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by Amber Olenmeyer

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Dean of Natural Sciences Kathleen Matthews, who became a dean in 1998, chaired the search committee for the engineering dean.

Matthews, a biochemist and cell biology professor, said Keller-McNulty’s experience with national organizations will help Rice secure more research funds.

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At a university where the residential college system dominates student life, the Student Association President James Lloyd has had laudable ideas to enhance the sense of connection students feel to Rice as a whole. We are looking forward to the “True Blue” T-shirts and the campus-wide picnic in the first week of school. We just hope the SA will have the funds to make these ideas happen, since it is also planning to eliminate a major source of its revenue.

At Monday’s meeting it was announced that the SA would turn over the Silver Saver Card program to the University Relations department. (See Box, page 4.) We approve of the idea of coordinating this program with the Passport to Houston, but we think the SA can continue to run the program itself. For revenue reasons the program could not be expanded under the SA’s supervision to include businesses near METRO Rail stops.

Currently, Silver Saver Card fees generate about $9,000 in revenue. It is an easy yet significant source of income, and integration with Passport to Houston could make this cash flow even more significant. Spinning off the Silver Saver Cards off to a university-run bureaucracy will cut off this revenue.

If a comparable alternative revenue source can be found, we would not be concerned with the plan’s financial drawback. But regardless of monetary issues, we are concerned that spinning off the program to University Relations might decrease student input.

Silver Saver Cards have been an asset to students, both by earning the Rice student money to spend on student life and by giving students discounts at restaurants and stores. We feel more confident that Lloyd’s excellent ideas will actually be implemented if the SA keeps that asset in student hands.

Owls need open pub

Prospective students come to Owl Weekend hoping to get an idea of what Rice is like. So we disagree with the decision by the management of Willy’s Pub to close the pub last night. (See Story, p. 5)

Like it or not, Thursday pub nights are a regular occurrence at Rice, and we regret that Owls missed seeing something that could be a part of their experience here. Prospective students — regardless of their disposition toward drinking — should have been able to observe this element of Rice life, as a part of their evaluation of the school.

While we realize some Owls have tried to drink illegally at pub in the past, we do not want to see the pub closed. And we fear that in the absence of pub, many of this year’s Owls may instead have opted to drink at less safe, unmonitored private parties.

So we hope pub will be open for next year’s Owl Weekend.

Unsigned editorials represent the majority opinion of the Thresher editorial staff.
Distribution hurts educational exploration

Megan Abidie
Assistant director of Student Activities

The Rice Thresher

Distribution is one of the many hurdles students face, but there is hope in the future. 

The current distribution course system forces students to take courses that are not only difficult and tedious, but also not related to their major. The system rewards students who take courses merely for distribution credit, not those who are truly interested in the subject matter. This results in students who are not taking courses that are intellectually stimulating or that may be practical to explore.

Furthermore, the system penalizes students who do not participate in distribution courses. Students who do not participate are given an incentive to ignore the requirements and focus on other courses. This creates a gap between those who are truly engaged in their studies and those who are not.

We should strongly consider reforming the distribution course system to ensure that students are taking courses that are intellectually challenging and that may be practical to explore. This will not only improve the educational experience for all students, but also encourage a culture of intellectual curiosity and exploration.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

North Servery has poor service, timing

To the editor,

I have been a regular at the North Servery for a couple of years now—though we have had our little run-ins, I am usually satisfied with the options available to me. However, last week, I was really struck by the poor service I received.

The line was quite long, and when I got to the front of the line, the person I had to deal with was busy and seemed annoyed. I was not happy about this, but I tried to be polite and patient. The cashier was not very helpful, and it took a long time to get my food. I was not impressed.

To make matters worse, the food was not very good. I had ordered a salad, but it was not up to my usual standards. I was really disappointed with the service and the food, and I will not be going back to the North Servery anytime soon.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

Beer Bike should be fun, not hostile

To the editor,

Several of my friends are looking forward to the upcoming event at Rice University. They are excited about the opportunity to participate in a fun and exciting activity. However, I am concerned about the possible negative impact of the event on the campus community.

In recent years, Beer Bike has been criticized for creating a hostile environment on campus. Participants have been observed engaging in inappropriate behavior, such as shouting and yelling. Additionally, there have been reports of fights breaking out.

I believe that Beer Bike should be a fun and safe event for everyone. Participants should be encouraged to enjoy themselves while respecting the rights of others. This can be achieved through clear communication of expectations and enforcement of appropriate behavior.

Sincerely,
[Signature]
Taylor said the death was determined to be a suicide. The individual, who was not affiliated with Rice, jumped off the upper deck of the southeast corner of the stadium, Taylor said. "It's coincidental that [the suicide] happened to be at Rice," Taylor said. "It wasn't a Rice person — we just happened to be here and were used for the purpose."

Lovett College junior James Townsend said he and three friends were walking past the stadium at about 2:10 a.m. April 2 when they found the body. "As we approached the area, there seemed to be a pile of trash or some ambiguous form," Townsend said. "As we got closer, we realized it was a human and most likely dead.... I was shocked. He definitely landed on his face. It was pretty disturbing and very unexpected."

Townsend said they shook the body to make sure the individual was dead and then called RUPD, which arrived within three minutes. "As we got closer, we realized it was a human and most likely dead.... As we approached the area, there seemed to be a pile of trash or some ambiguous form," Townsend said. "As we got closer, we realized it was a human and most likely dead.... I was shocked. He definitely landed on his face. It was pretty disturbing and very unexpected."

