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Gulf Coast tragedy requires best of Rice

The entire world is watching the waters in Louisiana and Missis-issippi and we are eerily close to the front lines. (See Story, Page 1.) It is surreal and frightening that only a few hundred miles from campus, Hurricane Katrina has leveled a major city and likely killed hundreds if not thousands of people. But it is also a chance for the Rice community to show its strength and compassion.

Humans have been struggling against nature's wrath for their entire existence, and the best strategy has always been to be prepared, not despair and start rebuilding—not just the physical structures leveled by forces beyond our control but also our social fabric. We expected Rice to lend its small but significant resources to that rebuilding, and those expectations have been well fulfilled so far.

We applaud President David Leebron and his administration for offering visiting student status to Tulane University students from the Houston area. And we hope that as individual professors are deciding whether or not to admit individual students to their classes, they will err on the side of accepting them. By the same token, as Houston-resident students as well as students from other New Orleans colleges and universities as well. These students may not have lost their homes like so many of their classmates, but they have lost a major fixture of their lives—their schools—for the time being. Whatever we can do to reintroduce structure, routine, and normalcy should be done.

Rice students, meanwhile, should follow the lead of the Community Involvement Center, which is already organizing ways to help the thousands of evacuees coming to Houston. They should donate time, money, blood and ideas to the American Red Cross.

The scale of this event is just starting to set in for many students; it will be a long week and could use some hospitality. Finally, students should reach out not just to the evacuees in their dorms and the new faces on campus but to each other. Remember that Rice has a tradition that we are an energy trading, management consulting, engineering school. Nothing is inherently wrong with that. But a faculty that commands respect and a small but just branching national leader. While other schools have a large enough faculty and extensive enough history to have an unassailable position, Rice is still forming its national reputation. It will be unfortunate if that reputation were one of a university that was more Thomas Jefferson than Thomas Jefferson.

These professors should have recognized that for the Discovery Institute, science is only a handmaid for political aims and that their own opinions would be published in a way that was not embarrassing to the university.

If these professors really doubt Darwinism, rather than say so in public, they should write and publish papers on research that actually supports their position. Imagine the same Rice would have if its professors grasped the cover of Nature and Scientific American for improving the world rather than making the university less likely than blowing up a jungle and ending up with a TEP. While the Discovery Institute struggles to get the name of Rice University to fill the otherwise empty argument of intelligent design with prestige and actual content, we need to cut off this name-dropping bunch from Rice's intellectual vein. Leebron and the faculty as a whole need to launch a public relations blitz to make sure Rice will be taken seriously as an institution and not some Texas excuse for a university.

Go Chaparrals!
Let’s play a little game: I’m going to give you three newspaper headlines and ask you to identify the nomination of Judge John Roberts to the U.S. Supreme Court. You want to pick one that does not fit.

I will give you this from the Aug. 20, New York Times front page, an article by Roberta Schwartz prefixed with the headline "The South Times ran a story written by Washington Post columnist and added to the headline: ‘Title three of Roberts commentaries in 1980s.” And in The Washington Post’s commentary of the same day, the headline was: ‘Roberts Rised Women’s Right."

These headlines were published within a day of each other. More important, these newspaper articles used three different headlines to summarize the same story, which I will address shortly.

We can begin by observing how, for all these articles had in common, they managed to generate different ideas and, though it can be argued that the New York Times, The Washington Post, and Schwartz added a favorite theme in the papers, they were apparently the words chosen by the authors. A Rice student’s essay on ‘Women’s Right’ is a statement that belongs on the Washington Post’s editorial page’s format. The Washington Times used the heading for a particular headline, with a headline that was about as far from what he or she could be.

Although I object to the Washington Post’s choice of words, I was more inclined to the New York Times’ and Schwartz’s articles’ themes. The latter two were much more likely to be read by the student who was the focus of the story.

We should embrace the idea of relying on more than one news media, rather than one news channel and one more Web site for our news.

The Washington Post’s front page is a battle of ideology and one of the separate and opposing political and legislative attempts that threaten women’s rights. To those deeply within the story in the paragraphs and over 100 words in length is the suggestion by White House Spokesman Steve Schmidt that the nominee made a ‘lawyer joke.’

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Rice alumni evacuate New Orleans after storm

by Amber Ghomersamy

The extent of the damage Hurricane Katrina has inflicted on New Orleans is still unknown, but several Rice professors said the effects of the storm will be long-lasting and far-reaching.

"The flooding covers 80 percent of the city could cause diseases, such as cholera and typhoid, as water becomes dirty and stagnant," said Rice President David Leebron.

