuses for why METRORail fails to reduce suburban-to-downtown automobile traffic, the bureaucratic public transportation system must face fundamental change. During breaks, it would actually be easier to fly to other coast than to get back home to suburban Rice students if more restrictions are placed on having a vehicle on campus.

Annie Halver
Baker senior

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Leonard Chay
Lovett sophomore
A set to approve new clubs criteria

by Katricia Lang

After three months of planning, an amendment to the Student Association's bylaws restricting the process for approving clubs was proposed by an ad hoc committee on club approvals at the SA meeting Monday.

If the amendment passes, it will introduce a modified set of guidelines for approving clubs that will take effect immediately and a new graduated club approval system that will take effect in the beginning of the Fall 2005 semester.

Any amendment to the SA bylaws requires a four-fifths majority of voting members of the SA Senate for ratification. There are 22 voting members of the senate, SA President Derek Matthews said.

Matthews formed the ad hoc committee at the Oct. 25 SA meeting in order to define guidelines for approving clubs. The committee, chaired by Brown College Senator James Lloyd, presented a plan for a graduated system of club approval at the SA forum on Nov. 22.

Currently, the SA Senate states the senate must approve all new clubs. The graduated system would give proposed student organizations a charter status, which would provide some of the privileges given to official clubs.

Under the new guidelines, registered clubs can make contracts on behalf of the university and apply for a mailbox in the Clubs Office, while charter groups cannot.

For a charter group to become an official club, it must submit a consistent evidence of its existence and the purpose of its development before gaining official status. The club must maintain a consistent evidence of its development before gaining official status.

If the amendment passes, the senate will take into account how much a charter group has developed and examine its potential for further development before approving it as an official club.

According to the guidelines, evidence of the development will include meetings, activities, programs and active leadership by the officers. The system is concerned with maintaining the prestige of clubs that work harder, "SA Parliamentarian Anna Gravets, a Lovett College junior, said. "Clubs that work hard get better privileges."

The senate will also consider the club's potential benefit to students through its goals, the impact of official recognition status on the mission of the club, the sustainability of the club as a part of student life, the clarity of the club's goals and any potential conflict between the club and university policies.

R2

This spring, Koch said. First will also award prize money... will be 100 to 120 pages. and estimates the magazine... receive $300, and second place winners will receive $500 each, and the runners-up will receive $250 each.

Unlike in past years, U. Blue will also award prize money this spring, Koch said. First place winners will receive $500, and second place winners will receive $250.

Cronin said the R2 editorial staff hopes to publish all the submissions it receives and estimates the magazine will be 100 to 120 pages. R2 will be published by the Admission Office, the Dean of Undergraduates' Office, college libraries and local bookstores such as Brazos Bookstore. There are plans for a launch party in April at which the winners of the Williams Prize will read their work.

The deadline for submitting work to R2 is next Friday. U. Blue's submission deadline is Feb. 21.

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Rice above it

A student holds up an owl on a stick as students raise their hands in the Sam's symbol during a free throw Saturday. According to the Athletic Department Ticket Office, 1,044 students attended the men's basketball game against UTEP, which was televised nationally on ESPN2. Rice lost 73-72 in its first nationally-televised home game since 1997.

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Jones junior named O-Week director

by Clarence Yang

Jones College junior Alex Paul was selected as the student director for Orientation Week 2005 by the Office of Student Activities. She will serve as student director until Jan. 31, 2006.

As the student director of O-Week, Paul will work and communicate with all the residential college O-Week coordinators. She will also work on orientation for mid-year transfers in Jan. 2005 and plan university-wide events O-Week, such as orientation and the faculty address.

Paul said she thinks the job will be demanding but rewarding. "It's a really daunting task," Paul said. "It's more than a summer's worth of work that you try to cram into the summer and a little bit into the spring, too." Paul excitedly hopes to be working with "Jones Master Robin Forman in his new position as dean of undergraduates." I can't wait to see what he has planned with O-Week," Paul said. She also looks forward to meeting the college O-Week coordinators, who are selected by the colleges. Like the coordinators at each college, Paul will receive a summer housing stipend and live and work on campus during the summer.