Taylor said he called in several off-duty RUPD officers. The medical examiner arrived at 4:30 a.m. and took the body to the morgue. At the time, the body could only be identified as a male aged between 25 and 40, Taylor said. The medical examiner reported the next day that the individual was a resident of the Monroese area who had been diagnosed with music depression and had a history of drug abuse, Taylor said. Taylor said one of the stadium gates had been left open the night of the suicide. The gate was actually closed in the early evening by the athletics staff or RUPD, but one was left open that evening for an event in the stadium's "R" Room and was not closed afterward, he said.

Taylor said he was unsure why the gate was left open, but he thought it was important.

"I don't know that it would make a whole lot of difference," Taylor said. "He wanted to get it, he would have been a dead end. This is probably someone who had full intent of what he was going to do."

Soon after, the police arrived, the students were taken to the RUPD station, where officers called a professional counselor to speak to them on the phone, Townsend said.

"We talked about suicide in general, mortality — things like that," he said.

Townsend said it was surreal to see the Rice-Baylor crowd, unaware of the suicide, at the spot of the incident later the same day.

"One thing that surprises me — but that makes sense — is [that] the night before Rice-Baylor on the path the entire campus walked over, only a few hours before, the suicide occurred," he said.

Townsend said it had become less difficult to talk about the incident.

"I had some vivid imagery when I woke up the next morning," he said. "The day after, it was hard to deal with, then the day after that it was not too hard, and since then it's been pretty easy."

RUPD Lieutenant Dianna Marshall said the investigation is almost complete. When the medical examiner finishes reviewing the paperwork, the case will be closed, she said.

"There is no indication there was any kind of foul play," Marshall said. "These are standard tests the medical examiner does."

The Student Association also met Monday, April 4. The following were discussed.

• Lloyd announced his goals for this year's SA to enhance the sense of Rice community and improve leadership and service at Rice.

• Lloyd also announced plans for a T-shirt campaign for the fall. Shirts will be navy blue, featuring the Rice logo and the slogan "Rice blue; to Rice be true" on the back.

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• Lloyd suggested the SA have a "discussion about the culture of drinking on campus and consider student programs for improving safety." He also suggested discussing strengthening U-Court.

• The Senate discussed academic problems at Rice. Internal Vice President Ames Gray said small majors should be strengthened. Baker College junior Jo Kent said second majors like policy studies could improve. PRice College sophomore Vive Gopal said the quality of language instruction should be improved.

• The Senate also discussed ways to improve student life. Pushing the administration to build a new recreation center and propose an on-campus pharmacy were suggested. The next meeting will be Monday at 10 a.m., in Fannin Pavilion.
Herring goes high-tech

Students try out the equipment in the new Electronic Resource Center. The ERC moved from Fondren Library to Herring Hall earlier this month and will host a grand opening April 28 from 3:30-5 p.m. The ERC features scanners, video-editing software, hardware and color printers. The center also loans out digital camcorders, cameras and audio recording equipment to students, faculty and staff for free.

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Hartley said few students majoring in economics will be inconvenienced by the elimination of ECON 212 since most students take it as a freshman or as advanced placement credit to skip it.

The changes were made to give students a better statistical background, Hartley said.

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The changes reflect the importance of statistics in economic research, economics major Ryan Jennings said. "I think it's a good idea," Jennings said.

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**Colleges kick 214 students off campus**

**by Ruth Samuelson**

With room jack complete at all nine residential colleges, 214 students have been forced to live off-campus next year, although rooms may become available to displaced students during the summer. Last year 130 students were forced off, and 217 were bumped in 2001.

After not kicking off any students last year, Martel College bumped 52 students — the most by any college since 2003, when Wiess College kicked off 56 students. Many Martel students were surprised to learn the college would not have sufficient housing, Martel co-Vice President Abby Smith said.

After the list of its founding members graduate in May, Martel will have four full-size classes. Martel has been underpopulated since it opened for the 2001-'02 academic year because its founding classes were smaller than the classes that have matriculated since.

The smaller classes allowed Martel to meet demand for on-campus housing until this year, Smith, a sophomore, said. "It's something that I want to move back, and it's something that I want to move back to," Martel classmate Gill, a sophomore, said.

"The number of students forced off campus at Hanszen is somewhat misleading because some students did not bother to enter the room draw, thinking they had little chance of getting on-campus housing.

However, Brown Internal Vice President Brandi Boren, a sophomore, said, "Many rising juniors participated in the bump draw despite unfavorable odds."

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**ROOM JACK**

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After Fossil's accident, the remainder of the alumni race was canceled. The decision to call the race made jointly by Director of Student Activities Heather Masden, Rice University Police Chief Bill Taylor and REMS workers, Masden said:

"The injected alumnus needed to be taken care of immediately and not moved," Masden said. "It would have been incredibly dangerous for this individual and for the EMS members handling the accident had the race continued."

No official winner was declared in the alumni race because of uncertainty about whether times kept by judges after the accident accurately reflected the race. Campus-Wide Beer-Bike Coordinator Naaz Khumawala, a Wiess College junior, said:

The collision may prompt future rule changes pertaining to safety, including a prohibition against running in the rain. Campus-Wide Beer-Bike co-Coordinator Caitlin Wedig said:

"Whenever you have bikers going so fast, you just need to make sure that everyone takes it seriously, so that there's no added danger that maybe was added this year," Wedig, a Wiess junior, said.