"There's not going to be anything for about six months to a year to clean up and rebuild all the barriers and restaurants and bars," said Rice Alumni Relations Manager John Soligo.

"We're out of electricity, so we don't know when we're going to have it again," he added.

"The biggest issue will be the contamination and how long it will take before it is safe to rebuild," said Economics Professor Dagobert Brito.

"If you ask a student who was waiting in Jackson Mississippi, he might not be able to return to New Orleans before New Year's Day," Brito said.

"We don't know how long we'll be able to get to the [historical district] back in line," he added.

"With all — which also involves some electric plants — in short supply and energy infrastructure damaged, Soligo said New Orleans could be without electricity for months.

"Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor Philip Bedi said some economic damage is immediately apparent.

"Many of the researchers in the Texas Medical Center lost their data, and all of their research equipment or samples were destroyed during Tropical Storm Allison in Houston," Bedi said.

"It destroyed Galveston forever, but it opened the Houston Channel and gave Houston a great momentum," he said.

"We're not as lucky today, and that's why Houston was able to grow," Bedi said.

"I keep thinking the region will recover eventually," he added.

"We're still in the planning stages of rebuilding and we'll need to deal with problems for the long haul," he said.

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"From what I hear, it seems like a lot of the students are planning to transfer to another university or school," Leebron said.

"There's been a lot of speculation about whether or not we might try to stay here during the semester," Leebron said.

"We've had a lot of contacts with other schools and with Tulane, which is in the same region," he said.

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Students, staff begin organizing relief efforts

BY DAVID BROWN
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Since 25,000 hurricane victims began traveling to the Astrodome Wednesday, many staff members and students have been working to collect food and supplies and find ways to volunteer.

Community Involvement Center Director Mac Greiswold said Wednesday he was working with the American Red Cross to determine how Rice students could volunteer to help displaced victims arriving in Houston.

Greiswold said the CRC will soon advise students on how they can help the crisis.

The High Order of Owl Tailgating Society — which holds social events for Facilities, Engineering and Planning and Housing and Dining employees — organized a food drive in conjunction with the Houston Food Bank.

H&I Director Mark Ditman said the organization's leadership was in place and ready to implement the food drive.

College Food Service Manager Angela Riggs, who organized the effort with Residential Colleges Facilities Supervisor Nelson Corra, said she was anxious to start the drive because she and her family were victims of Hurricane Camille in Mississippi in 1969.

"The house I used to live in is no longer standing," Riggs said. "It's just devastating — it's something you have no control over. We should do as much as we can for those victims. We're going to have a lot of people who will need food and clothing and school items. It's just important we get together and do what we can.

H&I's collection bins are located at Sammy's Cafe, the circle drive at Fondren Library, the Allen Center and the Rice Police Station, and they will be available until noon today. Needed items include bottled water, single-serving and non-perishable foods such as peanut butter, Pop Tarts, cereal bars and canned pasta and vegetables; and paper goods such as plates, cups, diapers and tissues.

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Ditman said Executive Chef Ben Futchman, Jr. is considering having CRC staff volunteer to cook at the Astrodome with the Texas Chef's Association.

Hansen College sous-chef Stephen Rooke also contacted the Red Cross in hopes of getting Rice students to volunteer at the Astrodome.

He's trying to organize a Red Cross training session to get more involved by Sept. 7, Rooke said. "I want to be able to make a difference from the get-go."

Rooke said the Red Cross usually requires a two-day training session before volunteers are allowed to work at Red Cross sites, but a crash course has been scheduled for Wednesday for potential volunteers.

College Food Service Manager Angela Riggs (right) unloads boxes in the circle drive at the RMC in preparation for the High Order of Owl Tailgating Society's food drive, which began Thursday and ends today at noon, for displaced hurricane victims.

Rooke said he spoke with Red Cross officials and hopes to arrange for a course to be given at Rice this weekend.

Rooke set up a collection point for food and clothing in the Hansen commons and hopes to expand this initiative to all the residential colleges.

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Rooke will also coordinate carpools to the Houston Food Bank this weekend.

Ian Everhart contributed to this report

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Meet the team
Members of the Rice varsity soccer team (right) sign autographs for a local youth soccer team at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium after their game against St. Louis University Sunday.

CAREERS

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The next event will be a day-long series of presentations on Oct. 5 by alumnus.org, which promotes public service and helps students find jobs and internships at social justice organizations and companies. Representatives from alumnus.org will meet individually with student service organizations to discuss pathways to jobs in public service.

