Students discuss hazing

by Jenny Roes

About 60 students, faculty and staff members discussed hazing and university policy at a two-hour forum held Tuesday by Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman and the Student Association. Students questioned the panelists about the specific criteria for hazing violations and the system for investigating and sanctioning such violations.

The men’s and women’s club lacrosse teams were suspended last month for violating the Alcohol Policy and allegedly having new members at an off-campus party Dec. 3. As the party, known as “initiation,” about 20 new members of the men’s and women’s teams were handed alcohol by players wearing metal-nightclub handcuffs and were given a fifth of a gallon of hard liquor to drink. President David Leebron reduced the teams’ suspensions from three to two semesters on appeal.

Four of the new members were sanctioned individually for violating the Code of Student Conduct. The men’s and women’s captains were suspended for three semesters. On appeal, four of the suspensions were reduced to two semesters, and one was reduced to one semester.

The forum’s purpose was to address the general topic of hazing rather than the specific situation of the lacrosse teams, former SA President Derrick Matthews said at the beginning of the event.

The panelists were Rice Counseling Center Assistant Director Rachel Adams, SA President James Lloyd, Assistant Dean of Student Judicial Programs Donn Ostdiek and Williams Center Director Emily Page. Forman moderated the discussion, which consisted of audience members asking questions of the panelists.

Lorette College President Lanny Rose said he recognizes the university’s policy on hazing has not changed, but students perceive that the policy’s enforcement has become stricter with the punishment of the lacrosse teams.

Those asked further questions about such as Orientation Week and college government changes will also come under scrutiny. Forman said he could offer no specific guidelines for determining which events might be considered hazing, but student leaders should ask Ostdiek about specific plans if they are concerned about an event.

“I would hope this forum offers us a chance not just to look at traditions and ask, ‘Can we get away with this?’ but look at what value these traditions hold for us,” Forman said.

Forman said although the Texas law that defines and prohibits hazing currently applies only to public institutions of higher education, the Senate State Legislative is considering legislation that would extend hazing statutes to private institutions. The bill is currently being considered by the House Committee of Higher Education and would take effect Sept 1.

Will Rice College senior Nathan Wood said the hazing section of the Code of Student Conduct is too vague. The code defines hazing as “any act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or which destroys or removes public or private property, for the purpose of membership and/or association with a group, including a group of students involving another to engage in such conduct.”

Forman said the section may lack detail, but its spirit is clear.

“You need to interpret the hazing section in conjunction with the rest of the Code,” Ostdiek said.

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Self-scheduled exams decision will wait until next semester

by David Brown

Action on a proposal to eliminate self-scheduled exams, which has been under consideration for a year, has been put on hold until the fall.

Vice President for Enrollment Anna Wright initiated an evaluation of the exams system in March 2004, in part because self-scheduled exams are difficult for the Registrar’s Office to coordinate.

Wright, who oversees the Registrar’s Office, said the idea of eliminating self-scheduled exams has also appealed to current and former faculty members, who doubt the current system exam because it makes their grading process a whole lot easier.

However, improvements in last semester’s administration of self-scheduled exams and calls for more student input have slowed the progress of the proposal. University Standing Committee on Teaching Chair Michael Gustin said.

“We thought it looked like we needed to have a broader discussion,” Gustin, a biology professor, said.

Wright presented a proposal for revising the exam system to the Teaching Committee Nov. 30.

The committee made recommendations on Wright’s proposal but never voted on a final version to send to the faculty for a vote. Instead, Provost Eugene Laverty will now decide when to submit a modified version to the faculty, Wright said.

“It’s all going to be kicked into next year, when I hope there will be a decision made about all this,” Wright said.

Self-scheduled exams definitely will be available for this spring and probably for next fall.

The Teaching Committee has discouraged reducing the minimum class enrollment for a self-scheduled exam from 50 students to 25 students. Another possibility is randomly assigning each undergraduate class an exam period during which a scheduled exam is available.

Deadline to drop a course (with a $10 fee) and to designate a course Pass/Fail is April 1. Final Ps for ESTHER and EDRH are now available from college coordinators.

Sophomores must declare their major by today. Sophomores failing to do so will not be allowed to register for Fall 2005 classes.

WHERE’S WILLY?  The “Willy’s World” festivities begin Monday with an Owl Egg Hunt in the academic quad.

Beer debates with Rice professors will be held Thursday at 9 p.m. in Willy’s Pub.

Willy’s Birthday Picnic will take place Wednesday in the Academic Quad from 5 p.m. Students can enjoy Caribbean food and Willy’s birthday cake while dining al fresco.

International Beer Night is Thursday at Willy’s Pub.

Here’s hoping for a week full of wonderful weather, creative jocks, water balloon filling and preparation for Beer-Bike April 2.

Dalai Lama to visit Rice

by Ryan Jennings

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Tenzin Gyatso, the spiritual head of Tibetan Buddhism, leader of Tibet, Exile and Nobel Peace Prize winner, will speak at Rice Sept. 22.

He’s also on the Houston Tibet and Bhutan Society’s schedule for a presentation on the importance of “radiant compassion,” a Buddhist concept. He also plans to speak to Rice faculty on Sept. 26.