Parade

The parade ran smoothly but required last-minute cooperation between colleges so all colleges could participate. PV Rentals, a truck rental company used by several colleges, called some of the colleges Friday morning to cancel the reservations. PV canceled West's reservation even though the college had reserved its truck online and called to confirm it. West Beer-Bike Coordinator Jack Hardcastle said, Hardcastle, a junior, said PV told him it had corporate clients that had not returned the trucks, so it would be unable to fulfill all the truck requests for Saturday.

The college Beer-Bike coordinators had an emergency meeting Friday and decided to redistribute the trucks since some colleges had two trucks and others had none.

Security

About 100 people volunteered to work security during the race. Security Coordinator Catherine Dicicco said:

"Any other group of that large number of people, there would have been unpleasantness at that level of drunkenness."

Fines

The fines paid by the colleges for rule violations in the parade decreased for the second consecutive year. This year, the colleges paid $5,120 in fines, compared to $5,162 in 2004, and $5,077 in 2003. As usual, each college received a 50 percent reduction in its fines for participating in the parade route cleanup. An additional 20 percent discount was taken off the fines with the expectation that the fines would be paid by April 22.

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In the final round of Envision Grants for the academic year, Baker College senior Annie Halsey and music graduate student Elizabeth Bakalyar received awards totaling more than $6,400. Four projects — two from each of the two previous rounds — have already received Envision Grants this year. Four applications were submitted for the third round of grants.

Halsey received $3,150 to work at a hospital in Kandy, a city in Sri Lanka. Bakalyar received $1,500 to create an after-school arts program and library in Pera, Costa Rica, a small Nicarguan immigrant community.

Leadership Rice Assistant Director Natalia Kalosy said the Envision Grant committee chose Bakalyar's and Halsey's projects because they had well-developed proposals.

A committee composed of undergraduates, faculty members and Student Affairs staff members selects the winners.

"The other two proposals were good ideas, but they just weren't completely thought out," Kalosy said. "This is typical, because students don't put themselves in the shoes of the committee members.

The proposal makes sense to them because they're heavily involved with the projects, but it doesn't always come out so clearly to those who are not.

Halsey's grant will cover her immnizations, rent, and room and board, as well as the program costs. Bakalyar will pay for her own airfare to Ghana.

Halsey has volunteered at Ben Taub Hospital and at a hospital in Wilmington, Del. She has also volunteered with Children's Hospital, which has donated medical supplies to developing nations, and she has shadowed doctors on their rounds.

Halsey said she will be working primarily with patients and children who have AIDS.

"I will probably just start out following doctors around, helping with whatever they need, getting involved with health education programs, and producing pamphlets for visitors about diseases such as malaria and yellow fever," Halsey said.

Halsey will begin her project June 6 and stay in Ghana for four weeks.

Bakalyar said she was inspired to start the after-school program after reading Jonathan Kozol's Amazing Grace. The Lives of Children and the Consistency of a Nation, a book about disadvantaged children in a South Bronx neighborhood.

Bakalyar's program will provide a place for students aged 3-15 to do homework after school. Younger children will participate in music education programs, and older children will take music lessons, create artwork and participate in drama programs.
ACLU, Amnesty host debate on Patriot Act, civil liberties

by Sarah Taylor

About 50 students joined representatives from the American Civil Liberties Union’s Houston chapter and the U.S. Attorney’s Office in a debate Tuesday about the Patriot Act, discussing its effectiveness, constitutionality and effects on civil liberties.

Political Science Professor Richard Stoll moderated the debate between Alamdar Hamdani, a member of the ACLU-Houston board, and Abe Martinez, an assistant to the U.S. Attorney’s Office. The event was sponsored by Rice’s ACLU chapter and Rice Amnesty.

Both speakers delivered 15-minute speeches and gave brief rebuttals before answering students’ questions.

Hamdani said the Patriot Act violates civil liberties in several ways. He said the government creates confidentiality lists that keep targeted individuals from flying, and FBI agents can perform "sneak-and-peek" searches of private homes or belongings without the owners’ knowledge.

Martinez said the Patriot Act is necessary to catch the "bad guys."

"There are tools I need to build a house [and] protect the community," Martinez said. "I can’t guarantee protection without those tools."

However, Hamdani said the Patriot Act actually reduces citizens’ safety. He said while the act does not cause racism, it promotes discrimination against Muslims by allowing law enforcement officials to review and due process. Hamdani said the act is similar to McCarthyism. He said the act leads to unsubstantiated lists of names that serve no legitimate purpose.

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Hamdani said that aren’t good? Fratrik asked.

Martinez no abuses of evidence collection have occurred as a result of the Patriot Act and said judges would throw out illegally obtained evidence.

However, Hamdani said no one knows whether abuses have occurred because judges are bound by a gag order from Section 215 of the act, which also allows courts to uncover private information — such as students’ academic records and library books they checked out — secretly and without a search warrant or probable cause.

Martel College freshman Sahil Gujral said he thinks Section 215 is absurd.

"I think the law is a big step toward weakening our civil liberties," Gujral asked.

Martinez asked: "What a bad way to say Get Well, Happy Birthday, Congratulations, Good Luck, Thank you..."

"What if you were to say: ‘I want to know just how — either for the government or against us,’ or should we take the good parts and change the portions that aren’t good?" Fratrik asked.

Martinez said the act should not be changed, but Hamdani said the unconstitutional sections should be amended.

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At times, the speakers snapped at each other, and members of the audience shouted questions out of turn.

"The large crowd spoke well of Rice students’ political consciousness," Brent said.