Laidlaw said Career Services will hold an additional career fair for seniors in the fall — a “volunteer or ‘Good Works’ Fair Oct. 5 — for students to meet with representatives from public-service companies and learn about potential jobs.

Laidlaw said Career Services will also hold workshops to sensitize students to helping their own job agencies such as the State Department.

“The government is having an ambitious effort to attract retirees,” Laidlaw said.

Laidlaw said Career Services is also trying to build relationships with companies known for being environmentally friendly like Whole Foods, Ben & Jerry’s, World Market and Patagonia.

Laidlaw, who gathered ideas for the program by visiting the NYU Wagner Institute of Public Service Careers, said the initiative goes beyond well-known public service programs such as the Peace Corps and Teach for America.

“The initiative is about reforming how we view public service,” Laidlaw said.

Laidlaw said someone working a 40-hour week at a private corporation can engage in public service by volunteering, promoting ethical and socially conscious policies within the company and getting involved in community outreach through the company.

“We have an obligation to serve society.”

— JENNY GILL
Baker College junior

Samantha Rushing, a graduate student from the University of Houston, worked with Career Services in devising the Public Service Initiative. She said the Public Service Initiative should provide options for students of all majors.

Rushing said the program will encourage incorporating values into all jobs, even those in the sciences and engineering.

Laidlaw said she doesn’t want to label students who pursue careers in areas like investment banking or petroleum engineering negatively but instead wants to inform students about ways to serve the community while in those careers.

Sid Richardson College senior and chemical engineering major Maria Jaurique said she thinks the initiative will be most useful to humanities majors.

“When engineering students have good job offers, it’s hard to convince them to go to something that pays a bit less,” Jaurique said.

However, Laidlaw said the skills students have in science and engineering majors can be extremely useful in public service.

“Even a nonprofit has to stay above water.”

Laidlaw said. “It’s still a business if not for profit.”

Baker College junior Jessica Gill said she was happy to hear about the Public Service Initiative. She said all students, regardless of major, should consider devoting at least two years of their lives to helping others through programs like the Peace Corps.

“Since we are so privileged to attend Rice and are prepared to do so much, we have an obligation to serve society,” Gill, an environmental engineering and policy studies major, said.

Matherly said she is excited about diversifying the careers of Rice graduates.

“We want to be talking about your values and how they relate to your work and life choices,” she said. “You should be able to make a choice about a company because you feel comfortable about the values of that company, while still utilizing your interests.”

Campus hurricane contingency in place

By Perry Factors
THE THREESHIELD
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2005

The devastation Hurricane Katrina caused in Louisiana and Mississippi is unlikely to occur in Houston should a similar hurricane strike. Although all Gulf Coast states are at risk of a hurricane, Rice’s inland location, building engineering and emergency preparation would probably prevent external water or wind damage, Emergency Response Management Team Director Mark Scheid (Baker ’87) said.

Rice is well prepared to remain operational if a natural disaster strikes Houston, Scheid, who is also Assistant to the President, said. If Rice’s pool systems, Reliant Energy and CenterPoint Energy, fail, its campus generators have the capacity to provide power to half the campus.

The backup power could be diverted to essential buildings if necessary.

Scheid has also been working to make emergency planning a priority. Assistant Vice President for Facilities Paul Price said.

“We have to be selective in what we would buy, and we have to plan for that,” Price said.

“Once that generator starts, we’ll get all the lighting, pumps, research buildings, and if students are on campus, we’ll light the colleges.”

Housing and Dining also has a reserve of enough nonperishable food to feed everyone who lives or works on campus for three to four days. Scheid said. Additionally, Rice has a freezer better for water, and backup communication devices such as satellite phones and walkie-talkies.

Civil Engineering Professor Philip Bedient said heavy flooding can cause water contamination, but that Houston’s water is less vulnerable to contamination because it is provided by surface water. The Houston water system is protected by letters and treatment systems, while groundwater is carried in pipes that are more vulnerable to contamination because they carry sewage, Bedient said.

Scheid said Houston would probably not be evacuated. Although county judges can issue such orders, Scheid said it would take 20 hours to evacuate the city, and the path of a hurricane could not be determined far in advance of landfall.

Nevertheless, Rice can monitor a hurricane long before it hits land. The President’s Office, the Rice University Police Department and Price monitor impacts with their weather service that gives advance notice about weather conditions.

If a storm were imminent, Facilities, Engineering & Planning would activate the Incident Weather Plan and notify the college masters, resident associates, college presidents and administrators.

