Wiess RA Wilson to retire after 28 years

by Sarah Bader
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Wiess College resident associate Bill Wilson, a faculty member since 1972 and Wiess resident since 1978—making him the second-longest-serving RA at Rice—will retire to Vermont at the end of the academic year. Wiess has begun its search for a new RA, the college announced Tuesday. Search committee members were selected Tuesday night, and Search Committee Chair Sarah Wall said she expects the committee to have a list of finalists by the spring break. Wall said he had received emails from 30 potential applicants by Wednesday afternoon. 

"There's going to be very hard to narrow [the applicants] down," Wall, a Wiess sophomore, said.

Wall said the committee does not have any particular criteria it will seek in an applicant.

"He is really what they call Wulf. He's said, "They can call it around their own interests, so they can contribute their talents and their own gift to the college."
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SA course evaluation plan a win for students

The Student Association has a history of great ideas, such as two-credit toilet paper and 24-hour card access to all colleges. We heard another one this week when SA President James Lloyd proposed an unofficial course evaluation system. (See story, page 1.)

Like Lloyd, we would prefer that students be allowed to see the free-response comments from the official course evaluations online. If this were the case, no additional evaluation system would be necessary. While we would appreciate Lloyd's unofficial system if it is implemented, we hope his dedication to the idea of detailed online feedback for students will instead encourage faculty to allow students to see the official comments.

Student participation in SA-administered evaluations would be high, because students would actually get something out of the system: the ability to judge classes based on student comments rather than numbers that explain little. And therefore, students would be less likely to fill out the official evaluation forms — which are moving online, eliminating the in-class pressure to complete those evaluations — unless they truly bothered an instructor.

So if faculty members are not concerned about Lloyd's idea, they should be. The role of official course evaluations at Rice will be very different if this plan is implemented, and faculty members do not stand to benefit.

On the other hand, whether faculty grant students access to the official system or Lloyd's plan, they should be concerned about student comments and decide whether they are appropriate to post.

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Incidentally, one of the justifications for the minors proposal discussed in the Faculty Senate this week is that minors would need help students better choose their classes. (See story, page 1.)

We disagree. The best way to help students better choose their classes is to let them see what other students thought of those classes — in words, not numbers.

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Jones looks forward with co-ed decision

Jones College made a progressive decision by integrating its same-sex halls this week. (See story, page 7.) Single-sex living is an outdated relic of Rice's past, and few students will be sorry to see it go.

Furthermore, integrating the halls at Jones will provide more attractive on-campus housing options. Previously, the college struggled to find enough people to live on the single-sex halls. But now those halls will be more appealing to the majority of students, who prefer to live in a co-ed setting.

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Hedges': great for jumping, not much else

Those of us who are graduating in May just can't wait to show our parents the beautiful academic quad — including that modern art exhibit of dead twigs lining the sidewalks around Willy's Statue.

In early November, Facilities, Engineering and Planning told us the hedges would re-grow significantly by late spring ("Quad hedges to be pruned," Nov. 4).

We are not biologists — we much prefer endless nights in the Thresher office in endless afternoons in print lab — but we wonder whether those hedges are going to look like hedges by May.

Of course, the current setup is not without its advantages. The less athletic among us can finally jump a "hedge" without showing up in the hospital and/or the police blotter. And elderly relatives who come for graduation can join us in our merriment without risking life and limb.

Those phlegmatic aside, we have to say we miss those porous old hedges. We would never endorse steroid use, but maybe some semi-legals would do the trick.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McCain mistakenly described as moderate

To the editor:

I have to object to Apoorva Shah's claim that John McCain is a moderate ("Middle path moderate party could mean partial politics problem," Jan. 20). McCain is a profile, pro-death penalty senator who believes whole-heartedly that U.S. troops will and should be in Iraq for a long time and that the government should work on giving tax cuts rather than starting new entitlements. And he recently endorsed for office the son of former presidential candidate George "segregation now, segregation forever" Wallace.

I respect McCain for his candor and his commitment to honest government, and debate about censorship and political parties in the United States is a good one to have. But I think it is unfair to McCain and to Democrats to call him a "moderate" or "the Democrats' favorite Republican," especially when both the senator from Arizona and members of the left-of-center party in the U.S. would dispute those claims.

Ryan Godlund
Lovett junior

Students will benefit from Rice's QEP

To the editor:

The Quality Enhancement Plan appears that it will provide great new opportunities to students ("Rice to better graduation in Houston with new center," Jan. 20). There are currently many opportunities for students to do research, but they are mostly restricted to the campus. The community surrounding Rice could benefit immensely from the efforts of its students.

Tying this community-based research into academic courses would allow students to enhance their "real-world" skills while helping out the community and progressing toward graduation. Opportunities for academic majors are the most obvious researching, English as a secondary language classes, learning how non-profits run and so on. But the type of research would not have to be limited. I envision research projects on engineering problems around Houston; they certainly do enough road construction. Hopefully QEP provides an avenue for students to benefit the community while they develop skills in class and prepare for life after Rice.

Sean McCudden
Baker sophomore

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Rice Voices

Second Century leads four to a better Rice

While the colleges rest in tranquility, a shadow hovers in the minds of the students. They have always voluted to do the things that Rice does. But for the past year, they have really enjoyed everything about it. It has been a good time. For the past year, they have really enjoyed everything about it. It has been a good time.

On this Saturday morning, a lot of the questions posed and feelings expressed have remained unanswered. This is a welcome change for a person who spends his Saturdays selling Rice coffee.

Many questions would be typified on a university campus tour: "Is the food good here?" "Do you have a library on campus?" "Is there undergraduate education at Rice?" "What's wrong with this picture?" "Are you interested in the vision statement will make the answer obvious.

"Will my son get into medical school?" "How will I know how long my troops stay," I suppose, "or academics is not available: the problem here is the lack of perspective on campus. Just because I can their courses, the attitude of a chain employee may be good for profits or efficiency, but nothing perks up a late night discussion of coffee and conversation with Rice's own Coffeehouse.

A new coffeehouse in the plans for progress and growth. The projects in the vision statement. These projects do not give our students valuable learning experiences but also ensure that we survive and expand our splendid population. "How does one go about your business here?" There is always someone who asks, "Does the attention span of the average student exceed 12 zeros after it. Many calculators cannot compute such a number in 2036.