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Delaware senator gives address via satellite

by Andrew Bowen

More than 10 Rice community members and Houstonians helped sponsor Senator Joseph Biden, D-Del., settled for a speech via live satellite video from Washington, D.C., on Feb. 3 in the Dore Commons at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy. The late U.S. Senate confirmation vote for U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales (Lovett '79) earlier that day prevented him from traveling to Houston to deliver his speech.

Former U.S. Secretary of State James Baker delivered introductory remarks.

Biden said the Baker Institute has hosted many Democratic speakers in past years and is hoping to bring more in the future.

"We wanted a prominent Democrat to bring [the Institute] more balance," he said.

The institute invited Biden to speak at Rice more than a year ago.

Biden said he may enter the 2008 Democratic presidential race and make a decision by the 2006 congressional elections.

The ranking Democrat on the U.S. Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, Biden said the most important U.S. foreign policy challenges include promoting freedom in parts of the world controlled by radical Islamic fundamentalism and preventing terrorist acquisition of weapons of mass destruction.

The U.S. government must form and strengthen alliances with other nations and international organizations, Biden said. The Bush administration should reinforce relationships with allies and seek their support before taking unilateral military action.

"Many of our leaders have forgotten the power of our example," Biden said.

There must be an effort to reform unstable governments that use or encourage the use of terror tactics, Biden said.

The U.S. government should build a prevention strategy based on diffusing international conflicts, while also revising the doctrine of preventive warfare, Biden said. However, preventive pu...
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ELECTIONS
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gons, the new SA Senate will appoint students. Matthews said. The SA presidential debate will take place Monday at 7 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion.

Matthews said he was not surprised that more candidates did not submit petitions because many blanket-tax organizations handle turnover internally. "It makes sense in that a lot of the positions that are being voted on campus-wide are at some level handled internally," he said. "The people who run have already trained or those roles within the organizations. The downside is that students feel like they can't get involved, which they can."

Other items will appear on the ballot. Matthews said. Rice Broadcast Television and Rice Program Council have proposed constitutional changes to be approved on the General Elections ballot. Rice Program Council and Rice Broadcast Television will submit constitutional changes to be approved on the General Elections ballot. The Senate approved REDRUM, a group that will gather to view cult films. Anyone interested should contact Baker College sophomore Danielle Zapino at dzapino@rice.edu. The Senate approved the Lebanese Culture Club, an organization that will educate students about Lebanese culture. Anyone interested should contact Laya Issa at issa@rice.edu. The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 21 in Farnsworth Pavilion in the Student Center.

Here's looking at you
A crokinole player competes intensely during OwlCon last weekend in the Student Center. The annual gaming event took place from Friday to Sunday.

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

- The General Elections will be held online on the SA Web site from 12 a.m. Feb. 18 until 1 p.m. Feb. 23. The SA presidential debate will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion in the Student Center.
- SA President Derrick Matthews said the SA may work to secure access to the Alumni Directory for students. Currently, only alumni may search the online directory.
- Matthews, a Will Rice College senior, said the SA Wheel will purchase a plaque on which the names of SA presidents will be displayed.
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Errata
In the article "Jones master forman selected as new dean" in the Jan. 21 issue, Bill Wilson's title was incorrect. Wilson is an electrical and computer engineering professor.

In the article "Painted owls will hit campus" in the Jan. 28 issue, Randall McCabe’s title was incorrect. McCabe designed the owls in his capacity as a professional artist and cast them as a Rice shop technician. The Thresher regrets the error.

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and are treated no differently than other members.

Villard said the team is unnecessarily harsh, and he wished to make all the new members feel like they fit in, regardless of whether they fit the profile of what people think lacrosse players are like. "Sure, if you've never been on a team, or if you've never played before, you feel like you don't fit in," he said. "But that's not true. Everyone has different experiences and different backgrounds."