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Students need clear definition of hazing

We saw a pattern emerge at Tuesday’s forum on hazing (see story, page 1). More than once, students requested a clear definition of hazing. More than once, Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman and three other administrators advised students to use good judgment, but said it would be impossible to provide a comprehensive definition.

After the suspensions of the men’s and women’s club lacrosse teams for hazing at a Dec. 3 party, students want and need guidelines to follow. Although some of those who attended the forum might have come away with the answers they were looking for, we think administrators should further address campus-wide concerns about what constitutes hazing.

The hazing entry in the Code of Student Conduct is only 45 words long. It would make sense to supplement that entry with an unofficial written document. The document might include examples of hazing cases at other private universities and use Texas state hazing laws, which currently are being reviewed by a reference point. The Student Activities Office could distribute the document to student leaders, such as club and college presidents, when they take office, as it does with the clubs manual. This would be especially appropriate since student leaders can be held responsible as individuals for hazing.

We’re glad the forum took the form of a question-and-answer session rather than a panel discussion although there were, predictably, more questions than answers. A lawyer could have better informed students of their specific responsibilities under the Code of Student Conduct.

Spring for holding class outdoors


While the mild temperatures last, we’d like to encourage professors to hold class sessions outside. There are plenty of locations — outside Sewall, Dell Butcher and Herrine Halls, to name a few — that lend themselves perfectly to open-air colloquia. In one month, Houston will be scorching hot. So let’s revel in green space. We all applied to Rice for holding class outdoors, right?

Erratum

In the article “Leebron reduces lacrosse penalties” in the March 18 issue, the number of men’s and women’s club lacrosse captains and the results of the captains’ disciplinary appeals were incorrect. Of the five lacrosse captains, four had their suspensions reduced from three to two semesters. The other captain’s suspension was reduced from three semesters to one semester.

The Thresher regrets the errors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Post-break Sunday meal not ‘paid for’

To the editor:

In response to the staff editorial pertaining to meal service on the Sunday evening after spring break (“Spring break returns deserve Sunday dinner,” March 18), I would like to provide an explanation. Several meals that fall around the break are not included in the meal contract. Records indicate that less than half of the students on campus participate in meal service prior to and following the breaks. The meal provided on Sunday after spring break was advertised as a “complimentary Sunday dinner,” and that is all we intended for it to be Sunday dinner. March 15 was not in the meal plan contract, therefore, it is incorrect to say you “paid for it.”

Lauing and Dining has an annual emergency preparedness plan that includes a substantial inventory of unsalable ready-to-eat meals, which can be easily distributed in an emergency situation. In order to maintain the freshness of these meals, it is necessary to rotate our inventory and distribute them as soon as possible or serve as a study break. We feel that is in your best interest that we continue to purchase and rotate our emergency food supply on a regular basis.

Housing and Dining is committed to providing full meal service for all meals outlined in the Campus Housing Agreement.

Julie Bogar
Residential college dining manager

Lacrosse penalties teach wrong lesson

To the editor:

While most of us agree that the Dec. lacrosse party reflects a lapse in judgment, I believe last week’s letter “Leebron’s lacrosse decision grossly underestimates the point of why the administration’s decision was out of line.” Personally, I do not believe that the lacrosse party in question involved the actual forcing of students to drink dangerous amounts of alcohol, but let’s say for argument’s sake that it did. The last time I checked, we are all college students who make important decisions every day on our own that can have beneficial or detrimental consequences.

Many of us have been pressured many times to drink by various people, friends, sometimes by leaders of groups of which we are members. The point is, we should all be ultimately responsible for the consequences of our own actions.

Rice is an educational institution and we are all educated adults who are capable of independent thought and, to that extent, not absolute hooligans.

Jennifer Wessel
Brown junior

Erratum

To the editor:

I realize my letter cannot represent all Christians on campus. Rather than retaliating with indignation, I invite you to further discuss with us and listen with the open mind that I assure you comes from Christians.

Matt Dunn
Marti freshman

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Freedom of speech protects the offensive, too

In the hit song "Another Brick in the Wall," Pink Floyd cried: "We don't need to educate." Apparently, high school teachers have released their standards and just in grammar. A recent survey of 15-year-olds found that more than one-third of students believe the First Amendment is for students only, while 63 percent of those surveyed believe the First Amendment is for them as well. The survey was conducted by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and it is the annual, in-depth investigation of student-free speech attitudes.

Asst. Editor

In my firstguess, I would say that the solution is not simply to ban all offensive words, or to impose severe penalties on those who use them. The real issue is how to balance the right to free speech with the need to protect students from offensive speech in the classroom.

Faraz Sultan

The Rice Thresher

Requiring a senior thesis of all undergraduates would require campus-wide academic harmony, as it is the only way to achieve the goals of the university. While some students may be opposed to this idea, it is important to remember that the benefits of a senior thesis outweigh the costs. By requiring a senior thesis, the university will be able to foster a sense of academic community, encourage students to engage in independent research, and provide students with the opportunity to develop their writing and critical thinking skills.