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Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Program

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Etnyre said other department chairs in the School of Humanities told him at a recent meeting that they are strongly opposed to the proposal. "They said minors are just another way of credentializing and that it would make students think they have to have a minor," Etnyre said.

But Leebron said the proposal has symbolic value. "Most of what we're doing is sending a signal about fostering interdisciplinary programs," Leebron said. "We want to be a dynamic university that fosters new ideas and creativity." Earth, Science, Professor Dale Sawyer said he thinks faculty must create new courses in order to make minors cohesive. "The notion of just stringing six courses together and having a coherence or relevance is hard to accept," Sawyer said. "To make it work effectively, we're going to have to create new courses, and to do that, we're going to have to buy in from our department chairs." However, Forman said he thinks specifying a group of courses that constitute a minor could be helpful to students. "The idea of a minor is that there's a collection that add up to more than the sum of their parts," Forman said.

The proposal states that relevant department chairs, relevant deans, the curriculum committee and the provost must approve a minor for it to become a part of the curriculum, but Economics Professor Peter Milewowski said he thinks the senate should also be a part of the approval process. History Professor Carol Quillen agreed. "Although it could become burdensome, a new minor is a new academic program, and it should be vetted by the body that represents the faculty," Quillen said.

Forman discussed his goal of large-scale curricular review at Thursday's faculty meeting. Physical Science Professor Randy Stevenson said he thinks minors should be included in that process. "We're contemplating a larger curricular reform," Stevenson, a Will Rice College resident associate, said. "Why would we do this now instead of making it part of the complete package and making sure it fits in?"

However, Forman encouraged the senate to proceed with the proposal. "The curriculum review process... is a multi-year process, and I'm reluctant to put everything in that bucket," Forman said. "I think there are a number of issues, and [the minors proposal] is the first of many to deal with."

'"We want to be a dynamic university that fosters new ideas and creativity.' — David Leebron President

Religious Studies Professor Anthony Pinn and English Professor Jose Martina, who is also Baker College master, were the only two senators to vote against the principle of the minors proposal. Warren — who voted for the principle of minors — said the senate should not commit to approving the task force's revised proposal. "I'm in favor of minors, but I'm not in favor of tying our hands," Warren said. "I want to see a concrete proposal that we can vote on."

The Beckman Scholars Program

The Beckman Scholars Program provides support for undergraduate research for two students with Beckman faculty mentors in the areas of Chemistry, Biochemistry & Cell Biology, Bioengineering, or Chemical Engineering (see http://natsci.rice.edu/beckman.cfm?doc_id=5713 for faculty list). Research is performed during two full-time summer sessions and part-time for the intervening academic year and attendance at the annual Beckman Symposium will be funded along with support for related travel and supplies.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period Jan 19-24.

Residential Colleges
Wiese College Jan. 19 Book and calculator stolen.
Lovett College Jan. 20 Three students found smoking marijuana. Students referred to Student Judicial Programs.
Martiel College Jan. 20 Chair thrown from third floor balcony. Fire extinguisher discharged in elevator.
Wiese College Jan. 21 Student referred to Student Judicial Programs for public intoxication and minor in consumption.
Wiese College Jan. 23 Bicycle stolen over winter break.
Academic Buildings
Baker Hall Jan. 19 Purse and wallet stolen.
Other Buildings
Rice Media Center Jan. 19 Wallet stolen.
Parking Lots
Greenbrier Lot Jan. 20 Three motor vehicles burglarized.
Greenbrier Lot Jan. 21 Motor vehicle burglarized. Purse and cell phone stolen.
Greenbrier Lot Jan. 24 Vehicle stopped for speeding on Laboratory Road. Driver arrested for driving while intoxicated and remanded to Harris County Jail.
Other Areas
Practice Field near Rice Track/Soccer Stadium Jan. 19 Backpack stolen.
Main Street at Entrance 5 Jan. 21 Traffic stop. Driver arrested for possession of controlled substance and remanded to Harris County Jail.

POLICE BLOTTER
Ex-president Gillis enjoys life as researcher, teacher

by Amber Obermeyer

Some former Rice presidents have cut and run. George Rupp, president from 1985-93, left to become president of Columbia University. Kenneth Pitzer, president from 1993-96, left to become president of Stanford University. But Rice's newest ex-president, Malcolm Gillis, can be found not far from his former office in Lovett Hall.

The economist, who formerly Rice for 11 years and now works out of Baker Hall, has tried to stay out of university administration. But he has returned to teaching and is involved with many international projects.

"I don't have to be on committees anymore, and I don't have to sit around in meetings. I want to do that, so I will do almost anything as long as you tell me I have to sit around in meetings."

However, Gillis did serve as one of the seven advisers to Tulane University President Scott Cowen — who he has known for about 40 years — as Cowen made decisions about how to rebuild Tulane after Hurricane Katrina.

Gillis said Tulane's main challenge was to transform its solvency problem — in which it did not have enough assets to pay its debts — into a liquidity problem, in which assets are sufficient but a cash shortage exists.

"Tulane's existence as an institution is now guaranteed, but if they had not handled it so well, they could have spiraled into a situation of insolvency," Gillis said. "Right now, they've got a liquidity problem, which nobody wishes on anybody but is pretty easy to deal with."

Gillis and Cowen's former board of directors were set to eliminate struggling programs and preserve strong ones.

"I was very impressed with the way they went about controlling the most serious problem that has faced you when you have research university in 100 years," Gillis said.

Gillis has also been involved with higher education abroad, particularly in Vietnam and North Korea.

President George W. Bush appointed Gillis to the Vietnam Education Foundation.

"If you ask me what kind of economist I am, I'll tell you it depends on the time of day."

Gillis said he hopes a university similar to International University Bremen in Germany, which is modeled after Rice, can be established in Vietnam.

"Our job is basically to redo higher education in Vietnam," Gillis said. "It's a White House appointment, and we have about $15-20 million a year to spend. We actually have students from Vietnam at Rice, but what's needed now is a new database on university there just like we have in Bremen."

Gillis is also co-chairing a committee for a new university in North Korea, which is already under construction.