"I think the new administration might have tried to make an example out of a few people," he said.

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Stages show makes a ‘Polish’ heritage funny

Adriana E. Ramirez
THE RICE STAFF

Imagine leaving a flower shop. As you turn to walk out onto the street, you hear a strange sound. Turning around, you realize the house lights have come up, and audience members are all around you, laughing at every little thing you do. You are a part of something greater than yourself, but not the greatest thing for which you had hoped. This isn’t heaven, hell or limbo. It’s a theater. And you are the object of everyone’s pity and amusement. Your cell phone rings, you answer, the house lights come down, and you continue moving, a player on the stage that has become your world.

‘polish joke’
Stages Repertory Theatre
Rating: ••••½
(out of five)

Through Feb. 26

Now, imagine you are Polish. The joke is probably on you.

David Ives, author of the comedic masterpiece All in the Timing, has a wonderful new show, Polish Joke, currently playing at Stages Repertory Theatre under the direction of Brian Hy Fnre, a visiting professor at Rice from the University of Houston. Polish Joke is everything an Ives play should be — intelligent, funny and full of outdated situations.

Jan Bogdan Sadwoofski (John R. Johnston), commonly known as Janis, grows up Polish, but bogs to be Polish and who can blame him? His unpronounceable last name and lack of knowledge of his heritage makes him stick out from his 4.1 GPA at Yale, making him the brunt of everyone’s favorite new Polish joke.

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Based on the life of the late Herbert Jasiu (newcomer Lynn Radford), Radford’s Jasiu in his journey into the bowels of Polish hell, Mark Roberts, Jason Douglass, Joanna Bonasso and Chandra Kay combine to play 23 parts, giving life and character to each. Every role is acted fully, with no restraints — the acting is exactly where it needs to be in every scene. All four supporting members hit perfect notes. It is worth moving outside the hedges to check out Stages Repertory Theatre’s production of Polish Joke.

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Shakespeare and Pacino merge to great effect in ‘Merchant’

Scarry Milan
FOR THE THRESHER

In the latest film version of William Shakespeare’s The Merchant of Venice, writer/director Michael Radford (All That Jazz) creates a world in which comedy has very little place and revenge holds the blood of men, both Christian and Jewish.

Simply put, The Merchant of Venice is the story of “a pound of flesh.” The film opens by establishing the religious and, by extension, political tension in late 16th-century Venice. Shylock (Jeremy Irons) of a woman’s (Al Pacino), a Jewish man principally defined by his practice of usury, lends Antonio (Robert DeNiro’s Jewish friend) 3,000 ducats, and Antonio then lends it to his good friend Bassanio (Shakespeare’s Bassanio, Portia’s friend). Antonio signs a bond stating that in the case of forfeiture, Shylock is entitled to one pound of flesh from Antonio’s flesh. Young, passionate Bassanio uses his friend’s generous money to travel to Bel- monte and marry his princess, Portia (newcomer Lynn Collins) Radford paints a dark canvas throughout the film, with a lighter tone appearing only when Collins is on screen.

Film veteran Pacino delivers an exquisite performance. He delivers into the role as the plot unfold, and Shylock emerges as a deeply religious man harboring a cunning hatred for some of the Christian men with whom he must coexist. Shylock is an unrelentingly gruff character whose sufferings are visible in the sad movement of his eyes and the heaviness of his face. However, the most captivating aspect of his character is the not the chilling seriousness of his demeanor, but rather the resolve-
Mike Matthews
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e
As a film that attempts to take a side in the complex dispute over euthanasia, The Sea Inside possesses a layer of artificiality under its surface of tear-jerking portent.

'The sea inside'
in theaters Rating: ★ 1/2 (out of five)

The film tells the story of the final few months in the life of Ramon Sampedro (Javier Bardem), a writer and former ship mechanic living in northern Spain who has spent the last 25 years as a quadriplegic painfully remembering the freedom he once had during his vigorous youth. Mired in what he sees as a hopeless condition, Ramon focuses on obtaining the legal right to die.

