Tax increase, Honor changes considered

by David Brown

Next week’s General Elections ballot will include up to seven amendments. One would eliminate a student’s option, if accused of an Honor Code violation, to retain credit for the course in question if the student withdraws from Rice without a hearing.

Three of the other amendments also belong to the Honor Council, and Rice Student Government, the Rice Program Council and University Bowl each have one amendment on the ballot. Each organization approved its amendments internally, and to be on the ballot, they must also be approved by the Student Association at its meeting Monday.

Once the Honor Council decides to hold a hearing, an accused student has three business days to read Article 12 of the Honor Council Constitution. Under that article, the student retains credit for the course in question if he or she remains away from Rice for at least two semesters, Honor Council Chair John Horstman said.

"Theoretically, a student could cheat his way to an Aplus, not get caught until the final ... and then walk away from the university for two semesters and maintain that Aplus," Horstman, a Sid Richard-son College junior, said.

If the amendment is approved, a student who invokes Article 12 and leaves Rice without a hearing will have the course in question erased from his or her transcript, Horstman said.

"This changing the constitution just so that we can make sure that students don’t walk away from Rice with fraudulent credit," he said.

Another amendment would permit the Honor Council to make changes to its procedures and bylaws more easily. Currently, three-fourths of the 34-member council are required to approve any proposed changes. Under the article, the number of members present at a meeting, instead of the number of members present at a meeting, would allow the council to pass a See AMENDMENTS, page 4

A new look

Baker College sophomore Ali Naghibi walks in Fondren Library. After undergoing construction in the fall, parts of the first floor of Fondren have re-opened this semester.

Wanek named 2006 O-Week director

by Melissa Waitsman

Hanszen College junior Mark Wanek has been selected to be the student director for Orientation Week in August.

Wanek said he hopes to integrate formal presentations about Rice with other experiences that will help new students get to know the university and Houston. As student director, he will work with the residential college O-Week coordinators and plans university-wide events for O-Week, including matriculation and the faculty address.

"It’s not a summer camp — a lot of serious things have to get taken care of," Wanek said. "You have to approach it with a sense of humor, but it’s not just fun and games for me.

Wanek said he is not planning major changes to O-Week, although he hopes to bring coordinators from different colleges together. Wanek, who served as an advisor at Hanszen in 2004, said he will welcome comments from students.
the Rice Thresher

Our endorsements for the spring election

In the election beginning March 3, students should vote yes on the amendment to the Honor Council constitution that modifies the rules for withdrawing from the university after being confronted with an accusation. (See story, page 1.) Students should vote no on the amendment on the Honor Council's proposed changes to the appellate process and to the change of "Faculty Council" to "Faculty Senate" in its constitution. And students should vote no on the tax increase for University Blue.

Most importantly, a loophole in Honor Council regulations needs to be closed. Currently, a student presented with an accusation of an Honor Code violation may withdraw from the university within three days, stay away from the university for two semesters and then return to Rice with no consequences — no loss of credit for the course in question and no adjudication of the alleged violation.

A potential violation of the Honor Code should not just go away after a year. An accused student should either have to face his accusation or lose credit for the course, as the proposed amendment requires.

This loophole has been exploited for some time. We are glad the Honor Council is trying to close it, and we hope students make it official.

Assuming it gets on the ballot, another Honor Council amendment needs to be rethought. The amendment requires that students who have five business days instead of five class days to appeal. This change makes sense because it prevents appeals from dragging on during finals and breaks, when class days are scarce and the timeline gets stretched.

We support the amendment, we hope the Student Association will reauthorize it to appear on the ballot at the November election. Class day regulations concern with the ballot language are minor and should be overlooked.

The final Honor Council amendment we endorse — changing "Faculty Council" to "Faculty Senate" — is of profound importance in defining the future of our university for generations to come. OK, it's just a name change. But it's a name change from a body that doesn't exist to a body that does, so students should vote for it.

As for U. Blue, the magazine's editors do not try to raise their blanket tax before they try to sell advertisements. We are not concerned about the actual tax hike — 40 cents per student — but in principle, raising taxes should never be the revenue-generating first of a resort. That approach is unfair to students.

We know there is high demand for advertising targeted at Rice students, and we think U. Blue could increase its revenue while charging reasonable prices. They owe it to their taxpayers to try that option first.

The Thresher does not endorse candidates.


degree of Difference’ just ain’t ‘Veritas’

Having exhausted our musings about the hedges and the Campanile clock — which were in jest, by the way — we wandered over to students.rice.edu for a little R&R. And what should confront us but our university’s (apparently relatively new) slogan: “A Degree of Difference.”

Factually, there’s nothing wrong with the slogan. Rice grants degrees, and they are different from the degrees granted by other institutions. It’s Latin. Harvard and Yale do it, so clearly we must as well. So we’re kidding again. Just in case there’s any confusion.

Unsung editors represent the majority opinion of the Thresher editorial staff.

RUPD actions culturally insensitive

To the editor:

I think it was the right times when "procedures," an Rice Police Chief Bill Taylor said, must be weighed thoroughly before acting in a manner that could potentially embarrass and more importantly represent a member of our student body at large. In front of his peers (“Student criticizes Rice Police after being removed from class,” Feb. 17). As a biracial male who observes the reality of racial divisions and tensions on our campus, I do not believe a significant degree of harm could be resorted in RUPD officers allowing Will Rice College senior James Callahan to finish learning in his ICON 433 course and then questioning him about his height.

This seemingly small mishap holds greater implications for the black student body at Rice, not least of which is the blaring stereotype that black males in America, no matter if they are five feet tall or six feet tall, all fit the description. "The RUPD officers who pulled Callahan from the class in front of his peers and professor should have recognized a degree of cultural sensitivity. What message is sent to the entire student body at Rice when Callahan, a young black man who like every other student on campus is pursuing a degree in higher education, must yield to the precedent of a "Procedure" and surrender purchased learning time? Instead, this is a very good message at all."