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Sewage seeps into Hanszen basement
by Daniel Smith
FELAP had been working on repairing and replacing outdated parts.
"Since the summer, [FELAP] has been working on fixing the sanitary sewer and replacing pipes," Price said.
"Water in the building was temporarily shut off to prevent further overflow and to expedite the process of clearing the basement," said. "Later, there was just a smell. Hanszen freshman Sarah Lopez said, "I think it is extremely important for people to be able to integrate science, political and social issues, and the humanities in a meaningful way.
— Mary McIntyre
Dean of Continuing Studies

The final course, called "The Shaping of Western Thought," to be taught by Professor Ronald Sass, will be of interest to undergraduates.
"If it increases the prestige of Rice in the community, it is important not only for financial support, but it means that undergraduates have a better time when their minds are full of information that is useful for them."
Sass said he thinks the new program's outreach to the community may indirectly help Rice undergraduates.
"We hope to create a core social science curriculum which is designed to be taken by students who want to learn for learning's sake," Mclntyre said.

Students will have to reserve tickets for the event, but the ticket price has not yet been set, Chaud said. The event will provide details about the visit by the end of April.

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Adam said psychologically, being usually involves humiliation, fear, shame, vulnerability or issues of power and control.  

Waves College President Jack Hardcastle said students should feel an obligation to prevent hazing.  

"We're approaching this with the assumption that it's the university or some higher organization policing students," Hardcastle, a junior, said.  

"Why are we not approaching this from the assumption that this is like the Honor Code or [University] Court — that students are policing themselves."  

Brown College junior Jen Wessel said she worries that students hosting events will be less likely to call Rice Emergency Medical Services for alcohol-related illnesses and injuries, for fear of punishment.  

"I have a fear that... everyone is so afraid that someone holds a private party, or if you're a social, people will not want to call EMS," Wessel said.  

Forman said students' medical records are confidential, and Ostdiek does not record receivers of EMS calls. Although four students were treated at Memorial Hermann hospital after participating in the hazing initiation, Forman said those EMS calls were not the stimulus for the investigation.  

"The EMS calls simply did not play a role in this investigation at all," Forman said.  

Martel College junior Aaron Sankin said several traditions at Rice seem to fit the Code of Student Conduct's definition of hazing but have not been scrutinized by administrators in the past. As an example, Sankin described Jones College's annual "death march," during which freshmen are tied to columns outside the college to witness Baker 12.  

"When you set a precedent of not reviewing a rule for a very long time, it is far to suddenly enforce that rule without informing anyone," said Tanika.  

Forman said enforcing a rule is always fair.  

Martel freshman Sahil Gajjar said administrators should outline criteria for hazing more clearly and avoid "scapegoating" particular students or organizations.  

Several other students also asked for more specific criteria. Forman said listing specific types of hazing in the Code of Student Conduct is infrangible.  

Lloyd, a Brown junior, said the SA will work to further define the hazing policy and inform students about it. He said administrators at other universities, such as Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University, provide multiple documents to educate students about hazing. The Web site http://www.stophazing.org lists questions to be asked to determine whether behavior is hazing, such as, "Does your activity involve describing the activity to your parents, to a professor or University official?"  

Martel sophomore Erin Sznitka asked whether student leaders would be punished as individuals for groups' hazing violations.  

"There are a lot of things that happen that could be considered hazing," Sznitka said. "Who will be held responsible if these things continue to happen?"  

Ostdiek said no student is ever punished simply for being the leader of an organization.  

"To be sanctioned under the code for behavior that you consider to be considered hazing," Ostdiek said. "No, that's not possible."  

Ostdiek said student leaders could be held responsible if they do not act to prevent hazing violations.  

Forman said he plans to hold a forum Tuesday to discuss how to prevent hazing.  

Martel junior Jeff Senison said students hosted on the forum to keep bringing up issues with," Matthews said.  

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Forman said he plans to hold similar events in the future to examine various issues.

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Students who participate in the campus-wide "Gift of Life" spring blood drive this week can save lives and help their colleges win money. The blood drive begins Monday and will run through Thursday, with eight colleges hosting one-day drives during that time. The Alumni Association and the Rice Student Volunteer Program will host the annual drive Tuesday at Fanninworth Pavilion in the Student Center.

Students can donate at any location, but the college that collects the most units of blood will receive $125 and a plaque recognizing the college's president and drive coordinator, Alumni Blood Drive Coordinator Jim Greenwood (Baker '80). The second-place college will receive $75 and a plaque.

The Alumni Association will supply the rewards and help coordinate the drive in conjunction with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. The Alumni Association began sponsoring blood drives in the spring of 2001. "The blood drive was designed as an outreach program to provide alumni and students a relatively simple and painless way to serve the community by helping save lives through blood donations," Greenwood said.

Rice University Police Chief Bill Taylor said. "It's technically the responsibility of the Pub operators to make sure everyone drinking is of age," Taylor said. "They can lose their license for allowing underage drinking to occur, and I can tell you right now, they're trying to have some major discussions down there."

Pub employees have met with each other about the incident and will meet with RUPD soon. Pub General Manager Dave Meeker said. While Pub employees will not be investigating any specific policy changes, Friday's referrals will increase employees' awareness of underage drinking, Meeker said.

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However, one of the students referred to U. Court, who wished to remain anonymous, said it did not appear Pub employees were warning students Friday. The student said although the student said although

Students know the risks of underage drinking in public, some believe that drinking discreetly at the Pub will result in a referral to Student Judicial Programs. "Students get the impression if they're well-behaved and don't cause a ruckus, that there's not going to be a problem," the student said.