A volunteer team of electricians, facilities managers, grounds keepers and custodians, among others, would stay on campus and wait out the storm.

All duties have been pre- assigned from clear drains to investigating flood-proof parts of campus.

Rice would also activate its emergency Web page, which would provide information to students and parents.

The Web page is mirrored at Purdue University in Indiana so information could be updated if the campus network failed, as long as Rice had electricity, Scheid said.

Scheid said Rice is a safe place to stay in the event of a hurricane.

If a hurricane hit Rice, the campus would move to temporary facilities while the freeway and driving routes are investigated to determine if they are going to stay,” Scheid said.

Rice’s already functioning campus tend to have more flooding than Rice does, Scheid said. Sometimes, during such floods, nearby roads are not drivable while Rice is not flooded, he said.

Students would be advised to stay in their colleges because these buildings are constructed of Houston, Scheid said, and most campus buildings comply with flood-resistant construction standards.

“If there are buildings that are questionable, it would be our so-called functional building that have been here since the 60s, and those are Media Center and School for Continuing Studies,” Price said. Rice University has survived a couple floods with minimal damage, he said, and if we have the time to prepare, we can keep the campus dry.

Rice is about 400 miles away from the closest beach.

Galveston is about 50 miles away from Rice and is farther than the nearest town that floods.

Galveston’s elevation will prevent storm surges from flooding Houston, Scheid said.

Flooded rice is a concern in the event of a storm, but the nearby seawall and dikes will keep water out, he said.

“Carts almost never flood on campus because FE&P is very efficient at keeping the drainage system operating,” Scheid said.

Cameras also measure the overland flow channel that runs through Rice and the Texas Medical Center.

Philip Bedient hit campus in June 2001. Bray’s Flooded up, but entrance steam tunnels and other places flooded, so there was no water damage.

Bedient said damage was prevented because water did not enter the utility tunnels under campus.

After Tropical Storm Allison, an overland flow channel — the road between Bayou Court and West college — was constructed with Federal Emergency Management Agency funds so the channel directs water to a retaining pond.

The channel, completed in 2001, has helped reduce flooding on campus, as well as flooding to the Texas Medical Center, which is downstream of Rice, Scheid said. More drainage points, especially on the north side of campus, were also added, Bedient said.

The south colles and the westernmost buildings, including many science laboratories, are more susceptible to flooding.

If there were heavy rains, areas would be monitored and unoccupied if necessary, Price said.

Schied said Rice’s drainage equipment is housed above flood levels, although some colleges will continue to have issues.

He said FE&P would try to seal those areas to prevent water damage.

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Job market improves for 2005 grads

by Emma Howell
NEWS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2005

The job market for graduating seniors is improving — both in Houston and nationally — Career Services Center Director Cheryl Matherly said.

"It's a good time to graduate," she said.

Matherly said she and other Career Services staff have anticipated the upturn since last fall, but the 2005 post-grad survey confirmed their beliefs.

The annual survey of graduating students, 48 percent of respondents said they planned to enter the job market, while 44 percent chose to continue to professional or graduate school. Matherly said these numbers are similar to previous years, but the Class of 2005 showed more optimism about the job market than other recent classes.

Signing bonuses improved last year, which indicates the job market is improving, Matherly said. Of the graduates who planned to enter the workforce, 57 percent had accepted a job offer by graduation, the same figure as in 2004. About 40 percent of graduates who were not going on to graduate school said they intended to go back to school in the future.

"Assessments, pretty much most everybody from Rice is going to go graduate school," Matherly said.

Matherly said many 2005 graduates had formulated plans that did not involve employment or graduate school.

"I was surprised this time at the number of students who said that their plans for the next six months or so were to travel," she said.

Matherly said she and the Career Services staff are trying to improve the variety of job locations for graduates. Of the graduates who took jobs in 2005, 50 percent stayed in Houston, and another 15 percent remained elsewhere in Texas.

"With such a small graduating class, it's hard to get large companies in the Northeast and elsewhere to recruit at Rice when they have so many other opportunities closer by," Matherly said.

Career Services has agreements with in- and out-of-state employers to recruit on campus through November, Matherly said.

Matherly said she hopes underclassmen will utilize the survey to become informed about jobs and salaries students in their major have received.

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The survey was not posted Wednesday but will be available at http://career.rice.edu/survey.cfm.

CAREER SERVICES RELOCATED

The Career Services Center and the Office of Alumni Affairs will move into the O'Connor House in June, pending the Board of Trusteess final approval. The interior remodeling design of O'Connor House must be finalized before the board can approve the move.