For the sake of relations between the black student body and RUPD, I sincerely hope that in the future, procedures will be handled in a more careful and perhaps introduced to a little common sense.

Philip Arthur Moore

Procedure police in community's interest

To the editor:

I feel obligated to support the Rice University Police Department in last week's incident. I am glad Rice hasn't "racalized" the issue. I would hope that if the description included a Caucasian suspect instead of a black one that I too would be understanding and would receive similar treatment.

I was so shocked to hear RUPD officers interrupting a class searching for a suspect, how was the officer to know that the individual in question was a student? A smart chief would pretend to be a student in order to blend in and avoid attention. The officers could not have known.

They could have radioed dispatch to request that an administrator remove the individual from the class. After a proper view, but that presupposes that he was a student. They could have also removing the individual from class, taken him back to the police building for questioning, handcuffing and in the back of an RUPD squad instead of the officers chased the quickest, most expedient route.

I would like to apologize to James Callahan for my mistake. It is sad that theft has increased wildly on campus, and I'm sorry that the officer's description was so broad that it included him. I am not sorry, however, that Rice University did their job to the best of their abilities. They acted as they were trained for the situation and with due deference to the student involved.

Jack Hardcastle

Weiss president

Sarcasm student: silliness rampant

To the editor:

I wanted to address an concern about the ‘Degree of Difference’ campaign being 10 minutes fast ("Hym "RMC," what time is it? Time to fix the clock," Feb. 17). Your observations were partially correct. With the clock now set to a more traditional time, the clock did "lose time," but actually it 12:30 and 12:45. Frank Smith, the facilities coordinator, corrected this problem on Friday when your editor hit the Student Center.

In the future, if there is a concern that is making your life stressful, please bring it to attention. He has been known to do it when Mr. Callahan was new. This problem does not have to be a hassle.

Penelope Shoffman

Student Center associate director

Surface pacts do not solve core debates

To the editor:

Billy Freeland recently described a new evangelism that advocates the combination of environmentalism ("Evangelicals warm up to climate change campaign," Feb. 17). As a member of the new evangelical movement, I feel obligated to support the idea that the old issues are unnecessary, but to draw attention to the moral and religious conviction that some modern and more importantly misrepresent the old and "impractical" religious debates.

However, the old issues are inseparable from the new; if evangelicals lose the discussion of environmentalism is to have any depth, it must address the reasons that evangelicals left the movement, as well as the reasons that skeptics have for environmentalism. But the neglect of the old does not solve the problem. The evangelicals think we have a responsibility because God exists and has charged humans with protecting the environment. The skeptics think those outrage, the mistakes. Immediately we return to the old issues.

Agreement on what should be cannot solve disagreement over why it should be done. That one has good reasons for their position. The skeptic is not the one who holds the correct view, but the one who is ready to discuss the things that he lacks understandings. Bill Freeland, student director of "Evangelicals for a Little R&R. And what should confront us but our university’s (apparently relatively new) slogan: "A Degree of Difference."

CONTACTING THE THRASHER

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First before last month, you would know just how deadly a series of cartoons could be. The publication of caricatures depicting the prophet Mohammad, considered violent upheavals has sparked up on trans-national scale, ranging from Germany to Pakistan.

As an American Muslim, I am a member of a unique generation that is able to experience multiple identities with dual perspectives. In such a situation as this, I often find myself asking where I am ultimately on.

At one moment, I remember thinking how I could use a little more social awareness, but that is for another rant. The most important thing is to get out of the door. The only friendly restroom on campus is the lecture room at Keck. Every building has prohibitively heavy imposing them on others. Well, it's just not worth the squeeze.

In this brave new world, flirting will be a reflection of personality and attractiveness itself. We can no longer do this the way we did before, other than covering ourselves in the form of fashion and makeup. We can know that when people say a picture is attractive I mean of his sense of humor, they are actually telling us.

Indeed, with people taking care of our own personal hygiene and constant stress are not always easy. We can choose to be a part of the society and learn to develop cross-cultural dialogue and understanding. Don't blame them — as desperate for hookups or pants more handicapped-friendly. But that is not necessarily helpful either, since there are no buttons to open the door for me, although many times the buttons are hard to reach or cause the door to open into you. Take for instance the Humanities building. For example, I used its access all the time. I drove a bike to the Keck Hall and opened the door far over the handles, pressed it in, opened it, pressed it back on the outside, opened the door. Then I could enter the building. Brilliant, I say.

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procedural change with a supermajority of three-fourths of the Council—which currently would be 26 members—and three-fourths of the quorum approving.
Horstman said the proposal is being made due to the difficulty the council has had in assembling enough of its members at meetings.
"It's tough enough to get three-quarters of the people there to begin with," Horstman said. "No matter what incentives you give them, people still have other things to do. [Even if you do get three-fourths of the people there, that means you have to get a unanimous vote.]"

Another Honor Council amendment aims to speed the appeals process. Currently, the constitution states that a student who wishes to appeal an Honor Council decision to the appeals panel must do so within three class days of the council's decision. The amendment, as approved internally by the council, would change the wording to "three business days," as appeals would have to proceed during the summer if a ruling came at the end of the spring semester.

Assistant Dean of Student Judicial Programs Jere Ousbeck, who sits on the three-member appeals panel, said under the current constitution, appeals on cases occurring in May could go unannounced until August.

"[With the amendment], appeals will have to show up quicker, and the appeals panel can meet during the summer to hear them," Ousbeck said.

As of Wednesday, it was uncertain whether or not this amendment would remain on the ballot. Horstman said, because the Graduate Student Association voted Feb. 22 to approve the amendment only if the timeline were changed to five days instead of three.