Taylor also said undergraduate students should realize that local laws apply to them in the Pub. "Students were drinking and they weren't supposed to, so that's a public location," Taylor said. "There is a liquor license down there, that if that kind of thing happens down there, they're in danger of losing that. They might not have a Pub at all. People need to think this through."

Six students were referred to the Student Judicial Programs Office for Alcohol Policy violations, and two non-Rice individuals were issued minor in possession citations at Baker College pub night, held Friday at Willy's Pub. Five of the students were referred for underage possession of alcohol, and the sixth was referred for supplying alcohol to minors, Rice University Police Chief Bill Taylor said.

Possible sanctions for the Alcohol Policy violations range from written reprimands to expulsion. Assistant Dean of Student Judicial Programs Don Outdick said. The cases have been referred to the University Court for adjudication, Outdick said.

Two additional underage students with alcohol were warned by Pub employees and were not referred to Student Judicial Programs.

RUPD Sergeant Gary Spears noticed the students when he walked through the Pub around midnight. Officers often walk through the Pub on busy nights, such as college pub nights, and students have been referred to U. Court for underage drinking during pub nights in the past, Taylor said.

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Jones will keep unisex floors

by James Sulak

Heaven and Hell will live on for at least one more year. A referendum at Jones College to make its two single-sex floors coed failed Sunday, when the Jones cabinet decided to throw out a controversial full-college vote in favor of further discussion.

Jones third floor south will remain all-male, and fourth south will remain all-female, which has been the tradition since the college became coed in 1980.

Some college members were confused by the vote, Jones President Brock Garrett said.

The vote was advertised as a constitutional amendment, the Jones constitution does not specify the floors must be single-sex.

“We were voting for an amendment that didn’t actually amend,” Garrett, a junior, said.

Some students chose not to vote, hoping the measure would fail because of low turnout, and others thought the vote was only a survey, Garrett said.

About 200 college members cast ballots, with the majority voting in favor of making the floors coed.

However, turnout did not satisfy the 75-percent quorum needed to pass or fail a constitutional amendment, Garrett said.

The polls opened March 16 and closed March 17. Because room draws for next year began Sunday, the same day the polls were counted, many people thought the process was rushed, Garrett said.

“We just wanted to give the issue more time,” he said. “It would have been impossible to make a decision.

Complications also occurred because the polls opened the same day as cabinet changeover. He said the vote was initiated under then-president Ellen Montz. Montz declined to comment.

The first meeting of the new cabinet under Garrett was scheduled for Wednesday, but the cabinet met Sunday and decided to form an ad hoc committee to look into various options.

The committee chaired by junior Cristina Torres will survey the college, particularly residents of the single-sex floors, Garrett said.

The committee will make recommendations to the cabinet in the fall.

Possibilities include making all Jones floors coed or designating different ends of a single hall all-male and all-female, Garrett said.

The ballot measure was prompted by a four-hour forum held March 1 at the Jones masters’ house, which the cabinet organized at the request of students living on single-sex floors, Garrett said.

Jones sophomore Johnny Hanson said he thinks the forum was well-run.

Many opinions were expressed by students both for and against single-sex floors, he said.

Hanson, who lived on third south his freshman year, said he thinks the all-female floor is quiet and socially isolated.

Also, when a room becomes vacated on third or fourth south, during the week two only students of the appropriate gender have the opportunity to move in, he said.

Sophomore Bernadette Turegano said she is in favor of coed floors. She said the single-sex floors give Jones a different character than Jones North, which is completely coed.

“I feel that (South and North) are pretty separated,” Turegano said. “The dynamic of Jones would change.”

Turegano said despite the initial rush and confusion, she is pleased the cabinet is now taking time to look into the matter.

“They are really respectful of people who don’t want the change,” she said.

Senior Xiaoming Yin has lived on the all-female floor for four years. She said people on the floor tend to bond with each other, and she enjoys the quiet and clean atmosphere.

“Think it’s unique characteristics of Jones College,” Yin said.

Freshman Matt McDade said he requested to live on a coed floor but was assigned to the all-male floor.

He said he wants the two floors to become coed, but there should be an option for those who want to live on a single-sex floor.

Former Will Rice College President C. W. McCullough said the college recently approved a referendum that slightly changed single-sex living arrangements at Will Rice, the other college with all single-sex floors. Under the new policy, bromides will have first priority for two singles on the all-male second floor.

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The gift of retirement

Jones College Coordinator Jackie White opens a retirement gift at her farewell party in the Jones Commons Sunday. White served as Jones coordinator for 22 years.

POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period March 14-21.

Residential Colleges

Will Rice College

March 19 Student reported male subject leaving unlocked dorm room.

Laptop computer later discovered missing.

March 19 Bicycle stolen.

Will Rice College

March 21 Student reported money taken from his secured room over the weekend.

Sid Richardson College

March 21 Student reported credit card abuse.

Hansen College

March 21 Two males reported for selling CDs from a backpack. Both subjects had outstanding warrants. One, a Rice alumnus, was arrested on a Pasadena warrant and picked up by Pasadena Police Department. The other, a non-Rice subject, was detained for Precinct 5 warrants.