"We have the land already — Kim Jong Il has, by the only international deed [North Korea has] ever deeded land at the intersection of the only two expressways in North Korea," Gillis said. "It's an area, and buildings are built completely now. We know that there's not going to be a lot of academic freedom for a long time, but you get to start getting people ready."

"I'm also doing more research, and he recently published an article on forest harvesting and taxation in Environmental and Development Economics."

"I'm back doing papers for conferences in taxation, public finance, economic development, natural resources — all of economics hangs together for me," Gillis said. "If you ask me what kind of economist I am, I'll tell you it depends on the time of day."

Gillis said he has found his life as a professor to be more relaxing than that of an administrator.

"You don't wake up every morning worried about 4,500 students and a like number of staff," Gillis said. "And professor, there are all kinds of things that can go wrong — floods, hurricanes and all that stuff."

Gillis said he intends to remain a professor indefinitely.

"I retire the day they walk in with a pine box made to my specifications."

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Community Service Grant

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Leadership Rice director Lieberman steps down

by David Brown
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Susan Lieberman resigned as director of Leadership Rice at the end of the fall semester. Assistant directors Jennifer Murray and Natalie Kozycz (Jones ‘01) will run the program until a new director is hired, Dean of undergraduates Robin Forman said.

‘Susan Lieberman brought a great passion to the role of director and affected a lot of our students.’
— Robin Forman
Dean of undergraduates

Leadership Rice offers several courses, including UNV 398 Leadership Theory to Practice, which is taken by about 65 students each fall. Students in the class work on community improvement projects and are eligible for course completion, for 3.00 stipends to pursue program-affiliated summer internships.

Forman said he hopes Leadership Rice will expand as it becomes a part of the new civic engagement center in the fall. The center — being formed to facilitate research partnerships between Rice students, faculty and community organizations — will be an umbrella organization for Leadership Rice and the Community Immersion Center.

‘Leadership Rice will remain a Rice program,’ Forman said. ‘It's too much to keep starting a new program every time a new director is hired.’

But Jones considered changing the floors’ single-sex status last year, primarily because of logistical issues. A college-wide vote in the spring was ineffective because of multiple complications in the voting process, including confusion over whether the vote was binding or a survey and whether an unconditional amendment was necessary. As a result, last fall the cabinet formed a committee to study the matter, junior Leah Witus, who chaired the committee, said.

“We just see that demand for the single-sex floors was decreasing.”
Witus said. “The committee was formed to determine whether this drop in demand was just a blip in the system or a consistent trend.”

Jones President Beck Garrett said he has also observed a change in demand.

“[It was a practical issue],” Garrett, a senior, said. “People just weren’t requesting to be on the all-guys floor, although this wasn’t really a problem for the all-girls floor.”

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Jones cabinet votes to make all floors co-ed next year

by Anne Hierholzer
the former women’s college decided in a 13-1 vote last semester.

Since the former women’s college became co-ed in 1989, Jones’ third floor south — known as “hell” — has been reserved for men only, and fourth floor south — known as “haven” — has been reserved for women. The Jones cabinet voted on whether or not to keep the two single-sex floors every year until the mid-1990s, when voting stopped because the tradition began to be taken for granted.

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In 1991, in spite of accusations of Honor Council involvement in a conspiracy. That year, the Honor Council was described as lacking a "sense of justice" by a New York Times column.

In 2002, 22 cases were closed, but 15 found "in violation" for cheating on a final in a lower-division science class, the same as the average in the New York Times column.

Facing an already backlogged docket at the commencement in Spring 2005, the Honor Council then received a series of cases about violations in spring classes, forcing the council to hear 10 cases after April 1 in the spring and a total of 43 cases in the fall.

In early December, the council wrapped up the last of the 2004-05 semester's cases. As a result, the backlog has been eliminated.

Assistant Dean of Student Judicial Programs Don Ostidek, who oversees the council, said the backlog has been eliminated "...just not the case," Ostidek said. "The council has cleared its months-long backlog, but perennial questions remain.

We take our job to be even-handed, neutral, objective and just. Bursam as a penalty may seem harsh, we have to weigh the consequences of one individual versus the rest of the academic community."

— Chris Edwards
Internal Vice Chair
Chemistry graduate student

"Internet plagiarism is more common, especially plagiarism of a test paper," Horstman said. "I didn't see that at all my first year on the Honor Council. That's a new class of violation that we're running into.

"I don't think much of the increase in plagiarism could be due to sloppy -- though unacceptable -- work by students.

"I would say it might be careless- ness on the student's part, not just not being thorough in citations," Horstman said. "Sometimes with the Internet plagiarism cases, it might be carelessness.

"There have been lots of cases where people directly copy from the Internet and don't take responsibility for it.

Despite the number of plagiarism cases, Horstman said, "I would say there is no convincing evidence that an increase in cheating is actually occurring at Rice. One possible reason for the increase in Internet plagiarism accusations, Horstman said, is that professors are discovering it more easily, so they catch plagiarism.

"If a teacher is at all suspicious, they Google one sentence, and it pulls up the Web site you copied from," Horstman said. "It's a lot easier for the Honor Council to go through and look for more [copied sentences], so it's very easy to find clear evidence that a student is in violation.

Honor External Vice Chair and Brown College junior, said he attributed the increase to more "rumbling" on campus.

"If we need a student to bring a test or some other item written for us, it doesn't jeopardize the student."
Justice needs to be invoked for the just," Edwards said. "Inasmuch as their own would be destructive to the honor system, because defining a minor violation would be

difficult. Horstman said any breach of the Honor Code should be taken seriously. "[Even if a student submits work that does not cite sources properly, that's submitting fraudulent work, and that's a violation," he said.

Input of faculty

Other professors have been dissatisfied with Honor Council rulings. Of the professors randomly interviewed, three said they had submitted accusations to the Honor Council. Three also said they had dealt with cheating directly with students.

"We spoke with our professor after the initial hearing, and when she was told the student had been suspended, she was shocked. She didn't want him to be suspended." Edwards said he is confident the council's penalties are fair and that serious penalties are necessary to maintain the integrity of the system.