Student Association Elections Chair Ian Evertart said he probably would not allow a revised version of the amendment to appear on the ballot because the change came after the deadline to file amendments.

GENERAL ELECTIONS REFERENDA
The proposed changes (marked in bold) to blanket tax organizations' constitutions are below. If the Student Association approves putting the amendments on the ballot at its meeting Monday, students will vote on the changes in the General Elections March 3-6. To pass a proposed amendment, 20 percent of undergraduates must vote on the referendum, and all organizations require a supermajority of those voting to approve the changes, although the specific percentage varies by organization.

REFERENDUM 1: Rice Broadcast Television
In order to more clearly identify as Rice's student television station, the organization RBT is renamed Rice Television 5 (RTV5).

REFERENDUM 2: Honor Council
1. An appeal may be made in the form of a written request submitted to the chair and the assistant dean for judicial programs.

REFERENDUM 3: Rice Program Council
The Rice Program Council has written a new constitution, available for review online at a.rice.edu.

REFERENDUM 4: University Blue
University Blue has requested an increase in its blanket tax to $1.40 from its current level of $1.

U. Blue
The U. Blue amendment proposes increasing the annual blanket-tax fee paid by each student from $1 to $1.40.

U. Blue co-editor in Chief Joseph Chang said the increase would allow U. Blue to respond to "economic downturns" caused by increasing printing costs. He said U. Blue printed 1,600 magazines 10 years ago, compared to only 400 in February.

"That number is an embarrassment for a university our size," Chang, a Hanszen College senior, said. "Increasing the blanket tax by 40 cents, we can effectively double the number of copies we are printing.

Chang said he thinks it would be difficult to get revenue from outside sources such as advertising.

"It is just common sense that it's going to be hard to find advertisers who are willing to pay $570 for a magazine. [In that] will print one-time a year and get exposure to 500 people," Chang said. "That's just not very realistic."

Currently, students pay blanket taxes to 19 campus organizations and publications, including the Rice Student Association, Student Senate, and $4 to RTV5, $7.60 to the Thresher, and $24 to the Compassion.

RBT
RBT's amendment seeks to change the channel's name to Rice TV and add a new position to the Faculty Senate of Rice President/Stephanie Swingle.

The Faculty Senate's proposed final exam schedules for Fall 2006 and Spring 2007. Both proposed schedules have four reading days instead of five.

The next meeting will be Monday at 9 p.m. in Kelley Lounge and will be handled by one person.

RPC
RPC's proposed constitutional amendment would merge the positions of internal and external vice president.

RPC President Stephanie Swingle said the duties of the vice presidents—which include stepping in for the president when needed, organizing events and buying food for RBT meetings—could be handled by one person.

RPC also approved several changes to its by-laws during the meeting Tuesday. Under the changes, the RPC treasurer will now be required to file a financial statement every semester rather than every quarter. RPC council representatives will have to be confirmed by the RPC president, the "Issues and Information" committee will be eliminated and the council will add a "Spirit" and "Morale" committee.

RPC President/Stephanie Swingle said the S&M committee used to organize events that promoted school spirit, such as gatherings to watch Rice events on television, but stopped doing so when students appeared to lose interest.

"Once it was gone, we missed it," Swingle said. "We felt like it was an integral part of the organization and something we wanted to keep.

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

• Representatives from Rice Broadcast Television, University Blue and the Honor Council explained proposed amendments to their organizations' constitutions. The SA will approve the election's final ballot—for amendments as well as elected offices—at next week's meeting. (See story, page 1.)

• SA President James Lloyd asked the students for input on the Faculty Senate's proposed final exam schedules for Fall 2006 and Spring 2007. Both proposed schedules have four reading days followed by eight testing days. The senate discussed whether to suggest that the faculty move one of the reading days to the middle of the testing period.

The next meeting will be Monday at 9 p.m. in Kelley Lounge. It will be handled by the presidential candidates' debate at 10 p.m. in Fannin Pavilion.

POLICE BLOTTER
The following incidents were reported by the Campus Police for the period from 14:20 to 19:00.

Residential Colleges
Baker College
Feb. 14 Bicycle tire stolen.
Feb. 15 Purse stolen.
Feb. 17 Computers stolen.
Feb. 17 Wallet stolen.
Feb. 17 iPod stolen.
Feb. 17 Laptop computer stolen.
Feb. 17 Bicycle stolen.
Feb. 15 Vehicle struck another in vehicle and left scene.
Feb. 16 Vehicle burglarized and purse stolen.
Feb. 17 Vehicle scratched.
Feb. 20 Rice bus involved in accident.

Academic Buildings
Herman Brown Hall
Feb. 15 Surveillance.
Baker Hall
Feb. 17 Computers stolen.
Continuing Studies Building
Feb. 17 Wallet stolen.
Anderson Hall
Feb. 17 iPod stolen.
Abernathy Engineering Laboratory
Feb. 17 Laptop computer stolen.
Other Buildings
Hamman Hall
Feb. 17 Bicycle stolen.
Parking Lot
Greenbriar Lot
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Explores 20
Disciplinary, career and safety concerns have not dampened Facebook's grip on students

By Sarah Baker and Risa Gordon

Since its arrival at Rice April 27, 2004, Facebook.com has revolutionized campus social life. Most students said it is a way to touch in high school friends, figure out who is taking their classes or find a cute date for Screw Yer Roommate. However, others lament that they are overstimulated.

Facebook accounts are open to anyone with an e-mail address, including current students, alumni, faculty and staff. The Facebook debut, Rice's debut, 1,250 students had registered for accounts. Since then, the number of registered users has grown to 5,110. Facebook spokesman Chris Hughes said via e-mail.