He hires a lawyer, Julia (newcomer Belén Rueda), with her own degenerative condition because she wants someone who can identify with his condition defending in court to wish to die with dignity. As she works with him, Julia discovers a host of his writing and tries to help him get published. She falls in love with him in the process. Although director Alejandro Amenabar (The Other) does not provide any scenes that allow the viewer to sympathize with or even observe Ramon's supposedly inferior life — his fantasy scenes are among the liveliest in the film — Julia eventually begins to sincerely support his wish to die, so much so that the resolution to end the suffering from her own illness.

A serious inconsistency in the movie stems from the fact that Ramon lives under the complete care of his brother, who does not want him to die. In one scene, as Ramon tries to defend his position, his brother reminds him how much his family cares. Normally this type of conflict would create great drama and tension, but here Ramon falls silent, and as in other instances, the film avoids examining the characters' genuine feelings. Amenabar often bypasses such conflicts, and occasionally provides homes in a failed attempt to forward the narrative.

One such attempt is a particularly disgusting scene involving a quadriplegic priest, the who has taxed his own penance and begun a new and fulfilling life, visits Ramon to encourage him to follow the same path. Ramon responds sarcastically to each of the priest's statements, warning the tears of the priest, religion and otherwise belittling well intentioned efforts. Ramon does not legitimize those who oppose euthanasia. Instead, he ignores their arguments.

Nothing changes our impression that the only obstacle to Ramon's ability to start a new life are his own unreasonable preconceptions and his impossible yearning for his bodily ability to start a new life are his own unreasonable preconceptions and his impossible yearning for his bodily movement of 30 years before.

In certain films from Italian filmmaker Federico Fellini (La Dolce Vita), parts that individually seem to serve no purpose form an aesthetically dazzling collage with many compelling possibilities for interpretation. The conflicting segments of The Sea Inside, however, fit like a badly-cut jigsaw puzzle, full of incoherent, rough edges. This film tries to be life-affirming while simultaneously championing the right to die — an unsuccessful combination, despite Bardem's best efforts.

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Speaking of guys, the show's newest twist indicates that producers are anticipat- ing a welding, bored and depressed Marissa (Mischa Barton) and indie-girl who looks like a a model Amber (Olivia Wilde) are getting close. And I don't mean book- together-at-summer-camp close. No, I mean from the Isle of Leshos close. They have been inches from kissing in the past few weeks. Just keep watching, the big smooch is indefinitely on its way.

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Owls face Aggies downtown tomorrow
by Jonathan Yardley

The Rice baseball team feels the loss of its third departee, first-round draft pick, it did not show in Saturday's season opener against Central Missouri State University at Steckling Park. Freshman left-hander Joe Saunders, junior right-hander Josh Geer and junior right-hander Bryce Cox each made his Division I debut, and the three combined on a shutout 1-0 win with 21 strikeouts leading the Owls to a 12-2 win over the 2003 Division II national champion Mules.

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Rice faces Oklahoma State today at noon, Texas A&M tomorrow at 7 p.m. and Baylor Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Minute Maid Park College Classic. Students can present their Rice IDs at the gate to purchase tickets for $6, half the original ticket price.

Tuesday's game against Sam Houston State was rained out, but the Owls, ranked 19th nationally, will make sure that they do not lose another game this season. They have a chance to show that we are not simply Rice basketball fans now have a chance to show what we are not simply Rice basketball fans now have a chance to show that we are not simply Rice basketball fans now have a chance to show what men are.
**Men's track wins DMR, 800 at UH**

by Stephen Whitlefield

Led by its corps of middle-distance runners, the men's track and field team has achieved a successful start at its second meet of the indoor season Saturday, the UH Dual Meet at the UH Track Center. The Owls went on to win both men's and women's indoor track and field meets.