"We take our job to be even-handed, neutral, objective and just," Edwards said. "Inasmuch as a penalty may seem harsh, we have to weigh the consequences of one individual versus the rest of the academic community." The senior said he thought the council's penalties were fair and that students to follow the Honor Code.

"They definitely needs to be more outreach and training in faculty," Horstman said. "I don't mean that we need to go against the Honor Council. The more involvement we have with faculty and [discussion about] what the Honor Code means, the better the system will be." Ostdiek said it is essential that faculty members have clear Honor Code policies in their classes. Horstman said departments could also develop their own criteria and publicize them to students.

Horstman said the Honor Council may consider changes to its structure to improve its efficiency. The council is considering proposing a constitutional amendment — for the March General Election — to reduce the hearing panel size from nine members to seven, a measure Horstman said he supports because it would ease the burden on council members and decrease the number of hearing postponements.

But a more telling assessment of the Honor Code — input of faculty support for it — will likely come in May. With the end of self-scheduled exams and the elimination of the 50-student minimum for scheduled exams, dozens of faculty who formerly offered self-scheduled exams will see a choice between take-home exams and scheduled exams.

Horstman said having take-home exams in one of the greatest benefits of having an effective honor system. "I hope professors won't think they need to give scheduled exams to make sure students aren't cheating," Horstman said. "Even though there was an influx of cases last year, a lot of them weren't very serious, and a lot of them weren't test situations. Nothing has supported the idea that there's a complete undermining of the system going on."

Psychology Professor Geoff Potts, who is in his eighth year at Rice, said he generally trusts students to follow the Honor Code. However, he said the Honor Council's rulings in cases he submitted were unsatisfactory, leading him to handle cases on his own.

"One student had clearly plagiarized and the council found that they didn't," Potts said. "I don't know if the council felt it was something to do with intent, but the student had obviously plagiarized, and they found them not guilty." In another case he dealt with, the student was punished, but I felt it was an arbitrary punishment that had no remedial solution... I don't think it helped.

By contrast, one of the interviewed professors, in the electrical engineering department, said he has not yet suspected a student of cheating, but that if he did, he would have no reservations about submitting the case to the Honor Council. Ostdiek said he is aware some faculty members have clear Honor Code policies in their classes.

"I thought it was very fair," he said. "I thought it was an arbitrary punishment that had no remedial solution...I don't think it helped." However, he said the council was satisfied with the Honor Council. Three also said they had dealt with cheating directly with students.

"Three definitely needs to be more outreach and training in faculty," Horstman said. "I don't mean that we need to go against the Honor Council. The more involvement we have with faculty and [discussion about] what the Honor Code means, the better the system will be." Ostdiek said it is essential that faculty members have clear Honor Code policies in their classes. Horstman said departments could also develop their own criteria and publicize them to students.

Horstman said the Honor Council may consider changes to its structure to improve its efficiency. The council is considering proposing a constitutional amendment — for the March General Election — to reduce the hearing panel size from nine members to seven, a measure Horstman said he supports because it would ease the burden on council members and decrease the number of hearing postponements.

But a more telling assessment of the Honor Code — input of faculty support for it — will likely come in May. With the end of self-scheduled exams and the elimination of the 50-student minimum for scheduled exams, dozens of faculty who formerly offered self-scheduled exams will see a choice between take-home exams and scheduled exams.

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"We spoke with our professor after the initial hearing, and when she was told the student had been suspended, she was shocked. She didn't want him to be suspended."

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The Faculty Senate met Wednesday. The following were discussed:

• Speaker of the Faculty Marj Corcoran said she will work with Linguistics Professor Nancy Hachezki to resolve outstanding issues regarding how final exams will be conducted this semester, since self-scheduled exams have been eliminated.

• Corcoran announced that Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman was to discuss curricular review with the full faculty at its meeting, which was held Thursday.

• Political Science Professor Randy Stevenson introduced an amendment to the bylaws calling for the speaker of the faculty to be elected every year. Previously, the bylaws called for the deputy speaker to become the speaker automatically. The amendment was unanimously approved.

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• The senate discussed the proposal by the Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum to add minors to the curriculum. (See story, page 1.)

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be Feb. 15.
New World gives life, poetry to Pocahontas story

MARGARET TUNG
THE RICE THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Assuming Hollywood is that Disney has already produced a movie about a certain historical character, then the story sounds familiar. Over a decade later, a bridge to the past was built, a dream was inspired, and so it was pleasantly surprising that Terrence Malick's The New World, based upon the 'discovery' of Jamestown and the love story of Captains John Smith and Pocahontas, was not only compelling enough to separate itself from the annals of versions but also a brilliant film that stands with its stunning cinematography, powerful performances and overlapping narratives.

The film begins from the viewpoint of the English settlers. John Smith (August Schellenberg), a Franciscan, immediately introduces himself as more of a rebel than a leader. He has a couple close brushes with death—one of which results in a dramatic rescue by Pocahontas (played by newcomer Q'Orianka Kilcher) but how soon she manages to stay alive and fall in love with the free-spirited princess.

Their courtship is a rather innocent one, as Malick chose to portray the lovers' kinship as primarily spiritual. Both share a desire for exploration and accuracy of their cultures, shown by Pocahontas' efforts to learn English and Smith's career as a newswoman of the Native American amongst them, develops the fear of the other two peoples, separating the often-warring—sometimes—which didn't half of the film from the real-time feeling of the story. The first half is characterized by wide shots of the autumnal land and revolving camerawork around Smith and Pocahontas. From the big screen, the film's visual statements translates into an ode to both nature and human nature. Both share the affect, as they are as much restrained in each other's eyes as they are delighted to be trickling between the grassy stalks.

The plot unrocks with victories of Smith and Pocahontas. The Native American characters' dialogue is in a synthetic language composed of aspects of Algonquin from John Smith's historical records and interviews with Chesapeake Bay-area Algonquin speakers.

However, by slowly choosing to portray the story via action rather than dialogue, Malick emphasizes the simplicity of scenic moments and treats the film as a sequence of uncut paintings.

The second half of the film is prompted by Smith's sudden decision to leave Pocahontas as a representation of Smith's departure from the film's narrative. To the viewer and Pocahontas, his death is represented by a similarly abrupt end to his onscreen presence.