Jones School

March 18 Laptop computer stolen.

Brown College

March 18 Textbooks stolen from backpack.

Academic Buildings

George F. Brown Hall

March 14 Fire in lab.

Sewall Hall

March 16 Vacuum cleaner stolen.

Anderson Hall

March 17 Backpack and CD player stolen. Property recovered and returned to owner. Suspect had been arrested by University of Houston Police.

Jones School

March 18 Laptop computer stolen.

Other Buildings

Februaryary

March 18 School property

Parking Lots

South Colleges Lot

March 14 Houston Police Department homicide detectives requested assistance with a warrant service. Non-Rice visitor arrested for capital murder. RUPD transported subject to HPD Central jail.

Greenbrier Lot

March 18 Car window broken and purse taken from rear floorboard.

West Lot

March 19 Four subjects broke glass panel at Shuttle Stop No. 2. Two adults arrested, and two juveniles released to responsible party with citations.

Other Areas

College Way

March 14 Accident between golf cart and vehicle.

Laboratory Road

March 14 Minor accident involving shuttle bus.

Atty Court

March 14 Bicycle tire stolen.

Willy’s Pub

March 15 Assault report filed.

Atty Court

March 17 Wallet and checkbook stolen by above list subject.

Willy’s Pub

March 19 Officer walk-through found eight underage subjects consuming or providing alcohol. Six students referred to Student Judicial Programs and two Non-Rice subjects issued minor possession citations. (See story, page 7)

2200 University Boulevard

March 19 Intoxicated male walking in street, flailing arms and shouting. City citation issued for public intoxication.

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**Editors' picks**

**friday**

Alvia Wardlaw, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston's curator of contemporary and modern art, will speak at the Steel Lounge talk on the CAMH's exhibit Double Consciousness: Black Consciousness Art Since 1970. Friday at 6:30 p.m. The CAMH, 5216 Montrose Blvd. Please call (713) 284-8250 for more information.

**this weekend**

**LET'S MAKE SOME SOAP**

Director David Facher's freewheeling classic fight genre, This weekend's midnight movie, Tonight and tomorrow at midnight: The River Oaks. 2009 West Gray. Please call (713) 666-999 for more information.

**thursday**

**LOOKING BACK**

The Rice Media Center tapes of its retrospective on French director Rainer Werner Fassbinder, '90s, Oscar Arts Center Early Films 1986-1993, with its added feature Disorder, The film was the International Critics Prize of the 1986 Venice Film Festival. Thursday, 8 p.m. Rice Media Center. $6 general admission, $5 Rice faculty, students, staff. Please call (713) 348-3138 for ticket information.

**This 'Cabaret'spotlights bare-legged ruckus**

Sally Bowles (Laure Scott, Baker 02) struts with the Kit Kat Girls (Wiesen senior Theresa Curtis, Sid Richardson sophomore Kate Goodale, Hans Foundation senior Parisa Azamian and Wiesen senior Elisabeth Papadopoulos) in Cabaret. Berlin on the eve of World War II is a hellish hothouse of divine sin and decadence. The most hopping joint in town is the Kit Kat Club, where Gabe (Baker College freshman Chris Turner) and his personal servant Travis (Baker junior Jared Blakey) trap the streets of Pans, exchanging light-hearted banter and a mild flirtation with sultry Sally Bowles, a shady girl in a dark dress, a sweepy girl. What good is sitting alone in your room?/Come hear the music/Face the rafters of the world. And it's good advice.

The show is a series of songs, the majority of which are sung by Sally Bowles and the Kit Kat Girls, who are complex, intricate and too enthusiastic — no matter how they try, they stand out with a brilliantly bizarre series of narrative voice-overs toward the end of the first act.

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**THEARD" SHREWS" GIVES THEscape**

The Bard gets bawdy in Bakershake's screwball 'Shrew.'

Hortensio (Baker College senior Joe Dreyfuss) attempts to woo Bianca (Baker senior Tina Rad) in William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew.'

The master-servant duo of Turner and Blakey, as well as Doctrow and Rad, leave the audience in awe, as the two manage to light up the stage and keep it going. The play calls for a lot of physical humor, and there's no dearth of it. Both the Stratford's set-up only adds to the experience. The Emcee with unbridled enthusiasm and skill, the show is a brilliant series of narratives voice-overs.

The fight scenes compete ferociously with the low sounds for shock value, and as the tension mounts, the cast knocks all highbrow off Shakespeare. In a particularly during scene, Bianca straddles Lucentio in the midst of a pas-sionate make-out session, as Tranio and another of Bianca's suitors, Hortensio (Baker senior Joe Dreyfuss), watch and comment.

Sculptural, bawdy actions require equally comic line delivery, and for the most part, the Shrew's actors rise to the challenge. They prove it impossible to be too loud or too enthusiastic — no matter how hard they try, Jackson stands out with a brilliantly bizarre series of narrative voice-overs toward the end of the first act.