Hamdani sophomore Prashreea Brent said the debate was interesting.

"I gained a better idea of what the Patriot Act is and made me want to find out more," Brent said.

Think ads for the lacrosse field and jokes about Owl Weekend are lame?

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become our backpage editor.
thoughts of those communities,"
Martel College senior Chris
Gibson, the undergraduate represen-
tative on the search committee, said he expects the engineering
school to gain more national recog-
nition because of Keller-McNulty's
connections.
Gibson said he thinks under-
graduates will feel Keller-McNulty's
influence indirectly.
"A dean might spend three days a
week out raising money or going to
Washington to talk to people," Gibson
did. "You're not going to see her on
campus all the time, but when all is
done and dusted, the school has
more money, you'll see the trickle-
down effect."
The candidate
Keller-McNulty followed an un-
conventional path to her doctorate
in statistics, attending a community
college in Florida before transferring
to the University of South Florida,
where she intended to study art but
switched her major to mathematics
her junior year. Keller-McNulty took
her first statistics course as she
was starting her master's thesis in
mathematics at South Florida. She
then studied statistics at Iowa State
University and worked at
University of North Carolina-Greensboro and
University, where she earned her
doctorate in 1983.

Keller-McNulty taught at the Univer-
sity of North Carolina-Greensboro and
Kansas State University and worked at
the National Science Foundation before
starting at Los Alamos in 1998.

Keller-McNulty said she will par-
ticipate in research with statistics fac-
ulty members but is unsure when and
how much she will teach at Rice.
"I already have research
connections to several fac-
ulty in the department," Keller-McNulty said.
"I'm sure I'll teach at some point,
but it won't be right away. I'm very
interested in what's going to be
the right connection not just to the
graduate students but to the under-
graduates. When I went through
school, I could spell dean, but I had
no concept of what a dean did until
I was interviewing for jobs after I
got my Ph.D."
Keller-McNulty's areas of re-
search are uncertainty quantifica-
tion, computational and graphical
statistics, and data access and con-
fidentiality.
The search
While none of the finalists for the
position were from Rice, Levy said
he had no preference for an inter-
ior or external candidate. Matthews
said each candidate was evaluated
equally.
"We didn't push anyone out be-
cause they were inside, and we didn't
pull anyone in because they were
outside," Matthews said. "We looked
at everyone who came before us."
The committee began gathering
names of potential candidates during
the summer, Matthews said.

After identifying about 200 poten-
tial candidates early in the fall, the
committee narrowed the list to about
80 names by mid-November.

Gibson said the committee then
identified about 15 candidates and in-
terviewed them in December before
passing the list of finalists to Leebron
and Levy in early January.

There were initially few finalists,
but one dropped out early to pursue
another position, Levy said.

Keller-McNulty said she was
not looking for a new job and did
not seriously consider pursuing the
position until Matthews called her
in September.

"When [Matthews] called and
asked if I was willing to come out
for a three-hour interview, my
reaction was that I would have
advised any colleague to do it to
gain experience," Keller-McNulty
said. "After the interview, I thought
it was a good experience — it was
interesting, I enjoyed meeting all
the people — but I wasn't think-
 ing about being called back. The
thought of leaving my job at Los
Alamos was not on my radar."

Keller-McNulty said she became
increasingly interested in the position
throughout the selection process.

"When I got called at the first
of the year, I did a lot more research," Keller-McNulty said. "I started to
some serious looking and thinking,
trying to determine if I could do it
and trying to decide if I thought that
I had something to really contribute.
I decided maybe I did and agreed to
come to campus again."

The committee included Enser
Gibson, Matthews, Environmental
Engineering Professor Pedro Alvarez,
Computational and Applied Math-
ematics Professor Liliana Borcea,
Bioengineering graduate student
Joseph Greenow, Electrical and Com-
puter Engineering Professor Naomi
Halas, Vice President for Resource
Development Eric Johnson, Univer-
sity Professor Ken Kennedy, Electrical
and Computer Engineering Professor
Ed Knightly, Senior Department
Administrator in Mechanical Engi-
neering and Materials Science Kay
McKay, Bioengineering Professor
Tony Mikos, Mechanical Engineer-
ing and Materials Science Professor
Marcia O'Malley, Chemical and
Biomedical Engineering Professor
 Matteo Pasquali, Board of Trustees
member Bernard Pepin (BA '70) and
Chemistry Professor James Tour.

Owls on parade
Students gather around owls decorated by student organizations at the opening of the online auction for the owls.
Almost 500 prospectives on campus

by Patricia Lang

Students offered admission to the class of 2008 have left the nest this weekend to experience life as an owl. Owl Weekend 2005 began yesterday and will continue through tomorrow.

As of Wednesday, 490 prospective students were expected to attend the recruiting weekend, and 360 undergraduates had signed up to host for Owl Weekend, Assistant Director of Student Judicial Programs Molly Khalil said.

Last year, the number of students who could register for the event was capped at 450 because of a lack of undergraduate hosts. Two days before last year’s Owl Weekend began, 222 students had signed up to host.

The Student Admission On-Campus Programs Committee organizes Owl Weekend activities and coordinates sign-ups for hosts. This year, the committee posted fliers and sent messages to listers to encourage students to host.

Willy’s Pub closed at 3:30 p.m. yesterday and remained closed for the night, which is usually pub night. The pub will be open today for drag show and performance night sponsored by GATHER, the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and allied resource center.

Pub General Manager Dave Meeker said the pub and student management team decided to close the venue Thursday so employees would not be responsible for underage prospective students who drank before coming.