Symbolically, the story becomes Pocahontas', as she grows older and further asserts her own voice. This shift in narrative is depicted through her new life with husband John Rolfe (Rutger Hauer, Christian Bale), who revealed in her final voyages in which she no longer questions the choices she has made.

The film's aesthetic statements translate into an ode to both nature and love.

Pocahontas is reminiscent of Malick's final-ranking of The Thin Man, in that both women escaped the barriers of spoken language by making decisions marked by maturity and unchanging resolve. In a larger perspective, the shift in narration lets the audience see both the New and Old worlds through foreign eyes.

As just as viewers are first awed by the picturesque Chesapeake Bay-erascape that enthralled Smith and the Englishmen, they will later marvel as Pocahontas steps away from her native United States to enter the strange and exciting streets of London. From the open street markets of hanging poultry to the ornate gates of Buckingham Palace, everything is bigger now and exotic.

The film is not a statement about depicting the social reality of the times; rather, it is a love story. It is a story about the love Malick has for recreating the wonderment of the love, the love Pocahontas eventually begins to understand and the love we all have for learning and discovery.

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Actor share on-set memories

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Q'orianka, you had your first kiss on screen. How was that?

KILCHER: I was so glad because I thought, "Oh God, what if I don't learn [the Algonquin pronunciations]?

QUEPONY: After one of the screenings, Q'orianka and I were there for a couple of weeks [before filming began], and we were doing training and whatnot. And the very first that we were so excited and nervous that we took off before Terry actually called "action."

Q'orianka, you had your first kiss on screen. How was that?

KILCHER: [Colin and I] knew when we were doing the kissing scenes, and we weren't exactly sure when it was going to happen. [In the scene] we were talking and Terry was saying, "Now, Colin, kiss her." I had butterflies in my stomach, a little bit, but it wasn't too scary.

How do you feel about the final, on-screen product?

STUDI: It's a comment on how empires have been torn down and rebuilt, because of love, interaction or the mixture thereof.

Q'orianka: After one of the screenings somebody said "that turtle was amazing." You know, the turtle that eyes across me after I'm dead. I thought that was so funny. Here I was pouring my heart out, and the turtle was amazing.
Rice Gallery debuts multifaceted Conversation

Marshall Robinson

David Ellis' latest installation, Conversation, presents an entertaining combination of eye-catching aesthetics and upbeat music in an invitingly unpretentious fashion. This exhibit transcends traditional installation by seamlessly integrating sound and motion.

From the monochromatic talking figures in the multicolored gallery, the visuals are captivating, but more importantly, Ellis' eclectic and unpretentious soundtracks invite visitors to participate in a unique and overwhelming creative experience.

The noise seems characteristic of an off-kilter gallery setting, and its integration into Conversation makes the stand-alone installation even stranger and more appealing. Every 15 minutes the gallery goes into a rhythmic phase, as a 16-piece percussion set slowly builds a wall of sound. The cacophony of noise has an underlying rhythm reminiscent of a classic rap anthem, looming and building upon itself. Starting with just the tapping of loose change, the noise snowballs until the walls of the gallery spew resonating sounds off everything from gestural music drums to bunches of nutshells.

The three figures in David Ellis' Conversation gather at Rice Gallery. The installation features a rhythm-driven soundtrack in addition to its eccentric visual component.

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In the midst of this monotonous friendly symphony at the center of the gallery are two grey grouses - Ellis' givaseque, caricatured representations of animals from his childhood fantasies. One figure, standing approximately 6 feet tall, wears a set of Ellis' tattooed painting scribbles and yammers high-pitched gibberish that reverberates through the gallery.

The second creature's suit of armor, fashioned from loose change from different countries, pairs with a set of sharp claws to create an intimidating visual. Standing stiff and static, with their hands at their sides, these figures appear whimsically trapped in a silence and seem even more ridiculous when their mouths open and they speak.

The pair would make a fine stand-alone installation, but Ellis' incorporation of the figures into Conversation's panoramic landscape of sight and sound. Each has a percussion instrument to play over its speech - the smaller one emits a fun conversation.

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Tasha Chengpavil
Woody Allen's
Nola Rice (Scarlett Johansson) forces Chris Wilton (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers) to make a life-changing decision in Amazing about the importance of luck in life. The plot digresses non-linearly, viewers the latest release from writer/director providing both of them an escape providing a thoroughly engaging film. The to deduce key elements of the ago of hints necessary to resist becoming utterly engaged in the word is constantly and noticeably about luck, there is a dinner of fate, one of lesser genius, their significance may think they know how it will end, but surprises reign supreme the best course of action, or at least the one that allows him to retain more material pleasures. Chris's ultimate decision becomes dependent on sheer dumb luck. Allen repeatedly teases viewers back into their webs with the promise of revealing Chris's fortune at the hands of fate, one of Match Point's central motifs. The movie starts out with a quote about luck, there is a diets conversation surrounding the topic, the words is constantly and noticeably mentioned and the leading actress herself have an incidental hallucinogen chemistry. Rhys-Meyers and Johansson are definitely different but equally convincing performers. Rhys-Meyers is quiet and calculating as the extremely Athenaish and Johansson's manic presence as the object of his desire provides a contrast to his calm, collected air. It is never clear whether Chris is motivated by a desire for love or wealth, and the uncertainty of his motives is a testament to Rhys-Meyers' acting. His stoic face provides an air of ambiguity that makes viewers want to dive into his thought processes. Allen provides only the tiniest number of hints necessary to deduce key elements of the plot and masterfully constructs a thoroughly engaging film. The observant viewer will find ample clues in even the most mundane details such as the characters' choice of music and reading materials. Just when something seemingly random trains and scenes begin to cooperate the audience with their frequency and incoherence, their significance reveals itself and viewers cannot resist becoming utterly engaged in a series of unexpected plot twists as Chris's situation becomes increasingly desperate. Directed by a Hollywood hero of lesser genres, Match Point would have been confusing and tiresome. But in the hands of Woody Allen, it thrives as a compelling tale about the importance of luck and the consequences of not having any. The film through the lens, viewers may think they know how it will end, but surprises reign supreme in this gem of a movie. Woody does not disappoint.

Although Of Montreal may not be ripe for commercial radio, the band does seem PRIMED to break into the mainstream.