Recent articles in national newspapers have focused on the consequences of posting personal information on the Internet in which high schools and colleges have hastened the Facebook social networking and punish student behavior. The New York Times, for example, posed whether students would be disciplined for activity on the site.

"I don't sit here and surf [the Facebook] trying to find violations. There's just no time or need to do that," said Don Ostdiek Assistant dean of Student Judicial Programs.

"We're still learning about the issue and how it pertains to students," Page said. "Primarily, my interest with the issue is making sure students are educated about having an online profile and how to calculate risks."

"It doesn't mean you're trying to screen yourself down and take all distinguishing remarks or something like that. You have to be comfortable with what information you put about your life," Page said.

Health and safety

Wellness Center Director Emily Page said college administrators and wellness staff around the country have discussed the potential safety implications of students sharing private information on the Internet. Many professors and student contact-information, room numbers and choice of classmates.

Page said she does not know of any student who has been harassed or stalked through the Facebook. Hughes, the Facebook spokesman, said the Facebook is safe because it tracks the user's network of friends and allows users to control privacy settings. Users can choose to make their profiles visible to different groups of people, ranging from no one to their entire user group at their university. Students from different colleges cannot view each other's profiles unless they are Facebook friends.

"We're finding our Facebook has a face account for this reason, which is not only not cool but not even legal," Hughes said via e-mail from their school, including Facebook and personal information on students' Facebook pages.

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Speakers condemn genocide in Darfur, call for U.S. response

by Sarah Taylor

The gravity of the violence in the Darfur region of Sudan and the experiences of those affected were discussed by three speakers Feb. 16 at Herring Hall. As a result of the conflict, 200,000 people have died and another 2 million have been displaced.

‘One day we might cure the world through education by writing down our history.’
— Daniel Garang

Sudanese refugee

Jerry Fowler, staff director of the Committee on Conscience of the United States Holocaust Museum, described the crimes in Darfur he has seen firsthand.

“The government has kept hundreds of thousands from receiving assistance [and] taken part in their murders,” Fowler said. “Sexual violence is a hallmark of the conflict. Hundreds and hundreds of thousands of people have been destroyed, and property and livestock have been stolen.”

“The Office of the Vice Provost for Information Technology (IT) invites all students to participate in the annual IT student survey.

https://www surveymonkey com/s.aspx u=726871728223 or select the Survey Link on our IT home page at: http://www.rice.edu/it/

Students who completely fill out the survey will be entered in the drawings for an Apple iPod, a flash drive, and a wireless headset. Prizes were donated by Verizon Business Services.

The survey will conclude on February 28, 2006.

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Win an iPod!

The two million people who have died in Sudan since 1983 is equivalent to an attack of Sept. 11 occurring every week for the next 13 years.
— Mark Bixler

Atlanta Journal-Constitution

by Laura Murphy

Will Rice has become the last college to eliminate its single-sex floors. Its masters decided to integrate each floor in the college’s Old Dorm next fall.

Will Rice College Masters Joel and Traci Wolfe announced their decision in a Feb. 15 e-mail to the college’s decision comes two months after the Jones College Cabinet voted to make its single-sex halls coed.

The current first and second floors of Will Rice’s Old Dorm are all-male, the third floor is all-female, and the fourth floor is coed.

The masters made the decision after talking with Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman, Joel Wolfe said. “[Forman] thought this was a good idea, and [Housing and Dining Director] Mark Díazman had offered it before too,” Joel Wolfe said. “It was an idea that had been discussed for a number of years.”

Joel Wolfe said the idea of integrating the floors gained traction after there were some disciplinary problems with students living on the second floor in the fall. “After the socially disruptive behavior over the holidays [last semester] and the discussions, [Forman] offered this as a solution,” he said. “At the end of the day, it was our decision, but there’s a very broad consensus.”

Will Rice freshman Rahul Agrawal, who lives on the second floor of Old Dorm, said he thinks the change will improve the living situation at Will Rice. “The co-ed halls are generally better OK with the change as a rule,” said Rahul Agrawal.

Dean of Undergraduate Enrollment Julie Browning said the elimination of single-sex floors on campus is unlikely to affect admissions because most students are not aware of details about housing when they are admitted. She said that with the decision, Rice is following competitors such as Duke, Stanford and Harvard, which all only have coed floors.

“Will it change our college character? I don’t think so,” she said.
ELECTIONS
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“We need to] really get the senators really excited to bring ideas from the forums back to their colleges,” Tupper said. “This is something where you can come and say your opinion and it will really make a difference at the university.”
Tupper said she also would coordinate more activities like Sammy’s Picnic, a campus-wide back-to-school event held for the first time last August.
“The hype surrounding the SA needs to be improved,” Tupper said. “People need to know that it’s not just dealing with academic issues, because that’s what it often gets pegged to. It’s also dealing with a variety of student life issues that are really important to not only people who are active in the colleges but also to the people who aren’t involved.”
Ross, who is currently Lovett president, said he would improve the SA by increasing student participation and improving cooperation between the SA and the colleges.

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Hanszen College senior
SA elections director

“The big thing is that students deserve a stronger student government,” Ross said. “I believe very strongly in student government and I believe the colleges must be involved in making the SA stronger.”
Ross said the SA should concentrate on representing student concerns and stop organizing events such as Sammy’s Picnic.
“If the SA spends its time organizing social events, it’s wasting its focus and it’s wasting its time because there are issues that are getting lost in shuffle,” Ross said. “Organizing social events is not the SA’s prerogative — subsidiary organizations exist to fulfill that role. What we need to do is focus on students and student representation.”
Chifari said his decision to run for president began as a joke. He said he thinks the SA is ineffective, and he wants to give its power to the residential colleges and other organizations.
“I’m going to further the ineffectiveness and basically just get rid of the SA as much as possible,” Chifari said. “We’re going to consolidate power into one super-executive — that’ll be me. The senate will basically not exist and I’ll just give away the [budget] to clubs and to trips and stuff, eliminating the need for individual college bleeding heart funds. Basically, we’ll just become a fund for clubs on campus.”
Chifari said he thinks students will support his plan because they do not know much about the SA.
“The people on the SA Senate might not like it, but I think that if you ask most students, they don’t even know what the SA does,” Chifari said. “If you look around, they actually don’t do very much. They just kind of exist to think they have power, so I’m going to kind of tell them that they actually don’t have power.”