The pub becomes responsible for individuals once they enter the pub, Meeker said.

He said the change was not caused by any particular incident with prospective students in the past, but was a response to Baker College’s pub night March 14, during which five underage students were referred to Student Judicial Programs for drinking.

“We’ve had a bar with a license, and we want to watch it, Meeker said. “We don’t want people away. We didn’t want to turn away prospective students who weren’t 18... in general, we are trying to be more proactive (about) preventing events like what happened three weeks ago.”

Owl Weekend is the most effective way of convincing admitted students to attend Rice, Vice President for Enrollment Anne Wright said.

Of the students admitted by regular decision who attended the event in 2004, 61 percent matriculated at Rice, Khalil said. About 49 percent of all students offered admission matriculated.

“You can read brochures and look at videos and write-mails, but there’s nothing like actually being here,” Wright said. “And many people have never been to Texas before (coming to this event), so it’s a really big, positive activity.”

The event allows prospective students to get a sense of day-to-day life at Rice, Dean of Undergraduate Enrollment Julie Browning said.

“The advantage of Owl Weekend is that you get to see who else gets into Rice and what your class will look like,” Browning said.

Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman spoke at the welcome ceremony yesterday.

Clubs will have booths at an activities fair this afternoon, and the Rice Philharmonic, as a cappella group, will perform at a study break.

Prospective students can also attend a dinner picnic today and see a performance by Spontaneous Combustion, Rice’s improvisational comedy troupe.

An informational forum about study abroad will be held at 6 p.m. tonight in Biology Laboratory Room 123.
Show offers accessible take on a ‘Reckless’ play

Julia Bursten
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Pull Marcia Brady out of her eerily cheery sitcom suburb, set a bit man after her and have a fortunate and picaresque cross her path. Turn it into a two-hour play, and things are going to get a little bit Reckless. Brown College's production of the 1988 Craig Lucas play, which was revived on Broadway last year, is directed by English Lecturer Matt Schlief and gives students a fresh yet approachable taste of American theater of the absurd.

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Tonight
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Like many contemporary plays, Reckless starts out harumphly. Rachel (Brown College sophomore Tatum Clinton-Selig) and her husband, Tom (Brown College freshman Jim Ross), settle into bed on Christmas Eve. As Rachel rambles excitedly about the next morning’s festivities, Tom stoically waits for a break in his wife’s monologuizing. She stops to catch a breath, and he announces he has put a contract out for her life.

After that, the play turns weird. While running from the hitman, Rachel meets a stranger, Lloyd (Brown College freshman Philip Hodge) at a gas station and goes home with him to his deaf and wheelchair-bound wife, Pooty (Brown freshman Merrill Turner). Rachel moves in with the couple, begins to learn sign language and assumes a new name, the first of many identity changes Lucas forces on his characters.

The play evolves over subsequent Christmases and each year introduces a brilliantly bizarre series of coincidences that are almost randomly enough to seem real.

After almost two decades and a journey through every town in the United States named Springfield, Rachel is reunited with one of the two sons, Tom Jr. (also played by Ross), in a psychiatrist’s office in Alaska. As often as themes reappear in Reckless, so do actors; seven cast members portray 19 characters.

Brown freshman Sarah McDonell takes on seven roles herself, playing aggressively abrasive series of psychiatrists. McDonald and Brown freshman Robert Raley pull well-deserved laughs from witty one-liners and surprisingly successful physical comedy. Both move seamlessly from one role to the next, and Raley standouts as an especially impressive sketchball game show host.

To counter the comic relief, Lucas spices up the dialogue with Waiting for Godot-style quips. While he occasionally waxes nihilistic, he avoids the heavy philosophical debates that pulled playwrights like Samuel Beckett and Edward Albee so far out of the mainstream. Reckless also has a definite — if somewhat bewildering — plot, so unlike most Beckett plays, the audience is provided with a sense of resolution.

Before giving viewers that satisfaction, though, Schlief discretely his audience members further by forcing spectators to interact with the performance. Audiences response game show scene and an actor’s unexpected entrance are just two of the production’s theatrical tricks.

Behind the scenes, Brown junior Kyle Rargas orchestrates as
See RECKLESS, page 12

Student filmmaking duo debuts with ‘Snacks’

Jonathan Schuman
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Courtney Dow and Leslie McAhren speak in unison. When I talked to the two Wims College seniors — who have recently completed Snacks, their first short film — they frequently answered questions in matching phrases. They would then look at each other with expressions of sheer amusement, like twin siblings often do, as if to say to each other, “Wow, we just did that again.”

“snacks”
A film by Courtney Dow and Leslie McAhren Screening tonight at 7:30 at the Rice Media Center

“The film is both a reading of a story and a story,” Dow said.

“The film is a story of voice-over narration, coupled with scenes so exquisitely composed and framed that they often feel more like an endeavor in photography than one in film. Dow and McAhren say that they are attracted to the same visual stimuli as photo- graphicers Diane Arbus, Walker Evans and Erik Slobodian. Dow and McAhren beautifully capture scenes of a wandering, lonely teenager against a backdrop of urban antitypex.

McAhren likened the film’s visual style to a “twin’s eye” and a “street cinematic look.”

The film was shot in and around Houston. When asked how the duo found the ideal, aged locations, McAhren said, “A lot of Urnas.”

“It’s such a luxury to feel like you’re doing work, while being able to wander and check things out,” Dow said. Wills College junior Christian Ervin’s band “Christian and the Jews” provides the film’s score.