But when Kevin Barnes, the front man of Athens, Ga.-based Of Montreal, pranced onto the stage, he dissipated the apathetic, tense crowd with a wave of his hand and a wink of a glittery eyelid. Clair in a wedding gown — complete with veil and wedding a large bottle of cider. Barnes possessed an incredibly dominating stage character. He quickly stripped off of his dress and replaced it with an electric guitar — complete this time with a butterfly adorning the fretboard and the band wasted no time in launching into "So Begins Our Participation and two hours' worth of mainstream.

Of Montreal's latest work has been increasingly experimental. Last year's The Sunlandic Twins melded classic rock influences with upbeat electronics. It may not be a conventional recipe for success, but Barnes has an uncanny ability to write catchy melodies. His musical range and well-crafted riffs propel the band's recorded material in the pinnacle of indie-rock perfection. Barnes is almost entirely responsible for defining the band's distinctive sound. Instead of writing the lyrics and melodies on The Sunlandic Twins, he also played most of the instruments himself.

Onstage, it was obvious Barnes was the star of the show. His energy was electric and inescapable as he playfully held his way through "Forecast Fascist Future." As he sang, "Boredom murders the thoughts of the ungainly" and "Satanic Panic in the Attic" was electric and inescapable as he playfully held his way through "Forecast Fascist Future."

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Grad student hurls Beowulf saga into new instrumental CD release

Julia Bursten

Editorial Staff

Clever, if there is one word to describe the new CD release by Computational and Applied Mathematics graduate student Anthony Kellems (Hanszen '05), clever would have to be it.

"Beowulf: epic of the gründeslayrer"

Anthony Kellems

Rating: **** (out of Two)

The title alone, Beowulf: Epic of the Gründeslayrer, screams of that otherwise tritely contrived, witty humor so beloved by Rice students and alternative — take care not to read "ums" here — musicians. And in case listeners were about to write off the literary reference as merely a coincidental one, the title track makes it clear that it is not. The title track, "The Grendelslayer," starts with a Mitchell-like drum solo that leads into a musical exchange between Kellems and Arizona State State William Johnson, whose own musical endeavors show up as the sixth track of Beowulf.

On the page, the poetry in the track has few similarities with mainstream rap and indeed seems fairly trite. Once the words have a beat, though, the song's atypical subject matter takes on a familiar melody which, when combined with the Penguin Cafe Orchestra-esque guitar, cleverly compensate for the shortcomings in fiction. [Beowulf] creates powerful, and yes, CLEVER, imagery for its listeners almost entirely without the aid of the spoken word.

Beowulf's only real mistake is the 10th track, "Mach 4," which sounds dated and out of sync to the point that it is difficult to concentrate on any melodic or rhythmic progression. Perhaps the track simply needs cleaning up to realign the jarring beats into something less offensive, but if so, it will take a thorough overhaul.

Fortunately, the instrumental drums get tighter as the track progresses, and its sound assimilates quickly forgotten with the start of the next song. Kellems does another number with his own piano and Kimmond's guitar in the sixth track, "Summer Rocks Blues." It's hard not to imagine the old Peanuts cartoons in which Snoopy played Schroeder's piano, but this track has an intense, gritty undertone. The piece's title also evokes the rested, dusty energy of Kimmond's melody. It seems Kellems has a certain aptitude for clever titles, too.

Overall, Beowulf succeeds in doing what too many instrumental releases try to do: be fail. It creates powerful, and yes, clever, imagery for its listeners almost entirely without the aid of the spoken word. The more narrative tracks, such as the title ballad and the third cut, "Rock Blues in G," make for especially simituation experiences. While Beowulf's more rhythm-based cuts such as Johnson's "Escape" and the eerie, haunting "Ghost Castle" wash entirely new moods over their listeners with casual ease.

Beowulf: Epic of the Gründeslayrer, for all the humor in its title, is a serious and successful assembly of cleverly arranged, widely varied musical experiments. Beowulf: Epic of the Gründeslayrer is an independent, private release. For purchase information send an e-mail to tkellems@rice.edu.
**Women's basketball hosts UTEP at Autry tonight**

by Amber Berrangery

The women's basketball team concluded a difficult road trip with wins to the University of Tulsa and Southern Methodist University. Rice (11-12, 2-6 C-USA) is currently on a four-game losing streak, but those four losses came on the road against four of the top five teams in the Conference USA. The Owls, who went 17-1 in home conference games over the past two years in the Western Athletic Conference, hope to establish some momentum with a four-game home-stand beginning tonight at 7 p.m. against the University of Texas-El Paso at Autry Court.

Rice has lost to UTEP (11-7, 3-3) just once in 13 meetings since joining the WAC for the 1990-91 season. The Owls won both meetings this season. Rice has lost two in a row in its last two games in the West.

After losing sophomore guards Maude Fulton and Whitney McCaskey to season-ending injuries in November, junior guard Kristal Frazier, Rice's leading scorer, wore her Achilles tendons Saturday against SMU and will miss the remainder of the season. "The team took it pretty hard when she went down, but we can't dwell on it," sophomore guard Karrie Rivers said. "We just have to pull together and hope that people will come off the bench and step up." With senior Amber Cunningham and Rivers already in the starting lineup, the Owls have only four guards on the bench seniors Laticra Elder and Rowland Jeffries and freshman Catherine Flores and Tiandra Wright. Elder is the only one of the four to average more than 15 minutes per game, but she is a pure point guard, so it is unlikely she and Rivers would be on the floor together for extended periods of time.

After Friday's game against UTEP Rice will play Tulane at Autry Court on Saturday at 1 p.m. The game will be the team's first meeting since 1995.

On Saturday, the Owls suffered their third loss in four years at SMU. Rice led 20-19 with seven minutes to play. The Owls' opponents included several top teams, including 12th ranked Texas Tech, 13th ranked Texas A&M, 14th ranked Louisiana State University, 22nd ranked University of Texas, 27th ranked University of Houston and 36th ranked Texas Southern University.

Sophomore Filip Zivojinovic, who lost in the first round, advanced to the finals of the A-flight consolation final with his doubles partner. Mok defeated his doubles partner, Knupfer said. "The improvement was disappointing at times," Ustundag said. "And that's what we'd like to see this semester." There will be some changes in the team's lineup before the final match, including Abilene Christian's Ryan Hudson.

