Activists to camp on IM fields
Ugandan civil war demonstration expected to draw 1,000 tomorrow

by Lauren Fitte
THRESHER STAFF

After multiple showings on KTRU and at residential colleges, the documentary "Invisible Children," directed by David Kurian, a Rice junior, and Achala Talati, a Rice senior, is expected to be the largest showing of student activism at Rice since KTRU was shut down in 2000. About 1,000 people, including 400-500 Rice students, are expected to march around part of the Ouster Loop and camp outside on Intramural Fields 6 and 7 from 6 p.m. Saturday to 7 a.m. Sunday. The demonstration, which is being organized at Rice by Will Rice College juniors Preetha Kurian and Achala Talati, is being held in conjunction with non-profit group Invisible Children's nationwide event — Global Night Commune — to raise awareness about child soldiers in Uganda's civil war.

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KTRU was shut down in 2000. "I am making a big deal out of this, because it is being shut down," Kurian said. "This is a very sensitive subject, and people are responding to it.

Rice's Student Government Board decided to allow the demonstration to be held on campus after a group of students attended the Campus Outreach and Opportunities League/Idealist Conference at Vanderbuilt University. Although audiences have been "very enthusiastic," Kurian said.

Don't forget about world peace
Marti College senior Brian Van Dael thanks his parents after winning the Mr. Engineering Pageant April 20 at Will's Pub. Five engineering majors competed in the pageant.

Study break to be held Sunday

by Julia Barsten
THRESHER STAFF

Before students kick into high gear for finals, the Leehron/Forman study break Sunday invites them to "Escape the grind" for a few more hours. This semester's pre-finals study break will offer a variety of attractions to which students can "escape."

The break will feature different Student Center destinations with themes including big top, health spa and tropics. Each theme will offer food and activities, Student and Recreation Centers Director Boyd Beckwith said. "Escape to the Tropics, for example, will have tropical flavored smoothie samples from Smoothie King, hula hoops, a limbo contest and sand art," Beckwith said. "Students will have different places to escape their stress for a little while."

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"Escape to the Tropics," for example, will have karaoke, in addition to scheduled student performances. The big top destination will have two caricature artists, a balloon animal maker and various games. The best part of the study break in December, but it will feature a wider range of attractions to which students can "escape."

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"We also need some time off to cram for all those exams for which we haven't studied

Women's tennis upsets three teams to win conference title

by Adrienne Gwir
THRESHER STAFF

The women's tennis team capped its unlikely run for an NCAA tournament bid with its best victory of the season, upsetting top-seeded Southern Methodist University 4-0 in the championship match of the Conference USA tournament.

The win — Rice's first conference championship in women's tennis — also marked the first time a seven seed has marked the first time a seven seed has

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student speakers will cause conflict

To the editor:

In her recent article, Jo Kent fails to realize that students are generally just interested in receiving gold — and the word was often simply “No.” Amber served as our university would not only make them easier to acquire, but would also make possible a Rice-relevant message. Larry McMurtrey (MA ’90), who most recently won a Best Screenplay Academy Award for Brokenback Mountain, is an excellent example.

Thanks, Thresher grads

On May 13, we will bid a fond farewell to a few seniors who often dwelled in our office. After years of long Wednesday nights, we are not only losing great talent, but also great friends. Nathan Black and Amber Obermeyer started working for the Thresher during their freshman years. Although their first encounter was in an opinion piece, they ended up working brilliantly together as senior editor and an editor in chief — and as friends. Together they redefined Thresher slang, rocking the “clown” at Rice and pointing out the “dumness” of “whipping cream” for you.

Nathan’s years of experience and authoritative answers to seemingly every editing or printer problem made his word policy almost unarguably “No.” Amber served as our fearless leader, dedicated to efficiency but with an excruciating fear of mess. After years of long Wednesday nights, they redefined editor staff. Both are sincerely missed by the entire editorial staff.

Business Manager Delphie Miller and Advertising Manager Karen Adler have always brought us infectious cheerfulness. Their leadership and organization kept the Thresher running smoothly, and their Friday afternoon “Lost” viewing parties united often disconnected staff members. Cartoonist Stephanie Zimmerman’s creative talent and knack for drawing squirrels made her a Thresher establishment. Elaine Lee, former copy editor and payroll manager kept columns and articles on a hard-nosed note that left everyone impressed. Writers Ian Everhart and Adam Tabakin proved equally indispensable.