"At the Arkansas meet, we expect those kids to run pretty fast, season-best times. We'd like to see at least a few provisional qualifiers ... if not an automatic [spot]." — Jon Warren (Jones '88) Head men's track and field coach

Sophomore Pablo Solares and Stephen Magnes, junior Aaron Arroyo, freshman and sophomore Eric Spear will probably constitute the distance medley relay team at the Arkansas meet, and Spear will run the 400 meters alongside junior Bahmane Miller. Sophomore Devin Faulkner will compete in the triple jump, and junior thrower Luke Stadeler will throw the shot put.

"If we run solid, we'll be in good shape at the SEC meet," coach Jon Warren (Jones '88) said. "We'd like to see at least a few provisional qualifiers for [the NCAA] Indoor Championships, if not an automatic [spot]."

At the Frisco Invitational Indoor Invitational Saturday, Solares — who was named the WAC indoor track and field Athlete of the Week for his efforts — Magnes, Redman and freshman distance runner Colby Keithan combined to win the distance medley relay, 11 minutes, 11.90 seconds, almost eight seconds faster than the second-place team from Texas State University.

"I think we're pretty well positioned. I think ... as far as racing goes ... we're a little bit ahead of schedule.

— Stephen Magnes

Sophomore runner

"We're pretty much where we expected to be," Solares said. "It wasn't a really tough meet at anything like that, but next weekend, we're going to go to Arkansas where we're really, really good people — really fast people — so we'll get a chance to see how far we are right now.

The distance medley race was done for the first two legs, with Solares and Redman building a slight lead over runners from Texas State, Grambling State, Prairie View A&M and Louisiana-Monroe. Magnes extended the Owls' lead in the first few meters he ran and continued to do so throughout the third leg. When Keithan received the baton for the final mile, the Owls had a more than comfortable lead.

Individually, Keithan placed seventh in the mile run with a time of 4:24.12, while Solares, Magnes and Redman also had success in the 800-meter run. Solares finished 2.4 seconds ahead of the field, winning the event in 1:52.39. Redman and Magnes came within 0.11 seconds of each other, finishing in 1:53.51 and 1:53.62, respectively.

"I think we're pretty well positioned. I think we're, as far as racing goes with Pablo running the 400, little bit ahead of schedule.

— Miller finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.19 seconds.

Former Owl All-American Ryan Harlan (Hanszen '04), currently a volunteer assistant coach at Rice, competed unattached in the meet. He finished eighth in the 100-meter dash, fifth in the pole vault, and his time of 7.80 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles was good enough for second place.

Rice upsets LSU 4-3

by Anzor Obemeyev

After its second consecutive upset of the season, the new-30th-ranked women's tennis team will be facing its in-state rival, Texas Tech University today at 3 p.m. and Texas State University tomorrow at 3 p.m. Rice begins the spring season ranked 67th in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll, but they have moved up 20 spots following winning all four of their matches in the season's opening three weeks. Head coach Roger White said the rankings will be unimportant until they change a computerized system in March.

"They're not ranked, but they'll finish the season in the rankings. They're going to be a tougher lot of teams, so we need to make sure we're not one of those teams. Ranked teams this early in the season is a bickie process — just look at where we were and where we are now."

For the second straight weekend, the Owls had to dig themselves out of a 1-0 hole after losing the doubles-point to a higher-ranked opponent. Junior Medea Egor and Amy Casey quickly lost of the Owls' Marina Chaves and Camila Calhar at the third doubles spot. Junior Blair [D'Essa] and freshman Kimberly Patenaude went down a break early in their match at the top doubles position, but they could not close out the break and still break chances at 2-1 and eventually lost 8-1. At No. 2 doubles, senior Tracie Chung and junior Camila Calhar, Magnes and Karas appeared to be heading for the same fate, falling into a 7-5 hole in their match against Amanda Mung and States Spencer.

"They jumped on us early in doubles," White said. "We were a little tentative, waiting to see if they were going to do, rather than having the opportunity to go out and win."

Chung and Karas rebounded, however, and took each of the next seven games and eventually the match 7-4 in a tiebreaker.