**Swimming to face UT in final meet before C-USA Championships**

by Brian Mothersole

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Women's track finishes second at UH

Women's tennis sweeps dual matches

Redshirt freshman guard Rodney Foster dribbles a game against UT-Dallas. Rice plays Tulane tomorrow at Autry Court. The game starts at 6:05 p.m.

Men's basketball splits road games, hosts Tulane tomorrow
Three from men's track
win at season-opening meet

by Stephen Whitefield
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The indoor season started on a high note for the men's track and field team. Three athletes won their events at the season-opening Leonard Hilton Memorial, held Friday at the University of Houston, as Rice finished 5th among 13 schools despite sending only 15 athletes to the meet.

"We had very much a skeleton crew, but for the most part things went really well," head coach Jon Warren (Jones '88) said. "All I want to see is good effort, and [that they] are doing so intelligently — I think they need up to that."

The Owls finished with only 52 points, well behind the 135 points meet-winning University of Texas had, but the meet served as more of a warm-up for bigger meets later in the season. Rice will take this weekend off from competition before heading back to UH for the Houston Invitational Feb. 4. Junior Pablo Salares, who won the 800 meters with a time of 1 minute, 53.79 seconds, said the Owls will approach their next meet the same way they did their season opener.

"The next meet we're going to have at UH is going to be another preparation meet, so we should keep training the way we have been — because it's working," Salares said.

Rice will send a larger contingent of runners to its next meet. Freshman Chuck Franklin will make his debut in the triple jump and redshirt sophomore Omar Navea will compete in the high jump. The team will also send more participants in the pole vault and distance races.

"We'll have a much larger team, and hopefully they'll put in the same effort," Warren said. "If the effort's there, we'll see good performances across the board."

Sophomore Charles Hampton won the 5,000 meters in 13:36.10 to win by five seconds. The showing was an improvement on Hampton's victory in the same race last season, when as a freshman at UH, he finished the 5,000 in 13:36.10 to win by five seconds.

"There's still a lot that can be improved upon, but it's good to get your feet wet at the start of the season," Hampton said.

Senior David Axel also raced in the 5,000 at UH, placing third behind Hampton and Swambale. Axel said he expected to perform well given the small number of competitors — 19 — in the race.

"That was a small meet," Axel said. "We were hoping to finish one-two, and [Swambale] was a random variable. [There was] not that much competition."

Senior Rahasan Miller ran the 400 in 50.23 seconds, which was good for fourth. Sophomore Colby Stadel placed 13th out of 41 runners in the triple jump, edging out the second-place runner, Frank Bwambale of the University of New Orleans, by almost 10 feet.

Junior Devon Fanfair finished fifth in the high jump. The team will also send three in the 800-meter race. Junior forward Samantha Stovall goes for a loose ball in a game against Texas Tech Nov. 21.

WOMEN

From page 15

Junior forward Samantha Stovall goes for a loose ball in a game against Texas Tech Nov. 21. Rice will play its first home game in 23 days tonight when it faces former WAC and current C-USA rival UTEP at Autry Court. The game starts at 7 p.m.
**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

**RICE 86 SOUTHERN MISS 63**  
Jan. 20, 2006 — Moody Coliseum, Dallas, Texas

**Attendance** — 3,476

7-16, Almond 11-
Rice (8-9, 2-2)

Jan. 21, 2006 — Moody Coliseum, Dallas, Texas

**Women’s Basketball**

**RICE 88 SMU 97**  
Jan. 22, 2006 — Moody Coliseum, Dallas, Texas

**Attendance** — 4,577

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**Men’s Tennis**

**TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO 0 RICE 8**  
Jan. 20, 2006 — Indoor Tennis at the Met, Houston

**Women’s Tennis**

**TEXAS-AMCCO 5 RICE 7**  
Jan. 20, 2006 — Moody Tennis Stadium

**College Sports Roundup**

Due to rain, all four League games on Jan. 22 were canceled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

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**Old school**

Former Rice star Sherri Janz, who is currently in the Cincinnati Reds organization, hits in the 2004 alums baseball game. Janz will be among the players participating in the 2006 alums game tomorrow at 12 p.m. at Reckling Park.

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**Jones jumps out to lead in coed flag**

Fresh off of a 3-16 mercy-cure shutout of Baker (0-2), Jan. 16, Jones (20) maintained its winning ways Wednesday with a close 15-6 victory over Hanszen (0-2) to take the commanding lead in the Blue Ix*ague standings.

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**Men’s soccer**

Premier Division play began with a bang last Saturday as Will Rice and Brown faced off in the only coed game of the weekend. Will Rice took a 2-0 lead early in the first half, but Brown came back with two unanswered goals to take the lead late in the second half. In the waning seconds of the second half, Will Rice converted a penalty kick to knot the score at 2-2. Over time could not break the tie, and the game ended 2-2. Wies was the lone winner on the day in the Premier Division, shutting out Baker 4-0. Wies will square off with Will Rice tomorrow.

In the Championship Division, Jones steamrolled its way to an 8-2 victory over Lovett. Sid Richardson fell short with a 4-0 win over Hanszen.
FRIDAY

Just win, baby

Members of all eight colleges and the Rice Men's team are invited to participate in a gigantic capture the flag extravaganza. Teams will be north "collages" versus south colleges. The fun starts at Ray Courtway at 9 p.m. and runs until 11 p.m. There will be live music and food, so really, even if you lose, you win.

Really, Big Screen.

See the premiere of Voyager Mars in the Wortham IMAX theater. While Marsters aren't guaranteed, interesting scenes are promised. For showtimes and more information, go to www.rice.edu or call (713) 527-4029.

Roundball classic

On the other hand, as mentioned last week, the Lady Owls are in some serious heckling as the Owls take on Tulane in a Conference USA matchup. The game starts at 6 p.m. at Autry Court. You know you have to excuse not to make it to a game Saturday evening at 6. In fact, you can use the game to get your blood running for the night's festivities.