Other elections
SA Elections Director Ian Everhart said this year’s General Elections are more competitive than in previous years because they were better publicized.
“That was one of my goals after being appointed SA elections director: getting the word out among people,” Everhart, a Hanszen senior, said. “Sometimes the difference between somebody not running and somebody running is being told that you’re a good candidate and that you should run.”
Of the 24 positions other than SA president that will be filled in the election, 15 are uncontested. The contested elections are Honor Council senior class representative, Rice Student Volunteer Program chair, SA external vice president, SA secretary, SA treasurer, University Council representative and University Court sophomore class representative.
Everhart said many of the single-candidate races are for blanket-tax organizations with restrictions on who can run for office.
General Elections will begin March 3 at noon and end March 8 at 1 p.m. Students can vote at any time.

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**MOVIES**

**Flogging Molly**

Eager leprechaun-o-philes need not wait until March 17 to hear good, live Irish music. Flogging Molly, folk and funk band are cruising up like shamrocks all over Houston, and Dub fans will want to catch them Friday night at Warehouse Live.

Flogging Molly is the first significant Americanized Irish punk band to hit mainstream radio in some years. With a声 high energy, Irish band is the perfect mix of traditional music and rock n' roll. Their sound is an eclectic blend of punk, rock, and traditional Irish music, with a strong emphasis on Irish culture and heritage.

**Right About Now: The Remix CD**

Rapper Talib Kweli has never had a hit single, but his music has always been respected by fans and critics alike. With his new album, Right About Now, Kweli is hoping to break through to the mainstream and gain the recognition he deserves.

**Saint's Party**

Saint's Party is a three short weeks away, and gold, silver and bronze medals are the only treasures up for grabs. Ireland's proud rugby team has been doing its best to bring home the team's first Olympic medal in over a decade. With the tournament on the horizon, fans are eagerly awaiting their victory.

**The Irish**

47 and Lezzy, are making soundwaves worth crossing an ocean for. With the arrival of a hearty "Erin Go Bragh," the Irish are presenting the first in a three-part series of close looks at the cutting edge of Irish rock. text by Julia Bursten
Sid cast sings sensationalist story sweetly

Julia Bursten

THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Especially when we are listening on behind some of the more bizarre tabloid newspapers' headlines if the stories could actually be as weird as they sound on the front pages of the National Enquirer and the Weekly World News? Suppose the tabloid stories were all true, and suppose a group of actors was twisted enough to sing about them for two hours.

'bat boy: the musical'

As the world-famous college musical... 11:30 Thursday, March 2, tonight and tomorrow, 8 p.m. tickets $5 students

From that satirical scenario came the idea for Sid Richardson College's spring production, Bat Boy: The Musical. With a plot as frustratingly full of holes as it is intriguing, Bat Boy quickly evokes audience responses similar to those of many tabloid readers. Viewers are likely to walk away quickly, decrying the show's lack of artistic integrity aloud while privately wishing for just one more chorus of "Apology to a Cow."

The show opens in a bat cave worthy of Bruce Wayne, but this is no superhero story. Instead, the tension builds as we learn that ended when three adventurous siblings make their way into the depths of a cave — to stake out a secret songwriter's lair.

Led by Sid sophomore Drew McCusick as Rick Taylor, the trio sets the tone for the show's comic relief. McCusick engages the audience early, strutting around the stage in a beautifully offensive hillbilly imitation of Ronnie Reeves in Bil and Ted's Excellent Adventure. A few minutes into the scene, McCusick and his compatriots discover the bat boy (Sid sophomore Daniel Williamson) in between bong rips. As the kids and then the gender-confused Hope Falls townsmen react to the menacing-looking creature, the melodic portion of the show emerges, conducted nimbly by Bat Boy music director Sean Baybun, a music graduate student.

Shailyn Reynolds (Lovett College freshman Paul Early) drags the bat boy through town in the midst of a coming, comical solo — part of the disturbing opening number: "Hold Me, Bat Boy."

The first act goes from weird to wiser once the bat boy finds a residence with the town veterinarian, Thomas Parker (Will Rice College senior Diego Tucker) and his family. The writing hints, in a painfully obvious manner, at deep, dark secrets hiding the relationship between Parker and his wife, Meredith (Baker College senior Hayley Brown).

The scene refuses to reveal exactly what happened, and although the second act sheds light on the matter — in a pantomime sketch that showcases some of the production's best acting — this and other revelations come too late in the show.

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While those frustrations with the plot are disturbing, it does little to diminish Bat Boy's entertainment value. The story progresses from the plight of the town's cow population and the impending birthing of a monstrous beast to the rehabilitation of the bat boy into human culture.

McCusick and the creature — the family's new roommate — have a perfectly choreographed, mash-up of a choral number illustrating the latter's. See SID, page 10.

DRAWING BY BLANK

Menil Collection exhibit disappoints the inexperienced eye

Rachel Green

THRESHER STAFF

The Menil Collection's latest exhibit, Eva Hesse Drawing, offers an atypical and often inaccessible approach to understanding the influences behind the work of the glam-our-girt-turned-figurative-martyr of post-Minimalist sculpture.