“We thought we were going to do a really old, raw, jazz-influenced soundtrack,” Dow said.

But when they attempted to acquire music, copyright laws became a significant deterrent.

“It was something like $20,000 for a single song,” McAhren said.

They then turned to Ervin, who gave them copies of the band’s recorded material.

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Robert Raley (Brown freshman, left), Phillip Hodge (Brown sophomore), Merrill Turner (Brown freshman) and Tatum Clinton-Selig (Brown sophomore) revisit the dysfunction in Brown College’s production of Reckless.
The December of my discontent

We all know I have a flare for criticism. As much as I appreciate art, nothing compares to skewering the drivel of entertainment. Especially when they really do it.

That brings me to the December fest. I caught their show two weeks ago at Pat Cat's along with some friends and what must have been half the Rice population. Everything got off to a good start. As the band took the stage, the excitement in the air was palpable, with plenty of the requisite overzealous concert fans bellowing encouragement. When lead singer Colin Meloy complained about the small stage, we forgave him. We were just that excited.

Anyone familiar with the Decemberists would be thrilled to catch them live. Their latest album, Planar, captures the wry and allure of their previous outings, its Majesty and its personal favorites, Casket and Castles. And while Meloy's distinctive voice occasionally verges on monotony, the constantly quirky lyrics more than compensate.

The Decemberist songwriting— including "We Bough Godown Together" and "The Indulgent" from the new album as well as the old fave "Little Miss Anne"— which amounted to maybe half of the band's entire playlist for the nightr, things began to go awry.

During one song, Meloy lifted his head, stopped mid-lyric and asked someone in the front row to stop smoking, as his voice dripped with pretense. He then extended his request to the entire venue. I am not advocating smoking in the venue. I stood frozen with my extended hand, with the rest of the band walked off the stage. I stood frozen with my extended hand, with the entire stage. I stood frozen with my extended hand, with the entire stage.

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After a encore for only about 45 min-

Mr. Meloy, your music only improves with a good BUZZ—don't take it away.

It gets worse. My sources in Austin tell me that when the band last played at Rice's Outside, they not only managed to play for the entire show, but Meloy also had mentioned the Houston show, singing out the venue. I would call that poor concert sportsmanship at its most sanctity.

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impressive and colorful lighting system on an all-white stage he designed. The constant fade-ins and fade-outs between scenes work well to keep wandering eyes trained on the stage; unfortunately, through the Brown commons' all-glass windows provide more than ample distraction. Luckily — due in part to walls affixed to scenery and large props — the scene changes themselves are quick and distract very little from the performance.

During the longer breaks around intermission and before and after the show, an omnipresent mix-tape of Christmas carols loops over the art's sound system. Ian Garrett (Will Rice '04) controls the sound board, including effects ranging from gunshots to recordings of cast members' voices giving news broadcasts. This particular doubling of characters via technology is by far the most unsettling aspect of the play and another homage to the absurd. After all, it is not often in real life that someone turns on a television to hear his own voice.

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Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.” John 14:6

And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 1 John 4:15

These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31

Jesus said, “Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:28, 29

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

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 Owls beat A&M, head to Hawaii this weekend

by Jonathan Yealley

Recently two games behind firstplace San Jose State in the Western Athletic Conference, the baseball team will try to stay in contention this weekend at the University of Hawaii. The Owls' fourth road series in the last five weeks. After this weekend, though, the Owls will play five of their last five regular season series at Bucknell Park.

By Salil Desai

The golf team finished fourth at the Arkansas State University Indian Classic in Jonesboro, Ark., Tuesday, gaining much-needed momentum for the upcoming Western Athletic Conference Championships May 24-25 in Ruston, La. The Owls had four strong individual performances and finished only two strokes out of second place in a tournament that was shortened to two rounds because of inclement weather.

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Women's tennis falls at SMU, TCU

by Amber Obermeyer

The women's tennis team suffered its most disappointing loss of the season Saturday, dropping a 6-1 decision to Western Athletic Conference foe Southern Methodist University.

"The unseeded Mustangs were the Owls' first of the season to a team currently ranked outside the top 45. But Rice remained the top-ranked team in the conference, meaning the Owls will likely receive the top seed at the WAC Championships April 21-23 in Houston. SMU jumped ahead of the University of Tulsa in the rankings, so the Mustangs would have to defeat probable second- and third-best Conference USA champions Fresno State and University of Texas in the semifinals for the Owls to have a chance to redeem themselves.

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Women's track edges UT at Bayou Classic

by Josh Cooley

The women's track and field team competed well in its first home meet against a national field, beating perennial power University of Texas by 0.5 points at the Rice Bayou Classic April 2 at Rice Track/Soccer Stadium. Greff's second-place finish in the pole vault helped the Owls finish in first place as a team.

The Owls look to rebound against UT's 50th-ranked Callum Beale and Travis Helligson today. "We definitely look forward to playing doubles [together]," Harknett said. "We've got great chemistry on the court. I think the team looks to us to come out with a win, and it's good to have the expectations upon you."

Searle said he thinks the Minnesota match match will be a two seed, but if we don't, we could be sitting at home.

"Our consistency in singles has been our killer. When you lose three points [in a dual match], it's not just one person, it's a bunch of people being inconsistent." — Ron Smarr
Head men's tennis coach

Doubles play has been crucial for the Owls this year as they have won just one match when losing the doubles point. Against Minnesota, the 33rd-ranked pair of Searle and Harknett at No. 2 in Haerle's absence — won a straight-set win at the fourth doubles position and the early dual-match lead.