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Cheryl Matherly said housing Career Services and Alumni Affairs in the same building would encourage more interaction between the offices.

"I know of no other university set up in this way," Matherly said. "It presents interesting opportunities."

O'Connor House has been the residence of all Rice's presidents with the exception of Rice's first president, Edgar Odell Lovett, and President David Leebron. The Office of Admissions was originally announced in the spring. Matherly said she is in the process of choosing furniture for the new space.

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DEAN OF SOCIAL SCIENCES SEARCH COMMITTEE

The dean of social sciences search committee has begun the process of selecting a replacement for Political Science Professor Bob Stein, who will retire as dean at the end of the academic year. The committee had its first meeting Thursday.

Allen Matsoukas, chair
Robert Bronchin
James Dannemiller
Michael Emerson
Eugenia Georges
Holy Heard
Miki Held
Vivan Ho
Christopher Kelly
Nancy Lin
Elise McCarthy
Holly Heard
Mikki Hebl
Vivian Ho
Elizabeth Powell
Carol Quillen
Darrow Zeidenstein
George Zodrow

SA President James Lloyd led a discussion on the outcome of the inaugural Sammy's Picnic, held Aug. 29.

Lloyd called for applicants to the Dean's Committee on Social Culture. (See Story, Page 9.) A student co-chair as well as student members are needed. The application for the co-chair position is due Sept. 9 and was sent out via the SA listserv.

Lloyd announced the SA will hold a Social Culture Forum Sept. 19 at 10 p.m.

"Senior chairs" were proposed; these officers would represent the senior class for a one-year term and coordinate events such as "100 Days." Lloyd said this setup would work better than class councils, which have generally fizzled before the class' fourth year.

Lloyd announced a forum will be held with President David Leebron to discuss his Call to Conversation Sept. 12 at 8:30 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion. At the forum, Leebron will answer student questions about the document, available at http://cohesion.rice.edu/administration/presidentsoffice/c2c/index2.cfm.

The "Rice Rumor Report" addressed recent insinuations that there is an ongoing "crackdown" on Alcohol Policy enforcement.

The next meeting will be Monday at 10 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion.

Baker Institute Intern Program

The James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy is now accepting applications for student interns for the fall 2005 semester. This is your chance to work directly with Institute Fellows and Rice Faculty on exciting areas of research including Energy, Health Economics, U.S. Foreign and Domestic Policy, Tax Reform, Science and Technology, Chinese Culture, and the Americas Project. Interns will work up to 10 hours/week - the work may involve research, writing, editing, and office work including copying, filing, etc.

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Dean's Committee on Social Culture formed
Student co-chair to be named by Sept. 19

by David Brown

The role of alcohol on campus and the general social environment at Rice will be the focus of a committee being formed by Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman. The Dean's Committee on Social Culture will be co-chaired by Earth Science Professor and former Will Rice College Master Dale Sawyer and a student to be selected by Student Association President James Lloyd.

Lloyd said he will select the student co-chair by reviewing applications, due next Friday, and conducting interviews. "We're looking for a student with a background in a wide range of interests at Rice and experience working with the Rice community," Lloyd, a Brown College senior, said.

Forman said his goal is for the committee to help him create and implement programs for students. "My office is doing a lot to try to support activities and programs that affect student life in a variety of ways," Forman said. "We'd like to make decisions that are as well informed as possible. The goal is to learn about students' interests, attitudes, perceptions and behaviors."

The committee will replace a temporary one composed of students, faculty and staff created this summer and the "Real Rice" campaign to communicate that many students on campus do not drink. The temporary committee also created the Big Red Bash, an alcohol-free event held the Saturday after Orientation Week that featured free food, a hypnotist and live bands.

Forman said the new committee's first goal will be to investigate the role of alcohol at Rice:

"The goal of the committee is to learn about students' interests, attitudes, perceptions and behaviors."—Robin Forman
Dean of undergraduates

"It's the first topic because it's really like a starting point," Forman said. "The committee will be largely focused on that area, but that's not the only subject of interest — it's a starting point."

Lloyd said the committee will not be concerned with the Alcohol Policy or its enforcement. Lloyd said the SA will hold a social culture forum Sept. 19 with Sawyer and the chosen student co-chair to discuss the committee's role and its make-up. He said the rest of the committee will likely consist of six students and six faculty or staff members.