"They were playing really well in the first eight games, but we just stuck to our game plan," Karas said. "Assistant coach Elizabeth Schmidt just told us to stay out there as long as we could. ... We started having more fun and working as a team, and of a sudden it was 8-7 for us."

White said Chung and Karas doubled up as a wake-up call to the rest of the team. "Tracie and Dominique did a great job of pulling us away from the momentum and taking charge," White said. "I think that meant a lot to the team when we went into the top spot [between doubles and singles] — it sent the signal that this is our place and we're here to play.

Although the Owls had nothing to show for doubles, Karas parlayed her doubles success into a singles win at the fifth position, defeating Tiffany Tucker in straight sets 6-3, 6-4.

"Doubles definitely helped me," Karas said. "If we would have lost that match 8-1, I would have been down. Having won that gave me more confidence — I thought I could win my singles match."

To see [junior] Blair [D'Essa] struggling and then pull it off was an inspiration for everybody. That's how she got to be our captain — she has the power to inspire all of us.

— Kimberly Patenaude

Freshman tennis player

Chung did not enjoy the same car- rier effect as Karas, though, losing 6-2, 6-2 to Spencer at No. 3 singles, which pulled the Tigers within two points of the dual-match victory. After falling to hold serve in doubles, Patenaude continued to struggle at the onset of her singles match. She lost the opening set to LSU's Lauren Seaman, but then Patenaude proceeded to take control of the match. Seaman won only two games of the rest of the match as Patenaude scored a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

"She played really great," White said. "It's really hard to rebound after losing doubles and the first set of singles is like that, but she got herself settled down and focused on the task at hand. She was really professional and took care of business — she's the youngest kid on the team, and she played like she was 23 years old.

Patenaude said she relied on in-

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Robinson shatters weight throw record

by Josh Cooley

In the first month of its indoor season, the women's track and field team has only participated in local meets at Yeoman Fieldhouse at the University of Houston. But this weekend, the Owls will travel to Ames, Iowa for the Iowa State Classic, which begins today and runs through tomorrow.

"It's a little nervous," Robinson threwer Ulrika Hanson said. "But it's also pretty exciting as a freshman to get to travel and go to big meets."

Head coach Vince Lopez said the Iowa State Classic will better prepare the team for the Western Athletic Conference Championships Feb. 23-26 in Boise, Idaho, because Iowa State has a 300-meter track, as does Boise State. Lopez said he expects the Owls' confidence to improve and the team's times to get faster this weekend compared to their previous marks, which have all come on Yeoman's 200-meter facility.

"We meet the Owls will compete against conference opponent UTEP as well as larger schools such as Kansas, Kansas State, Minnesota and Nebraska. Lopez said he thinks his team will fare well against any competition.

"We're in close games, and we're going to win," Lopez said. "We're ready to challenge anyone."

I could definitely see [junior Krystal Robinson] breaking the record again.

— Ulrika Hanson
Junior thrower

Last weekend, the Owls had a successful showing at the Hyatt Regency Classic, highlighted by junior Krystal Robinson's school-record weight throw. Robinson broke the previous record set by a freshman and half two weeks ago at the UH Hilton Memorial Meet, and Saturday she bettered that mark by another 1 foot, 3 inches, throwing the weight 56 feet. Robinson's throw was good enough for fifth place in the event. Fellow thrower Hanson said she expects Robinson to continue to improve.

"She's been on a roll lately," Hanson said. "She works extremely hard in practice, and I could definitely see her breaking the record again."

Elsewhere in the field events, Hinson also shattered a personal record, as her throw of 434.25 in the shot put placed her sixth and was more than 2.5 feet better than her previous best. Sophomore Shardee Jimoh jumped 14-10 to finish sixth in the long jump. Freshman Rachel Grefsward finished and second among collegiate competitors in the pole vault, clearing 11-7.5.