"eva hesse drawing"

The menil collection through April 23

One of the most intriguing artists of the creative revolution in 1960s America, Hesse earned recognition both during her lifetime and after her untimely death in 1970. Her work was the subject of the most notorious, and ultimately mortifying, of her excesses: her suicide, which occurred at age 41. While this is a well-known fact, the Menil Collection's "eva hesse drawing" collection is difficult to fully comprehend without prior knowledge of the artist.

The Menil's exhibition, "eva hesse drawing," offers an atypical and often inaccessible approach to understanding the influences behind the artist's work. The collection is difficult to fully comprehend without prior knowledge of the artist. Although the curators' attempt to remove any outside influence from the exhibit that might affect an observer's perception was well-intentioned, giving so little background on the works simply isolates them from the point of incomprehension. My Hesse-inexperienced roommate's reaction — "I don't get it" — exemplified why this exhibit, which would certainly have had even more difficulty succeeding at a more mainstream museum such as the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, struggles to present itself effectively to its varied audiences.

Much of the study of HESSE involves attempts to analyze her life as "woman as artist." Eva Hesse Drawing is a carefully constructed depiction of the processes that contribute to the creation of an artist's body of work. But the collection is difficult to fully comprehend without prior knowledge of the artist.


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KIRWAN

-clos to Westend, my hometown, and even dream about it still. Where does the music for your song "Danny Boy"?

Oddly enough. I'm not close to finishing a novel called 'Ritchie The Devil, and the Danny Boy'. It's a song in one of the central figures, so I'm doing up with him a lot. I've been dead for some time, and in ways it's reversible, but life's not a bitch. When I come to New York, I lived pretty wild on the streets of the Lower East Side. I met a number of guys who had a big effect on me. Danny was one... Danny was a very moral and, in ways, underage person, he demanded the truth, even at a cost. It's only right that a tor is shed for him now and again.

Music has been co-opted into the modern American "circus," and so we play on.

Larry Kirwan

Black 47

What's your take on the Save CBGB campaign? The venue is a pillar of the 1980s New York rock scene, and it may be shutting down permanently this year. Does it look like the concert hall will stay open.

Historically, Fox has harbored an impressive lineup of runaways, prematurely terminated hits, including "Family Guy" and "Andy Richter Controls the Universe." In the wake of these and the more recently canceled "Arrested Development," the network is ushering in two new shows in early March: "The Loop" and "Free Ride." As it turns out, neither show can withstand the pressure to meet audience standards for Fox comedy, and both pilots buckle under the viewer's hopeful eye.

"The Loop" follows the story of Sam ("Grounded for Life" and "Theoretically," a young executive who must balance his social life with his new corporate career. The supporting cast primarily consists of his roommates, including his older brother Sally ("Dumb and Dumber"), (Steenz), who cannot hold down any of a stream of retail jobs. The other two roommates are female and present the critical sitcom love interests.

Another new Fox show, "Free Ride," has similar troubles. Sex, but when the word "sex" is spoken 50 to 60 times in the half-hour pilot, it only looks desperate. "Free Ride" is a partially improvised comedy that follows Nate ("newcomer, Josh Dean," a recent college graduate who returns home after his academic major did not become one of his major interests. Once home, he finds his room has been turned into a gym and that his parents are struggling through marriage counseling.

Here is where the Lennon-and-Doublemores jokes enter and stick around like gum under elementary-school desks. Every so often, they elaborate in throw of the distinction between Nate and high-school cut-off "The Loop" (Forensics' Erin Cahill). The character Dove (The Devil's Rejects' Dave Sheridan) — whose wild high school days never ended — is another of the show's failed attempts at humor. Indeed, it is impossible to differentiate between Dove of "Free Ride" and Sally of "The Loop." Both shaggy-haired and wild-eyed, their lines do not resonate.

In both shows, there are a few redeeming moments of comedy amidst the predictably gross-and-guys tee sex jokes. In "The Loop," Sam is on that an occasion about to realize he must attend 10,000 steps on his pedometer before he meets with his nurse later in the day. He frantically paws down the aisle before being shut down by a flight attendant, and then resorts to shaking the device vigorously with his hands — under a blanket — in a physical sketch that would make Pee Wee Herman proud.

In "Free Ride," Nate takes a job at a local Australian restaurant where he struggles to say the word "bisque" in the appropriate down-under accent. Unfortunately, these are the only brief comic reliefs in these painful comedies, and they are only distracting enough to al low audiences' minds to wander back to Fox's good old days of "Arrested Development."
The 38th-ranked women's tennis team suffered a pair of road losses last weekend, falling to 32nd-ranked Purdue 7-0 Friday in Fort Wayne and 30th-ranked University of Kentucky 6-1 Saturday in Lexington. The Owls will be on the road again this weekend, playing against top-15 teams University of Georgia Tech at Atlanta Saturday and 56th-ranked Vanderbilt University Friday and Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

Vanderbilt enters the weekend with a three-match winning streak. The Commodores' record is 2-1, including three wins against top-25 teams, one of them coming against Big 12 champion Baylor. Vanderbilt’s only loss was to 12th-ranked Texas Christian University in a 4-3 battle.

"It's a tough road schedule and it comes down to individual match-ups," head coach Roger Alford said. "But that potential to win both matches is realistic, and I think that the players are ready for that challenge." Against Purdue, the tandem of senior Blair Dzieva and freshman Alanna Rodgers gave the Owls a favorable start, beating Purdue's previously undefeated top doubles team 6-2. However, the Boilermakers matched victories at the second and third positions to claim the doubles point.

In singles, Junior Flavia White won with a 6-3, 6-2 victory. "That was the doubles team that destroyed us in Lexington," Alford said. "They took advantage of every opportunity, and I think we overall played a very solid match."

In singles play, Dzieva won in straight sets at the second, third and fourth positions, securing the team win early in the day. At the sixth spot, Kentuckian Kylee Patenaude fell behind early in her match but fought back to win in a super-tiebreaker against Purdue's Anna Dix. Patenaude's victory was the only win in singles play for the Owls.