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Dean's Committee on Social Culture co-chair
Former Will Rice College master

The deadline for applications for positions on the committee is Sept. 21, and the co-chairs will select the other members, Lloyd said. Forman said he chose Sawyer to co-chair the committee because of his range of experience at Rice. Sawyer, who was a master from 1997 to 2002, said he saw alcohol used in many settings at Rice. "I spent evenings in emergency rooms with students who chose to consume too much, and I ran wine tastings for seniors," Sawyer said. "I was involved in a wide variety of activities where alcohol was involved in moderation and was part of the program without being the dominant effect."

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Menil suggests modern art more than mere trash

Trevor Murphy FOR THE THRESHER

So many modern visual artists exhibit assault the viewer with imperceptible consolidations of color and ignore the confused, vacant stares of the average museum-goer. Thankfully, the latest modern art exhibit at the Menil Collection, David McManaway and Friends — titled for spotlighted artists David McManaway, Jim Love and Andy Finlay, among others — invites the casual art enthusiast to enter each piece's unique world and often to share a quaint, intimate joke.

McManaway and Friends

The works' titles and taglines display the artist's ability to create fascinating works from apparent garbage:

Secret Garden

`david mcmanaway
and friends`

The Menil Collection Rating: •••½ (out of four)

Most of the works on display take the form of large assemblages or installations, and the constructions arrest audiences with their massive presences. It is impossible to avoid Jones (Portrait of Jim Love) on the way in — how could viewers hide their own smiles when they see a ginning sock monkey taking center stage in an art museum? Jones, the first of McManaway's many pieces, displays the artist's ability to create fascinating works from apparent garbage.

This hometown take on the classic alligator-skin purse is sure to attract gawks from the fashion-forward. The works' titles and taglines often enhance the viewer's experience, adding an unexpected humor or insight to each piece.

For instance, a glass-covered rose dangling a colorful train of dirty hair-ombres, old ribbons, and twine bears the name Bouquet with Rose. The central Jones Board #2 is an intimate and elaborate collection of age-stained objects, accompanied by the tagline: "Assemblage: assorted artist-invested magical elements."

Love uses these metals' malleability to form a captivating window into the artist's mind-on-the-go.

Each artist in this exhibition draws on conceptual elements. Fridge, for instance, gathered a garbage-day-worthy plethora of collage material to create The Hermit Shrine. His artist's tools included wood, tennis shoes, wire coat hangers, glass and dowels with cloth-covered journals. This "shrine" stands as an open tripod of yellowed diaries, personal photos and the clothes of an old hermit. The haphazard contains — quite literally — everything the hermit himself, and its emotional pall enwraps viewers.

The haphazard juxtaposition of found articles and decay proves heart-wrenching and thought-provoking while retaining a tongue-in-cheek humorous edge. Immediately adjacent to it the shrine stands The Great Spinning Arrow Consulting Console. Through a complicated series of levers and gears, this massive structure of hand-carved wood ostensibly links a hand crank to an enormous arrowhead. The tremendous reserve appears poised on the edge of motion and the temptation to turn the arrow's crank is almost overwhelming. However, despite the interactive, casual humor of this exhibit, viewers are still advised to maintain their distance from the gallery pieces by omnipresent signage.

Meirelles proves to have green thumb with 'Gardener'

Liz Mims

Many a director has attempted to capture a novel of John le Carre on film, but most have faltered short, trapping themselves by focusing on moments of sheer suspense and ignoring plot details that make LeCarre's novels believable. In contrast, Oscar-nominated director Fernando Meirelles manages to translate The Constant Gardener into an appropriately wily, multi-layered, ironic, at times blackly comic, at others tautly suspenseful, and disturbingly unhinged LeCarre's intricate fiction.

The film solidly combines the romance and thriller genres using clever cinematography. The scenes are minimalistic yet taut enough that the love and the action come alive through flashbacks. For See GARDENER, page 12.

Ralph Fiennes attempts to uncover the circumstances of his wife's death in director Fernando Meirelles' The Constant Gardener.

Joom Board #2 (1968) by David McManaway is part of David McManaway and Friends, now showing at the Menil Collection. The piece is made from assorted artist-invested magical elements.
Stunning '2046' muses about lost love with wondrous visual style

This summer, Touchstone Pictures distributed a small part of any film. The company released an incomparable film genre film entitled 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy', based on Douglas Adams' unique science fiction novel of the same name. This film was supposed to be a full-length novel, but a full-length novel on a different subject. Adams expressed his uneasiness about the film. "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" is a humorous, satirical science fiction novel about the search for meaning in the universe. The novel is written in the form of a series of radio scripts and books. "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" was first published in 1979 and has since become a cult classic. The novel has been adapted into other media, including films, television series, and video games.