"When you take the number two player out of any team in the country, it will weaken your singles and doubles," Smarr said. "If we [had] Tony in the lineup, we'd have won two and three doubles for sure."

In singles, Harknett — moved to No. 2 in Harell's absence — won a difficult three-set match over D.J. Gusta 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Jason Mok netted a straight-set win at the fourth position, prevailing 6-3, 6-2 over Nic Edelsten.

Junior Rodriguez-Galindo continued his stellar play at the sixth spot with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Brian Lajinski. Zdovcjonik and Kasper lost at the third and fifth positions, respectively, so the match was tied at three points apiece — leaving the match at the top singles spot, between 25th-ranked Searle and 36th-ranked Ticer, to decide the dual match.

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Stadel shines at Texas Relays

by Stephen Whitfield

Six men's track and field athletes finished in the top 15 of their respective individual events at the Rice Bayou Classic, held April 3-5 at Rice Track/Soccer Stadium. Four then traveled to Austin, Texas, for the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays April 6-9. Junior Lake Stadel led the Owl contingent in Austin, taking second in the 100 and seventh place in the 200.

With little time remaining before the Western Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships May 11-14 in Tulsa, Okla., head coach Jon Warren (Jones '88) said his team is primed for a repeat title run despite frequent absences.

"As school's winding down, so is our season. It's time to start stepping up." - Jon Warren

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Nacogdoches, Texas.

At the Bayou Classic, junior David Axel won the 3000-meter steeplechase in 9 minutes, 23.55 seconds, almost 9 seconds ahead of second-place Joseph Timinsky of Synacuse University. Sophomore Pablo Solares finished eighth in the 800 meters with a time of 1:51.97. Junior Rahmen Miller, Eric Spear and Aaron Bedin each ran the 400-meter dash, finishing 6th, 14th and 27th respectively. Bedin, normally an 800-meter runner, also made the 1000 meters in 3:59.84, good enough for sixth place. Spear competed in the 200-meter dash, placing 34th. 106 seconds behind first place.

Other notable performers at the Bayou Classic included Panticat, who finished 13th in the 5000-meter, and sophomore Devon Fantall, whose mark of 40 feet, 4.75 inches earned him seventh place in the triple jump. The 4x400-meter relay team also placed seventh, finishing in 3:16.09. Freshman Tyler Whittam was MEN, page 18

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MEN's soccer final set:
Sid to play CSA again

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Men's Flag Football

In another epic battle between college football powerhouse American Football League champions, Sid (4-0) defeated United States Football League runner-up and rival Weiss (3-2) by a 12-7 margin April 3 to advance to the final. In the other semifinal, USFL Champion Martel (4-1) won convincingly 33-12 over AFL runner-up Lovett (2-2) and will meet two-time defending champion Sid in the final.

Women's Volleyball

Set Division champion Brown (5-0) ended Spike Division runner-up Will Rice's (3-2) bid to repeat as women's college volleyball champions with a 25-9, 21-19 victory April 4. Brown will meet Spike Division winner Sid (4-0) in the final after Sid defeated Weiss (3-2) 25-21, 25-19.

Open Floor Hockey

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In the distance events, Daniels took fourth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Sarah Yoder took second in the 1,500 meters with a season-best 4:33.14, taking 0.02 seconds over her March 26 school-record run. After matching her personal-best 17:36 in the 5,000 meters and running a season-best 11.88 seconds in the 100 meters, Nina Mayes qualified for regionals. She also, capturing fourth in a season-best 23.85 from March 26.

"That's the first time we've put [them] together," assistant coach Jim Bevan said. "Our sprint relay could end up being one of the best relays in the country. It could end up being the best relay in the history of Rice."

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In the 4x100-meter relay, Umeh teamed with Mayes, Jimoh and freshman Chandra Ewing to finish third, just one-hundredth of a second behind second-place University of Houston. Umeh also ran the anchor leg in the 4x800-meter relay, teaming with junior Danille Prince, Sandler and Ewing to edge Texas State University in a season-best 3:45.88 and take second in the event. For her efforts, Umeh earned Western Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week honors.

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HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY PROSPIE TIPS: FOR PROSPIE HOSTS ON OWL WEEKEND

SHOULD I GET A PROSPIE FOR COLLEGE?

Before getting a prospective student, there are a lot of things you need to consider. One of the most important things is how much time you have to care for the prosipe. If you are an Arch or S/E, you should probably not get a prosipe unless you are truly dedicated to taking care of one. Late nights and hard work scare prosipes, so make sure to hide them from your academic exploiters. If you are a junior or senior, you should probably get a prosipe. If you're a junior, take a whole litter.

WHAT SIZE PROSPIE SHOULD I GET?

If you have a large commons and time to walk your prosipe, you should consider getting a larger prosipe. Athletes and fat kids are just a few of the choices. If you have a small commons you should think about getting a smaller prosipe, like an arch or one of the many kinds of S/E. These prosipes need less exercise.

DO I WANT A MALE OR FEMALE PROSPIE?

The next thing you will need to consider when picking a prosipe is gender. Females are generally calmer and easier to train. They also do not urinate everywhere because they don't need to mark territory. Males tend to be aggressive toward other males, but can also be very affectionate. You should also spay and neuter your prosipe. Spaying is for females, and neutering is for males. Fixing your prosipe will stop them from having random hookups and make them less aggressive.

WHAT ABOUT PROSPIES AND ALCOHOL?