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Confessions of an iPod zombie

I think it was The Village that first dubbed the massive throngs of white headphone-wearing urbanites “iPod Zombies.” The term suggested, among other things, that iPod addicts hide behind their headphones. They opt for a disemboweling baseline over a thrilling jackhammer. They prefer a rapper’s profanity to that of their fellow pedestrians. iPod Zombies need their white, Apple-made MP3 players so they can walk to the beat of their own drummers. In short, iPod listeners is a statement of individuality that only a massive corporate trend can produce.

I experienced a certain thrill each time I realized I had something everyone wanted but not everyone had.

I say all this, of course, as a proud iPod Zombies myself. I have had one.

I had a clunky, first-generation 10-GB model that I loved, adored, slept with, ran with and walked with. No matter where I was going, I could be spotted with my white headphones, noise in every back yard since.

The Stokes serve as the soundtrack to my life. As a child, I have risen, so has the level of contempt from the non-listeners. They cite the iPod owner’s persistence to be plugged in everywhere and at all times as somehow elitist and definitely alienating.

A certain etiquette, I suppose, could assuage relations between listeners and non-listeners. When both headphones are in, do your best to smile, wave and nod as someone passes. When the Futureheads are blasting in both ears, it is impossible to have a conversation. This is why I often compromise by wearing only one headphone. This way, conversations can take place and the music never dies.

While there is something to be said for an existence tuned into nature, I am a hopeless zombie. I have tried finding joy in chirping birds, whistling wind and the other ambient noises of everyday life, but no matter what, I can’t recreate The Magnetic Fields.

Jonathan Schumann in a coffeehouse

Hashimoto exhibit explores high skies

Hashimoto’s work is so compelling that the visitor will inevitably wonder how it would have looked if he decided to submerge the entire space in a massive cloud. The interpretations of “atmosphere” are infinite, but Hashimoto’s construction, while visually stunning, is one-dimensional. It hints at the meaning of “atmosphere” intuitively, but it does not. It requires the visitor to have a penchant for spirituality and creativity.

Film puts human face on post-Commie life

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'Upside' gets drunk on drama and romance, falls on its face

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The Upside of Anger

The Upside of Anger concerns itself with many things. At its brightest, it is an unlikely love story between two wandering souls. Terry (The Contender's Jean Allen) and Denny (Tin Durham's Kevin Costner) start off as drinking buddies — she prefers vodka while he sticks to Bud — and inevitably fall for each other. The化学 balance between Allen and Costner helps the film, at moments, succeed.

But then there are those pesky daughters. The youngest, incomprehensible named Pippy, is played by Evan Rachel Wood, who broke out with her remarkable role as a rebellious teen in Thirteen. Here, Wood is relegated to something more often found on cancelled sitcoms. Pippy narrates the film, offering the audience rumblings on anger and a goofy, manic Hallmark card at the end.

The other daughters, played by Alicia Witt (Urban Legend), Reid Russell (TV's Felicity) and Erotika Christiansen (Traffic), are all thinly written stereotypes. Binder presumably creates Witt's character so her engagement and eventual wedding can be used as plot points. Otherwise, she does not seem to have much purpose.

Christensen, who has failed to make much of an impression in her post-Traffic roles, plays the contentious daughter who wants to work rather than go to college. Denny gets her a job at his radio station. She proves to be a device to get Binder into his own film. As the plot spirals further out of control, Russell's possibly anorexic ballet dancer emerges as another trigger for Terry's angst. They argue and yell in language that resembles a particularly bad movie of the week. There is a moment, in fact, when Terry confesses her pathetic existence, saying, 'I am not one of those white women you see on TV whose husbands left them.' Actually, Terry, in this film, that is all you are.

Allen offers a variation on the suburban housewife roles she played in films such as Pleasantville and The Ice Storm. She has carved out an impressive career from creating portraits of cold, oppressed womanhood. While Terry's narration mirrors that of Betty Parker in Pleasantville and Elena Hood in The Ice Storm, hers is rendered with acute exasperation. And while Allen again displays her uomo ability to morph into her character — it is hard to believe this is the same actress who played Pat Nixon — Binder creates Terry as a wholly unsympathetic, vengeful harpy.

Binder seems to have reserved a certain poison for Terry, whose erratic, destructive behavior is ambiguously masked behind battle after battle of Grey Goose. Terry addiction is nothing more than a punch line. Look, there's Terry with a vodka tonic over breakfast. There she goes gulping a Bloody Mary Isn't that a hoot?

Costner seems to be pulling from his directorial repertoire. Denny, who now hosts a radio talk show and signs baseballs to stay afloat, bears great resemblance to the athletes in Costner's past, most notably Bull Durham's Crash Davis and Tin Cup's Roy McAvoy. With acute exasperation, Terry, in this film, that is all you are.

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Before this film, Costner's career was looking mighty peaked. After self-inflicted, financially disastrous box-office bombs like Waterworld and The Postman, most had all but written him off. But here, with beer in hand and a sly grin scrawled across that aging face, Costner is at his most delightful. There is something inherently adorable about Denny. When he repeatedly tempts Terry with drink after drink, we are not surprised to see her accept time after time. As Costner has created him, Denny is a man impossible to resist.