At the top position, Dixea almost swept 100th-ranked Ilia Nef, but Dzieva lost the first set and fought back to win a second-set tiebreaker before losing the third.

"I think this weekend played the way for many more good matches to come." But Kentucky's Laura Mason quickly tied the score with a win at the third position against Rogers, who could not recover from a first-set loss and fell in a second-set tiebreaker.

"It was a big accomplishment for me to win two matches in a row," Patenaude said. "I think this weekend played the way for many more good matches to come."

Against Kentucky, Rice dropped all three doubles matches, including a 6-3 win by Dixea and Rodgers by Kentucky's 30th-ranked Kim Cooper and Jolie Schwem. However, Rice rebounded early in singles, as senior Medjeza Epic and Patenaude won at the fifth and sixth positions, respectively.

"I'm a huge fan of that game," senior Nick Gehrig said. "We have a pretty strong lineup. Against Purdue, I think that we have a lot of credit," senior forward J.R. Harrison said. "We didn't play a horrible game against UTEP, and we've got to give them a lot of credit," senior forward Jimmy Moore said. "We're a different team from last year."
Women’s basketball riding five-game winning streak

by Amber Obrenowy
Thursday Nighter Staff

Former head coach Crisy McKinney said last year that her 2004 recruiting class compared favorably with the 2000 graduating class, which included two future WNBA players and which won Rice’s first-ever conference championship. This year, the 2004 class—misfortune has had a lead to a late-season surge, including recent Astoria Grant last weekend against the University of Tulsa (20-5, 11-3 Conference USA) and Southern Methodist University (14-12, 8-5). Those teams entered the weekend 2004 recruiting class, compared favorably with the 2000 graduating class—UAB is the Jekyll-and-Hyde team of our league—they can beat anybody on any given night,” Williams said.

In addition to wanting to secure the second seed for the tournament, Williams said he wanted Riverin, of a threat offensively, scoring 29 points in last weekend’s games. Williams said he wanted Riverin, the team’s best shooter in terms of field goal percentage, to shoot more even before Frazier went down in January.

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—Greg Williams (Hanszen ’70) Head women’s basketball coach

The road to second place has been a long one for the Owls. They have won seven of their last eight games after starting the C-USA season 2-4. And the sophomore class has been crucial in that stretch. As freshmen, last year, two of the five players from McKinney’s 2004 recruiting class were role players for the Owls’ second conference champion, while the other three played sparingly late in the season. This year, guard Asia Ricker, Maureen Fulton and Whitney McCallen and center Valeriya Berezhynska were in Williams’ primary six-player rotation during the team’s two exhibition games in November—before Fulton and McCallen each suffered a season-ending anterior cruciate ligament tear.

Riverin, Berezhynska and forward Tiffany Leggins have been forced to develop quickly after the injuries to Pulaski and junior guard Krystal Frazier, but they have done so successfully and are now three of the Owls’ main scorers, combining for more than half the team’s points last weekend.

Behind Neaves — who earned first-team C-USA Player of the week award after scoring 39 points and having two double-doubles last weekend — Berezhynska and Leggins, along with senior center Catherine DuPont, gives the Owls the best interior depth in the conference. That depth advantage was evident in the Owls’ 71-56 win against the Mustangs Friday. SMU head coach Ronda Rompola was hamstrung when her two starting post players got into foul trouble in the first half.

“That was a big difference coming into the game,” Rompola said. “I thought, ‘We cannot get in foul trouble, because they’re too deep at the post.’ I should have kept my mouth shut because it is what it really boils down to.”

By contrast, when Neaves and Berezhynska each picked up her third foul early in the second half in the Owls’ 74-62 win against Tulsa, Williams substituted Leggins and DuPont for Neaves. The Owls increased their lead from 14 to 26 points during that stretch on the strength of two points from Leggins and DuPont combined. Neaves said Berezhynska’s development—the 6-foot-4 player scored 34 points, including two-three pointers this weekend—has helped the Owls’ offense.

“She’s really been stepping up the last couple games, giving us another inside presence and making some great shots,” Neaves said. “Now other players have to respect her, which opens up the game for our guards to make shots... When she gets the ball in the late-mail decides to take it in, I don’t think anyone can stop her.”

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The team has made similar late-season runs in previous seasons, winning 12 of its last 13 regular season games last year and 13 of its last 14 in 2004. Williams said he thinks that experience helped the Owls’ confidence when they were 24-5 in CUSA.

“I think the fact that they did that, and the fact that we have so many players that experienced it has helped,” Williams said. “I reminded them of that, and they are like, ‘Yeah, hey we did do it, so why can’t we do it again?’ They have a winning tradition here.”

Berezhynska said she is proud of the resilience the team has showed this season.

“We’ve come from the bottom of the conference and worked our way up,” Berezhynska said “To me, this shows that our team has character. And it means a lot to me, because it shows the team showed that we can do whatever we want with what we’ve got.”

STANDINGS AND SCENARIOS: WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Conference USA hosts its women’s basketball tournament a week before men’s event, so only one weekend of games remains before the Conference USA tournament to be held March 2-5 in Dallas. No matter what happens this weekend, Tulsa will be seeded first and Memphis last, but outside of that, nothing is guaranteed — but Rice can clinch the second seed with two wins this weekend. Current standings, below, as are the Thunder’s projected final standings and seeds.
Swimming competes at C-USA title meet.

The swim team was in second place after the first day of the Conference USA Swimming and Diving Championships at the University of Houston. Men's 66 points kept the team 14 behind Southern Methodist University. The 2005 Western Athletic Conference champion, East Carolina University and the University of Texas San Antonio were tied for third with 62 points. Tulane University was fifth with 56 points, and Marshall University was 12 points good for sixth at the meet, which continued Thursday.