GARDENER

instance, Mireille shows audiences one of Justin's memories of Tessa early in their marriage and then cuts to a shot of Justin running from authorities months later. The film's narration has no order, but each segment unveils more information behind the tragedies consuming Justin's life. The view of the viewer's processes also indicates the randomness, possibly to show the randomness of life. In the beginning of the film, Tessa is confronted with a sense of confusion. In addition, Justin's portrayal of Tessa in the beginning scenes as a woman of two minds, trying to make sense of her life, is unclear. Justin's character arc is difficult to follow, though, because of the randomly interspersed flashbacks. Justin's levels of involvement in the story are often created.

FAVORITE MOVIES: Tony Leung Chiu Wai

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‘Junebug’ portrays culture clash with slow-burning precision

Jonathan Schumann

The suburban North Carolina bedrooms and hallways in director Phil Morrison’s debut feature, Junebug, are filled with silence. His characters, midwives of both rural and urban extraction, spend so much time meaningfully conversing that they do wondering silent and alone. The result is a surprisingly ruminative and enquiring, albeit slow-paced and ultimately melancholy, portrait of family and the contemporary American sociopolitical divide.

Madeleine (Bridget Jones’s Diary’s Embeth Davidtz) is a Chicago art gallery owner. She features “outsider” art — works from individuals not schooled in traditional, formal artistic methods. She meets George (Surfer’s Band’s Alessandro Nivola) at an auction and immediately falls in love with him. The couple visits George’s small North Carolina town to check out a new artist and borderline schizophrenic who paints graphically violent and highly eroticized Civil War panoramas. Here, in this small North Carolina town to check out a new artist and borderline schizophrenic who paints graphically violent and highly eroticized Civil War panoramas. Here, in this

Who is M_M_M

In fact, if anyone emerges short-changed, it is Madeleine, the zealous career woman. She is driven and extremely hard, yet while she tries to welcome George’s family into her life, her expressions of affection infuse life into the film's dramatic scenes. Her relentlessly energetic presence imbues life into the film’s otherwise austere and ultimately sluggish final act. In this scene, the film achieves a level of subtlety that borders on mundane, and the viewer begins to see several missed opportunities. What about showing Madeleine and Ashley shopping at the local mini-mall? A trip to the local mini-mall could surely provide great comedy and underscore the film’s cultural clash motif.

Morrison and MacLachlan give us such an intriguing premise and characters that wholly gain our affection. In the end, all we’re left wanting is more.

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signs reading “Please Do Not Touch Works of Art.”

While the initial visual appeal of McManaway lies in its large-scale installations, the exhibit also contains a series of smaller structures. McManaway offers the most famous for her heart of hearts, a fashion accessory of her own creation with the Houston Basket. The Houston Basket is an expression of her talent for bending old iron and steel to new uses. Love uses the same metal to form a captivating window into the artist’s mind and the wayward world of her imagination.

McManaway and Friends run through Sept. 15 at the Menil Collection and provide a uniquely enjoyable modernist experience for the masses.

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Rice Stadium needs a big makeover

Rice University used to be one of the better football schools in the nation. In a 25-year period from 1973-1997, the Owls win the Southwest Conference championship and finished in the top 10 of the Associated Press poll times. We made our own bowl appearances, including four Cotton Bowls and sixoli Bowl appearances in the 15 years since 1983, those were impressive accomplishments.

The place to witness all of this great success was Rice Stadium. Before 1995, Rice Stadium was actually located on the site of our current facility, Rice Soccer Center Complex. If you look up Rice Sports history — the 1989 squad played in the Reliant Astrodome. That year, Rice won 9 games and finished in the top five of the final AP poll for the first time in history. The success of that particular team led to the construction of the current Rice Stadium.

Moreover, somewhere, the Rice football program that we know today housed better. I s a fact that since 1996, when regularly drew over 45,000 Owl fans is now lucky to see that hardly anyone sits on. I understand those seats.

It is a fact that since 1996, Rice Stadium needs a major renovation. It is an outdated facility for a campus our size. I'm not saying we should move the stadium into the 21st century. We must take out that Astroturf field and replace it with a natural grass surface. We must take out that Astroturf field and replace it with a natural grass surface. We must do the very best we can to improve our stadium. And we should simply move it to the site of the current Rice Stadium. We should make it a football, track, and soccer stadium.