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Because Binder's gets constructed first to be improvised, it is no surprise when he tries to throw in a "twist" ending. Here, Binder is the screenwriter of two-steps-apart, barely-springing-somethings-on-the-animated-reading-challenging-everything scenario. Funny that Binder botches the ending, because in most bad films, the ending is the only upside.
**SA TREASURER**

Andrew Bowen

The Student Association is going under a period of needed change and reform with the election of James Lloyd as its Treasurer. During this period of change, I believe that the job of a treasurer who is willing to embrace change and bring new ideas to the organization has never been more important. I will work with the outgoing treasurer to prepare a responsible budget for upcoming year. One observation that I have made in my short time at Rice is that most people go "above and beyond the call of duty" to serve you! When you go to the polls, remember "Sai's the Guy for SA Treasurer!"

**HONOR COUNCIL AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE (CHOOSE 8)**

Jacob Stinnett

I'm running for Honor Council because I think it is important for the faculty at Rice and members of the general community to respect the academic work of students here. However, they can't do that if plagiarism and cheating are not dealt with fairly. The policies currently in place to achieve that have also had some side-effects, such as allowing professors to trust students enough to give take-home exams. I don't want to see those and other benefits of the honor system disappear anytime soon, so if I'm elected I'll work with the rest of the Honor Council to help maintain what it brings to the Rice student body.

Peter Cooper

Annalise Gill

Rebecca Glisan

Charles Lawrie

Brandon Mack

Teresa Monkkonen

Payal Patel

**UNIVERSITY COURT SR.**

Nathan Shaw

For the previous two years I've served on the University Court at the Wrenn College Boy's residence and for the past year as the Treasurer. I feel that the experience I've gained in the U Court over the last two years is invaluable and I hope to put it to work next year, essentially as the Chair of the Court. I appreciate your support and hope you give the chance to serve you again.

**CAMPANILE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

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**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**
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After the baseball team was swept in a three-game series for the first time since 1997 last weekend, head coach Wayne Graham tried to inspire his team with clips of his crowning moment: Rice’s 2003 national championship.

The Owls responded by blasting San Juan State University 16-2 Tuesday night in a game shortened to seven innings due to Rice’s lead.

"We had a long meeting before the game today and what we reviewed was some of the great at bats we had in the 2003 Colleage World Series,” Graham said Tuesday. "We actually looked at them and dissected them, hoping to get a little stronger commitment to getting the outside corner and some mechanics that are necessary to win.”

Rice (16-2, 1.58) will move into the Friday spot 00) at Reckling Park. Graham said he expects his freshman left-hander Cole St.Clair to cover the outside corner and to some of the realities and relax.

"Rice bludgeoned Nevada in all six games last year, outscoring the Wolf Pack 8-1. Nevada won two of three games in a tournament in Irvine. Cali. last weekend but has a team ERA of 4.84, more than two runs higher than Rice’s 2.70 mark. Junior right-hander Tim Schoeninger, a Nebraska transfer, is scheduled to start Saturday.

"I think it’s always good to hit a few balls hard, no matter what,” Graham said. "Sometimes when you fail resoundingly you wake up to some of the realities and relax and start swinging the bat.”

Rice head coach Wayne Graham says his team is ready to go after its last two IM championships, won the last two IM championships, was đoàned by Jonathan Yardley

Men’s Soccer

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"They were definitely a strong team, but I wouldn't say I didn't expect that," Woods said. "They were very physical at least in the post, and they looked quick out there on the perimeter ... After you get down, after you miss a few shots — I don't know if it was confidence — but it just wasn't there for us." — Michelle Woods

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Saturday's NCAA tournament game was reminiscent of last year's Western Athletic Conference championship game, when two-time defending WAC champs University of Louisiana Tech University used a combination of dominant post play and lightning-quick guards to handily defeat Rice 76-52 at the New Mart Center in Fresno, Calif. In that game, future WNBA drafters Anusha Carter and Erica Frixion had 20 rebounds — the entire Rice team had 33 — while the Lady Techsters forced 29 Lady Owl turnovers.

Rice rebounded from that loss to defeat La Tech by 29 points in this year's WAC championship, and McKinney said she hoped her team has a chance to learn from this year's NCAA tournament experience.

"The key for us is to keep our program at a level where you can get beat but you can learn from the experience," McKinney said. "I think we realized we've got to get stronger, that we've got to address the intensity level that you play with in this tournament. We do have a lot of young players — Lauren and guard Krystal Frazier are just sophomores — and two of our lanky kids. This was great for them, and hopefully will really help us go in the future."

Saturday's loss completed the Lady Owls' most successful season ever, as the team scored 69 percent of its shots, second in the conference, and contributed eight points, and second-leading rebounder Eshombi Singleton made 19 starts last year at Michigan State before transferring to Rice, where she made 17 starts in three seasons. When not in the starting lineup, though, captain Peck stayed positive and contributed eight points per game — fourth best on the team — as the first player off the bench.

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"The five freshmen have tremendous capabilities," Woods said. "They've even said to me, 'Now we expect [to make the NCAA tournament]. That's something I can be proud of — knowing that the players that are going to stay behind have something to shoot for now that we've been to the tournament.'"

In addition to Woods, who started virtually all of the Lady Owls' games the last two seasons and was the team's third-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder this year, Rice losses senior guard Lindsie Singleton and senior forward Annie Peck.