All prosipes need alcohol, but some prosipes need less than others, especially actors. Hot school productions are a great place to be experienced with alcohol. If you have a hand, be sure that he probably doesn't know how much to drink and be ready to clean up messes.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT FROM MY PROSPIE?

Chances are good that the first night your prosipe is in its new home, both of you will get little sleep. You can hardly blame your prosipe for having difficulty sleeping. High school students are creatures of habit and routine and are not used to having a roommate who stays up until 4 a.m. watching DVDs. Adult twins or making out with their girl friends. Your prosipe will miss its mother and terrmites, and will feel uncomfortable in its new surroundings until it forms a bond with you. Like a young child, your prosipe has little control over its emotions, and even though it maySnow, you should know that it will only cause it to cry.

SHOULD I PREPARE MY DORM FOR MY PROSPIE?

Tasha, Nutty Light and even rubber band archers are tempting prosipes. Some prosipes have even been known to drink cough syrup, so make sure to put all your more expensive alcohol and drugs out of reach, or your prosipe will probably ruin them and maybe even hurt itself. Also, hide your own candy and chocolate. Just make sure you get the right collar, or your prosipe could slip right out. It's a good idea to get a adjustable collar to accommodate your prosipe as it begins to put on the freshman 15.

WHERE SHOULD MY PROSPIE SLEEP?

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Beer-Bike 2005

**Alumni Race**
Remainder of race cancelled after an accident. No official results were recorded.

**Women's Race**

- Brown: 16:52.57
- Jones: 17:12.04
- Hanszen: 19:30.24
- Will Rice: 20:09.25
- Lovett: 20:10.00
- GSA: 20:14.84
- Sid: 20:26.55
- Baker: 20:30.00
- Martel: 21:06.52
- Wiess: DQ

**Men's Race**

- Jones: 24:16.60
- Will Rice: 24:40.06
- Brown: 24:41.73
- GSA: 25:10.26
- Wiess: 25:33.04
- Martel: 25:55.65
- Baker: 25:59.86
- Hanszen: 26:48.17
- Lovett: 27:42.76
- Sid: DQ

Will Rice College senior Nick Henledefan finishes hugging as the Will Rice pit crew signals the next biker to begin riding.
PARADE

Above left: Sid Richardson College senior Luke Lansjben and Sid sophomore Greg Larsen wind up to throw water balloons during the parade Saturday. Above right: Members of Mortel College return to their truck for more water balloons. Below: Wiess College chants and signals while walking to the Beer-Bike track after the parade.
Above left: Two Sid students pop an extra water balloon. Above right: Martel senior Ashley Anderson (left) and Martel sophomore Kirsten Seglem pursue their next target.

Left: Lovett College sophomore Dave Blackstock hits Jones College sophomore Zach Dreyfuss with a water balloon.

Right: Hanszen College senior Andrew Haynes declares his weapons. Below left: Lovett junior Rob Reich intimidates two Hanszenites with his water balloons.
AT THE TRACK

Right: Sid sophomore John Horstman shades himself before the men’s race. Middle right: Two students from Hanszen relax outside the Beer-Bike track Saturday. Middle left: Will Rice College senior Matt Mino, a pit crew member, waits for the women’s race to begin. Far below: Three women involved with Beer-Bike for Brown College rest inside the bike track.
Above: Will Rice takes a narrow early lead in the alumni race. Below left: David Suksumrit (Baker '04) enters the pit after completing his two laps. Below right: Lovett seniors Lanny Bose (right) and Jeff Sweeney secure the bike for a Lovett alumna before the race.

The alumni race began the same way it has historically, with Will Rice opening a large lead early in the race. Will Rice was substantially ahead when its ninth rider, Larry Fossi (Will Rice '79), collided with a Martel runner as he was entering the pit. The accident required an ambulance, and the rest of the race was cancelled as a result. No official alumni race champion was crowned this year.
Above left: A Wiess student cheers during the women's race. Above right: Brown senior Laura Hall rides the final leg for her winning team. Below right: Jones freshman Traci Fraser makes the first turn ahead of Martel senior Marisa Galvan. Below left: Brown junior Trey Mocakso (middle) and Brown freshman David Berken (right) help Brown sophomore Julie Neubauer get off to a quick start.

Women's Race

In the women's race, Jones took a two-and-a-half second lead after the first leg, but GSA, Will Rice, Martel, and Brown were all within five seconds. Brown then rebounded to take an eight-second lead over Martel after the second leg and held the lead thereafter, cruising to a 20-second victory over second-place Jones. Martel faded in the middle of the race and ended up ninth, ahead only of Wiess, which was disqualified. Hanszen capitalized on a Will Rice bike malfunction to finish third, though Hanszen finished more than two minutes behind Jones.
Men's Race

In the men's race, five teams were within 14 seconds of each other through five legs of the race, as Brown, Jones, Martel, Wiess and Will Rice all took turns drafting behind each other and assuming the lead. Jones pulled away in the sixth and seventh legs, though, opening up a 13-second lead over Will Rice as the eighth chuggers began to drink. Jones would finish the race 24 seconds ahead of Will Rice, which edged Brown for third. GSA rebounded to take fifth ahead of Martel, while Sid was again disqualified, for beginning the race with multiple riders on the track at once.

Above left: Martel freshman Russell Kampe (left) and Martel freshman Matt Dunn help Martel sophomore Pat Hastings off the track after Hastings completed his leg of the men's race. Above right: Jones chants in unison after winning. Below: Brown and Will Rice look on as the first riders complete their first lap.
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