The Owls ended equally strong on the track, especially in the distance. Freshman Jason McCullough, junior Nicki Mayes and senior Yovonna Childs finished tied in third through fifth places, running the men's shortest event in 15.4, 15.6 and 15.7 seconds, respectively. Jimoh added a third place finish in the 60-meter hurdles, and taking advantage of fresh senior Colle Wells — who joined the Owls this spring — was runner-up in the mile, breaking the five-minute barrier by more than a second.

"The freshmen are proving to be really good performers," Miles said.

Junior Megan Sandra, junior Danielle Prince, senior Megan South and sophomore Jessica Cox combined to win the distance medley relay for the Owls only event title on the day.

Owls edged by Miners, drop to fourth in WAC

by Adam Tabak

After losing four of its last five conference games, the men's basketball team must now turn its attention to the University of Tulsa for its regular season finale. Tulsa (15-3, 9-1 WAC) is locked in a battle for first place with Boise State (19-3, 9-1 WAC) while Tulsa (6-14, 3-8) is tied for last place in the conference with Boise (6-14, 3-8) and Texas (6-14, 3-8).

"We're in close games, and we're fighting to win," head coach Autry Nightingale said. "It's all about confidence."

"We've been doing good things," senior guard Jason McKnight said. "It's all about confidence."

"We're in close games, and we're doing the things that it takes to win," senior forward Morris Almond said. "We're right there at the doorstep of winning. We need to be in the games we need to win, but we've got to develop the resolve that we're going to win."
Texas captured the team title, shooting 16-under and wind. The Owls, who finished 11 strokes behind North Texas, had experienced comparable weather conditions in practice before tournament.

"We have been practicing in pretty similar weather, so I think that was the turning point," Buttaoco said. "I think we played well and that's why we finished in the top 20, I think our confidence is up before the first tournament."
Swim team splits road meets, ready for WC Championships

by Debbie Miller

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"It's the other boy's vomit," said the first boy. "Let's taste it."

SATURDAY

In this urban jungle, what animal do you see? The Rice Environmental Club hosts their 2nd Annual Environmental Conference entitled, "Urban Jungle: Cities in the Image of Nature," from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in McMurtry Auditorium in the Student Center. The event is free and open to the public with lunch provided. For more information, visit http://www.rice.edu/~envclub/conference.

SUNDAY

Orchestras Performance
Larry Rachleff conducts the Rice University Symphony Orchestra in the Studio Concert Hall of the Shepherd School of Music. Admission is free. For more information, contact Tom Uttman at (713) 348-4933.

WEDNESDAY

Cool Comebacks: Why don't you slip into something more comfortable... ...like a coma!

The International Programs Office hosts a workshop for summer study abroad applications at 4 p.m. in the Miner Lounge of the Student Center.

THURSDAY

Valentine's Day
Hey folks, it's Valentine's Day! So get that special someone a flower, or chocolate, or even a new liver. Or start crying. Hey folks, it's Valentine's Day! I'm bacon!

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TUESDAY

Share the love
Political Science professor Rick K. Wilson presents a lecture entitled, "In Others We Trust?" Roots of Human Cooperation and Conflict at 4 p.m. in McMurtry Auditorium in Duncan Hall All are welcome.

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CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSING

WEST UNIVERSITY Duplex: spacious 2 bedroom 1 bathroom, Central A/C, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, refrigerative reserved parking. No pets. 2336 Addison Rd. $995 per month. Contact Bill (713) 353-0936.

CONDO FOR RENT: Small 1-bed/1-bath ground floor, Richmond at Greenway Plaza. Open Washer and Dryer, beautiful remodeled custom ceramic tile bath and kitchen. Large closets, low electric. $565 per month. (713) 557-0973.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 1521 Bonnie Brae St. Half mile from campus by Mandell and Richmond. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, loft, large backyard and across from park. $2,490 per month. Call Billy at (281) 667-7895.

HELP WANTED

LOOKING FOR organized, fashion-savvy and extremely outgoing person to be a trendsetter scout. The scout will recruit fashion-forward people who are here. (Advance 1) You... dance. (Lose a turn).

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