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Returnees expect to continue success in Conference USA

Women's cross country team returns entire 2004 squad, including 2004 WAC individual champion and national qualifier

The women's cross country team opens its season today with a relay race at Texas A&M with all of last year's runners returning.

"The potential that we have is probably as high as we've had since I've been here in 1999," head coach Jim Bevan said. "We feel like we have a chance to be a legitimate top-20 team in the nation."

Rice's returnees include senior Kate Gorry, the only Rice female cross country runner ever to win an individual conference title, and sophomore Marissa Daniels, who finished 26th out of 256 runners at the NCAA Championships a year ago.

The depth provides us a little bit of margin for error, but the other thing that depth does is it forces everybody to give to a little higher level than they know that there is someone close on their tail," Bevan said. "If they're going to earn a spot on the top seven, there is somebody that is helping them and pushing them."

The seniors on the team are fully seasoned, Bevan said.

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The Owls' defense played tough throughout the second half, leaving Auburn few opportunities offensively. The Tigers had one chance early in the second half when forward Kara Hasten made it through the Owl defense for an open shot, but it sailed the ball over the crossbar. Rice outshot Auburn 6-2 in the second half, giving the Owls a 9-5 advantage for the game. The Tigers managed only two shots on goal, though, compared to eight for the Owls.

Riding high off the momentum from the Auburn game, Rice had a chance to have its best-ever season start Sunday against Saint Louis (1-1-0), the 2004 regular-season Conference USA champion and current member of the Atlantic 10 Conference. This game was a rematch of last year's defensive affair at St. Louis, in which Rice secured a 1-0 victory that sent the Owls to the NCAA Tournament instead of the Billikens.

Rice got off to a quick start when sophomore forward Clory Martin and sophomore midfielder Samantha Conn combined to assist Robbins in the game's fourth minute, giving the Owls a 1-0 lead. Saint Louis tied the game 1-1 in the 33rd minute and added two goals within a four-minute period late in the second half to provide the final 3-1 margin.

Freshman goalkeeper Adriene Giese, with a combined seven saves in her first two starts, said one of the team's problems against Saint Louis was becoming too relaxed after getting the early lead.

"[The] crowd... pulled us through against Auburn."
— Caitlin Robbins

Redshirt freshman forward

"After we get one goal, we can't just rest on our laurels," Giese said. "We have to keep our intensity throughout the whole game and not just after we get a goal."

The Owls' primary undoing, however, was an inability to take advantage of scoring opportunities and second half fatigue. Rice had several chances to build a lead in the second half but could not convert.

"(The loss) just showed us that we have to be fitter," Robbins said. "We can't just go out and play on a Friday and expect [the Sunday game] to go as we want.... We need to work harder, and it's good that we had that shown to us the first weekend [of the season]."

Contraception: Woman's Friend or Foe?

Our culture believes that contraception is one of the greatest inventions of the late twentieth century. Promoters of contraception argued that it would decrease unwed pregnancy and abortion while improving marriages. None of that has happened.

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Men's cross country seeks C-USA title, nationals berth

by Katy Miller
FOR THE THRESHER

Climb off a Western Atlantic Conference championship season in which these athletes advanced to the NCAA Championship meet, the men's cross country team hopes to win another conference title in 2005. Rice begins its inaugural season in Conference USA Friday at the Texas A&M Cross Country Relays in College Station, Tex.

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Women's volleyball wakes up McNeese State at 7 p.m. at Autry Court. Get it, duke it out, Duke University? I made a pun.

Sing like a canary ... or a parrot

**SATURDAY 3**

Wait, I mean, spike!

Lady Oats volleyball dukes it out against Duke University at 7 p.m. at Autry Court. Get it, duke it out, Duke University? I made a pun.

**SUNDAY 4**

Sick of watching indoor sports with nets and balls?

Women's soccer has all that sunshine, too, as long as the hurricane avoids Houston.

**MONDAY 5**

The greatest excuse to start drinking since actually having to go to class

Today is Labor Day, which means there are no classes. Yes, you will be considered a tool if you show up for chemistry lecture today.

**TUESDAY 6**

Announcing next week's guest: Henry David Thoreau

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**WEDNESDAY 7**

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Lyondell Chemical Company will visit the Rice division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at 4 p.m. in the Mechanical Engineering Building, room 123.

**FRIDAY 9**

Boys will be playing with their balls all day long

Men's tennis hosts the Crowne Plaza Invitational all day at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium. The invitational begins Friday and runs through Sunday.

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— Amber Ohmeyer and Nathan Black