The Owls competed in the only two events held on the first day. The 200-yard medley relay team of sophomore Amy Hailey, junior Andrea Ham, freshman Skylar Craig and freshman Diane Gu finished in third place with a time of 1:44.40 seconds. The time was just .28 seconds behind the school record, set at Oakbourne Country Club in San Antonio. Playing in its second tournament of the spring, Rice shot a score of 897.

After a first-round 297, the Owls were in a position to finish in the top five, sitting just seven strokes off the lead. Rice would get no closer, however, posting a second-round score of 320 to finish the final two rounds to finish 42 strokes behind first-place Baylor. Red-shirt freshman Hayley Long listed on his second-place finish at the Rice Invitational Feb. 67, swimming a 2:02.73 in all three rounds to finish tied for 12th individually.

Lee was matched only to finish in the top 30. Sophomore Jeff Krizakowis tied for 73rd with a score of 234, including a 73 in the first round. Senior Parkler Laisage and freshman Kyle Kelley posted scores of 228 to finish in 46th, while sophomore Addison Aveline finished in the top 20th with a 236. Baylor's Ryan Rabe was the only golfer to shoot under 200 for the tournament, winning the individual title with a score of 147 individually.

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Jones (44) finished the regular season undefeated with an 18-2 record. Jones defeated Lovett Feb. 16, Jones, the Blue League champion, will meet 11th placed Sid Richardson (3-1), which finished second in the Grey League after a 290-victory over the U.S.A. (6-0) Sunday. In the other semifinal, undefeated Martel (4-0) will play Wies (3-1) semianal times have not yet been determined.

In Sunday's other game, Will Rice (2-3) edged Brown (1-3) by a 54 margin.

Women's volleyball

In the Monday League, Brown (3-0) remained perfect in women's volleyball with a two-set victory against CSA (1-1). Will Rice opened its season with a straight-set win against Jones (0-2). In Tuesday League action, Sid (1-4) defeated Martel (0-2) in three games, while Baker (1-0) edged Wies (1-1) by a 16-14 score in the decisive third set.

Women's soccer

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took the lead early with a run in the second inning off back-to-back hits — a double by sophomore outfielder Chad Lemburg followed by a single from third baseman Aaron Less. Rice expanded the lead to three in the bottom of the third inning before putting the game out of reach in the seventh inning, when a two-run home run came off junior designated hitter Josh Rodgers made the score 8-1.

Graham employed the pitching-by-committee strategy against Sam Houston State, using six pitchers. Sophomore left-hander Cole St.Clair netted the win, working my fastball in and out and then mixed in the offspeed pitch to keep them fresh.

In the second inning off back-to-back singles by Brad Boarman and Jeremy Rohlman, Rice’s Rick Tomlin scored on a single by junior right-hander Bryan Price and sophomore right-hander Will McDaniel.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2006

Submit Day
Submissions to the calendar are at an all-time low. Today, fix this problem with your (legitimate) events. For directions, look at the right side of the page.

Red sky in the morning, sailor's warning...
Red Storm at night (well, late afternoon, I suppose). Owls' delight. Watch the baseball team take on St. John's at 4:30 p.m. at Reckling Park. The souvenir shop in Reckling is one. If not the only place to buy Rice hats with the real TPX logo on the back — a must for any authenticity buff.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

I'm more frightened by the Black Knight from Underworld.
Men's hoops duels with the University of Central Florida at 6:05 p.m. at Autry Court. The men's team is still fighting for a high seed in the Conference USA tournament. Come out and support the Owls. Dare you to make it a trifecta by also attending the team's other remaining games: March 1 at UH and March 4 against SMU at home.

HiT me baby one more time
Schoolgirls. Guys who think they're schoolgirls. Guys who like schoolgirls. Combinations of the above. A public party tonight celebrates all of these things. The Sid Schoolgirl Party is from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. in the Sid commons. The party is BYOP — bring your own pigtails. No, I won't apologize for the pun.

Sunday, February 26

BEAT THE BOBCATS
The Owls take on Texas State in baseball at Reckling Park. The first pitch is at 3:30 p.m. Interesting fact: In 2002, the baseball team had a better record against Big 12 teams than it did against the Bobcats and their Southland Conference brethren.

Deuces wild
This marks your two week notice for spring break. Brush up on daiquiri recipes or dust off the camping gear — or if you're really fancy, do both.

Two weeks from now, the sand beneath your toes or the smell of fresh mountain air will take your mind off the midterms you just took.

Rock 'n Roll McDonald's
Eric Schlosser, author of Fast Food Nation and Reefer Madness, speaks as part of the President's Lecture Series. Schlosser is renowned for exposing aspects of society that Americans would rather not face. He speaks in the Grand Hall at 8 p.m. Don't take any delicious tacos with you.

Pedestrian Awareness Day
Today, if you ride a bicycle, make sure to alert the pedestrians around that you're there. They don't like getting run off the road, and only you can help. Stop hitting me, please.

The RICE COFFEEHOUSE needs your help!
Please come to the Student Center on Saturday, March 4 around 4 p.m., to help build Coffeehouse's newest acoustic attraction: an installation for the wall. Be a part of the Student Center's history.

A lot of stapling will be done.
A lot of coffee will be drunk.
And we'll give you the coffee for free.

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Voter cynicism is the new voter apathy, and in that spirit we give you this year’s write-in candidates. An accomplished crowd of presidential, and become one of the students for a crunker Rice. We've had this conversation ... except still vote for me ... bye. I don't even have it with me. So maybe you could, like, write me in later. No, could borrow mine ... it's new ... actually better not, you know what, the community, you know, making a difference. Can you vote for me should write me in for RSVP chair. I'm really good at getting out into the community and asking people. I was ... 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