Gichi gichi, ya ya da da

Lovett Casino Party 2006, the Moulin Rouge-Come to the largest party Rice has ever seen, complete with a windmill, a mural of gay Paris and a swimming pool, complete with a windmill, a mural of gay Paris and a swimming pool, complete with a windmill, a mural of gay Paris and a swimming pool, complete with a windmill, a mural of gay Paris and a swimming pool.

FRIDAY

Hoop it up

If you love basketball, or if you hate the University of Houston or, as is the perfect world, both are the case, come to the women's basketball game at 7 p.m. at cozy Autry Court. Games against the Coogs always prove to be a great place to go with a few friends. Put on your navy and gray and come early, be loud and stay late. No, I can't take credit for that one, but I do believe it's one of the catchier cliches around.

SATURDAY

Beat the old folks

Itching for baseball season? Come watch your 2006 baseball team in the annual alumni game at Reckling Park. The game starts at noon.

The Summer Jobs Program

To promote and recognize community service by Rice students, the Rotary Club of West University offers an annual $2,500 scholarship in the spring of each year to a continuing student at Rice University. The scholarship money will be remitted directly to the recipient's account at Rice University. The student winning the scholarship will have a record of community service outside of Rice campus community that embodies the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." First-year students are not eligible to apply. Other requirements include a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher and at least one full year of undergraduate education at Rice remaining. Finalists will be interviewed and the recipient will be asked to talk to the Rotary Club about his/her service. Jennifer Werdenberg, a senior at Jones College, was the recipient of the 2005 scholarship.

Application information for the 2006 scholarship is currently available on the Community Involvement Center's web site at http://www.rice.edu/service. Completed applications and a copy of the applicant's transcript are due to the Community Involvement Center by 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2006.
Leebron goes on vision quest to find vision statement

Leebron said, "I tried to contain it, but couldn't, and all the sudden I exploded in a hundred tentacles, which spread out everywhere, moving things and helping people."

He then started scribbling out his Vision for the Second Century, but the Backpage was distrustful of various distractions.

"Anyways. As Leebron cleansed his mind of the chattering masses, the truth came clear. All question marks became periods, and all conversations ended. There is only the Vision."

Leebron’s vision for Rice

"Believe the vision for the Second Century. It is fraught with truth and knowledge, expansion and interaction and infrastructure and a soaring glowing self and spirit guides. What do you see? What is there? Do you know? How will this affect Rice? No alcohol. Does that mean no in the future or no change necessary?"

Who was the higher power? The spirit guides. What do you see? What is there? Do you know? How will this affect Rice? No alcohol. Does that mean no in the future or no change necessary?"

lynn2005@rice.edu

CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSING

ROOMMATE WANTED. NEW condo, private bathroom, off street parking, washer/dryer, full of fun. Want a non-smoking, quiet, mature student. All utilities paid! $425 a month. Call (281) 386-8379.

ROOMMATE WANTED. NEW $515 with lease and deposit. Andover (713) 324-3144.

MUSEUM DISTRICT GRAD students — don’t live in the lab. One-bedroom apartments in small quiet building at 600 Greerly. Hardwood floors, lots of closet space, window unit air, on site laundry. Bike to Rice. $455 with lease and deposit. Andover (713) 324-3144.

HELP WANTED

BARTENDERS WANTED $250 per day potential. No experience necessary. Training provided. Age (18-UK, 1995 55-2000 ext. 29241)

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT GROUP is seeking camp directors and counselors who are motivated educators or recreation majors, looking to gain experience and skills working with kids in a creative and diverse program. We will be at the Summer Job Fair on January 31st (labeled Grad Life at the Rice Memorial Student Center) from 7-9 p.m. Apply online at www.encyclopedia.com call (713) 627-3500 for more info.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED PSYCHOLOGY resident looking for a driver to work one night a week and some other occasions when needed. Familiarity with Illusions required. Pay: $35/hr. If interested, please contact Adam at (713) 622-3275 or by email at atwood.k@rice.edu

MUSIC TEACHER NEEDED! Montessori School, near Rice University. Also needs subs and assistants. Flexible hours possible. Call Tara (713) 524-6750.

EARN EXTRA MONEY ON YOUR own time. Rice student wanted to assist in writing grant proposal. Call (713) 927-2807.

Pick up your yearbook. Heie 1-800-324-0501 or www.hwsa.org.

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www. kecamps. com

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WILLY’S PUB

CHANGING PEOPLES LIFESTYLES...

MON., 30TH
Open Mic Night

TUES., 31ST
Hanszen Pub Night

WED., 1ST
Trivia Night
This week: MUSIC

THURS., 2ND
CLOSED for 100 Days

FRI., 3RD
Close at 3 p.m.

MUSEUM DISTRICT GRAD students — don’t live in the lab. Large bedroom with full bathroom in small building at 600 N. Nett pans. Central air in hardwood floor, assigned garage parking, on site laundry. Bike to Rice. $450 a month and deposit. Andover (713) 324-3144.

FEMALE TUTOR NEEDED for homework help and test prep for female fourth grader at 40K, once or twice a week, conveniently resides near Rice. (713) 521-9470.

LIFE GUARD AND swim instructors needed! Montessori School, Near Rice University. Also needs subs and assistants. Flexible hours possible. Call Tara (713) 524-6750.

LOCAL TECHNOLOGY FIRM seeking student for part-time work developing websites. Knowledge of html, css, adobe photoshop required. Please call (713) 422-6004.


FIND OUT WHY it’s more fun in the big 8. Everyone, upload web con-cept opening early February at High land Village. Hiring for managers, bartenders, servers, hosts, bussers, kitchen, and sushi chefs. Check us out and fill out an application at associated.com or send resumes and questions to bowlingassociates@archon.com

HIRING A DRIVER/SITTER for teenagers in the West University area, M-F 3:35 PM. Must have own transportation and good driving record. $10 per hour plus gas. Call Carly at (713) 684-4415.

LIVE-IN/OUT FEMALE house sitter to work in a Christian home, non-smoker, flexible hours, up to 5600 hrs. (713) 647-6691 or miller@edenr.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISSING RING! Reward for return of the ring, $100. Please call (713) 834-4572.

Wanted: Becoming a registered nurse at the University of Texas Medical School. Contact (713) 647-6691.

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