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Men's tennis drops third straight match

by Matt McClen

For the men's tennis team, coming home to Houston's Tudor Stadium wasn't the remedy necessary to cure its two-match losing streak. The Owls, ranked No. 58 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association entering the match, fell 6-1 to No. 43 Middle Tennessee State University Saturday.

"We knew that Middle Tennessee was a tough team," assistant coach Ellie Ustundag (Baker '99) said. "They had some good wins and they're an aggressive team, but I played outdoors at home before being on the road for a few matches would be to our advantage.

The 2006 Owls also had a three-match losing streak, dropping matches to Oklahoma State, Alabama and Texas A&M after opening the season with 17 consecutive wins. Rice rebounded to win seven consecutive matches, capturing first place in the South 3rd round of the NCAA tournament.

Against Middle Tennessee State, the Owls got off to a rough start, losing a hard-fought doubles point to the Blue Raiders. After Rice's top tandem of sophomore Ben Harbert and junior Robert Searle upset their Midstate ranked No. 16 Schledorn and Brandon Allen 6-3, 6-2, the Owls had an early leg up.

Serving for the match, the Owls needed four wins in the doubles, and the only obstacle was to get two wins in the bottom two spots of the roster. After losing four of their last five matches at the fourth position, freshman Ralph Kromer was moved to the fifth spot for the match against Middle Tennessee State, and he responded by serving handily over Greg Pollock 6-1, 6-2. Gabriel, who had been 30 in singles at the sixth position for the spring, lost to Brandon Allen 6-2, 6-1.

Searle, who has a sparking 11.1 record in doubles matches at the top spot, said he thinks the young team needs to learn how to maintain its focus despite errors.

"Quite often we don't get the match away, and then the boys get so down that everybody's feeling them, (causing them) to lose after that," Searle said. "We're not going to let it away at the time, we're going to think about what went wrong and try to correct it, rather than letting themselves dwindle away."

Head coach Ron Smar also said it's something they're working diligently on doing matches it will win.

"We're not playing well when we are playing," Smar said. "We are not serving the match, it's on your racket.

Smar added that the Owls need to continue to control their matches once they get a lead.

"It seems like what's been happening in the past is that we don't play as aggressively as we do in the fall," Ustundag said. "We expect our opponents to play better rather than having an aggressive mentality.

"The Owls continue to shuffle the bottom three spots of their lineup, as different players have played in those positions.

In the bottom of the lineup, we are deep enough in a sense that we can use the players that are hot and have the history of switching players out of the lineup that have been struggling," Ustundag said. "The next two weeks of practice will show who does well in the bottom of the roster.

With the loss to Middle Tennes- see State, Rice dropped to 22nd in the ITA rankings, which were generated by a computer this week after coaches voted to determine previous polls. Team captain Searle said he is looking forward to traveling to Texas Christian University April 14-15 at Amon G. Carter Tennis Stadium.

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Women’s track aims for WAC outdoor title

by Josh Cooley

After finishing second to Louisiana Tech University at the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships Feb. 25-26, the Owls' season was over. For the track and field team, big things lie ahead for the outdoor championships May 27-28. The team began its pursuit for its third straight outdoor season on the Texas Southern University Relays at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium.

Twelve Owls competed at the meet. The Owls’ track, junior distance runner Megan Sander was the 200-meters in 2 minutes, 29.89 seconds. Senior Megan Smith finished fifth in the event. She was second behind Megan Sander and the two were teamed with junior Sarah Yoder and Anna Stadel to a fourth-place finish in the 4x100 relay. Sophomore Brandy Armstrong took third in the 1,500-meter and sophomore Leesha Good finished fifth in the 1,000-meter.

In the hurdles, junior Krystal Robinson was the divergence, qualifying for the NCAA regional meet — to be held at the University of Oklahoma May 27-28 — with a time of 12.61, 19 inches, and her mark of 5.04.25 in the shot put placed fifth.

Freshman Alivia Polk took gold in the hurdles, third in the shot put, third in the javelin and third in the hammer throw. Sophomore Sharmee Caesar personal-best of 13.62 meters to win the triple jump, and freshman Liz Gleeson took third in the 800 meters at the TSU Relays, held three freshmen in the singles and came to Rice this semester. White

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Even with just four athletes competing, the men's track and field team performed well in its first meet of the outdoor season. Two Owls placed second and two other Owls placed top 10 of their respective events. Junior Luke Stadel and senior Jason Powell of the Owls, finishing first in the shot put and the triple jump, respectively. Stadel set a personal record with a throw of 64 feet, 11.25 inches. Also a discus thrower, Stadel said although he works on both events daily, he had not focused on the shot put in the days leading up to the meet.
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A husband comes home to see his wife in bed with another man. In a rage, the husband takes the man to the garage, tightens his penis in a vice and removes the handle. Next, the husband picks up a saw. Horrified, the cheating screams, "You're not going to cut it off, are you?" The husband then smirks, hands him the saw and says, "No, I'm just going to set the garage on fire."

Today is the deadline for sopho-

mores to file a Declaration of

Major form with the Registrar's

Office.

Bob says, "I can't wait to go
down here and rip my wife's panties
off." Larry asks, "You're that
horny?" Bob just replies, "No,
they're really tight on me."

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