We wish the best of luck to our entire graduating staff and hope they find as much success outside the Thresher walls as they did within them.

Erratum

In the article “Athletic director to leave after 17 years” in the April 21 issue, the Thresher inaccurately portrayed President David Leebron. Regarding the potential hiring of an interim athletic director, Leebron did not confirm or deny speculation about any particular candidate for the position.

The Thresher regrets the error.

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Guest column

Christianity condemns all apostasy equally

"God hates gays." At least according to Fred Phelps Sr., leader of the Westboro Baptist Church. Phelps himself has had more hate-mail than the local post office. He has a prize for being the first to send you a message of hate.

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O ver the past few weeks, Invisible Children has screened the film. Filmed by three Californian college students, this documentary follows the lives of children in Uganda during the country’s ongoing battle with the Lord’s Resistance Army. For the past two decades, this Biblical millenarian paramilitary group has terrorized the nation already equipped with fighting AIDS and pushing economic development. Thousands have died, and millions more have been forced to relocate to evade the LRA. The LRA’s use of forced children soldiers is the focus of the firm. The army is estimated approximately 20,000 children and trained them to fight. Children who stay uncaptured often go on so-called “night commutes” to evade their potential abductors, in which they journey to towns at night and return to their villages in the morning. On April 29, hundreds of Rice students will join tens of thousands from around the world in the Global Night Commute, attempting to draw attention to the African children’s nightly struggle. (See story, page 1).

Local action trumps world worries

I have problems. So specific. I have upper-class, American, white boy problems. My car’s transmission is messed up. My parents don’t like. Heck, if I lived in New Jersey we could have a great time. But I don’t. We’re in a war zone. So, in a war zone I can’t go to the beach and have a nice indie soundtrack, I couldn’t. I can’t. Of course, it doesn’t take much to see that the problems of one boy are nothing in the scope of the world’s problems. But even in this crazy world, Uganda’s problem is not getting enough attention on campus — but all I care about is whether that cute girl in my Econ class who got her shoes wet running out this weekend. And I am pretty sure that her situation is far more serious than mine, that is, that is the reason our campus reaction to Invisible Children is so abnormal.

While Africa rages with genocide and civil war, most college-students’ biggest worries are getting an MIP or finding housing for next year. And as much as I hate to admit it, this is understandable. With a corruption-infested government, active firms and rampant cable news intervention, making any substantive change overseas seems beyond the abilities of any college student. And it probably is.

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Parking rates rise, new surcharges for juniors

by Sarah Taylor

Each parking rate will increase 2.0 to 5.0 percent next year, and juniors—who along with seniors currently do not pay a surcharge—will pay $170 in addition to their lot fees.

President David Leebron settled the rates based on recommendations by the Parking Committee.

Director of Administrative Services Eugen Radulescu said the rate increases and new surcharge for juniors are part of a plan announced in 2002 for the parking and transportation offices to eliminate their deficits by 2012. This year’s deficit will be roughly $760,000, about $175,000 more than planned in its budget.

“The plan to eliminate the deficit is still on the map, although the year it’s eliminated might be earlier or later than 2012,” Radulescu said.

Radulescu said the addition of surcharges to lot fees began two years ago, and seniors will begin to pay a surcharge in 2007-08 as well.

The biggest fee increase will be for the South Stadium Lot, located next to Rice Stadium. The lot was reclassified as a “close-in” lot and will cost $250, up from $180 last year.

Parking Committee Member Ian Everhart said he thinks the surcharges are designed to discourage student car ownership.

“The parking fees might push a student one way or the other when they’re deciding to bring a car to school,” Everhart, a Hanover College senior, said.

Last year, Leebron approved the classification of college lots and several other popular lots as “premium lots.” Leebron also approved a 117-percent increase in parking fees for those lots and an increase of 10 to 20 percent in fees for all other lots.

Radulescu said he thinks students will be happier with this year’s rate increases.

“Leebron’s response to the suggestions of the Parking Committee are encouraging because they’re in keeping with what we were discussing,” Radulescu said. “I think students will be relieved that the rates aren’t going up as much as they did last year.”

The Parking Committee will also introduce a “Night Owls” pass for graduate students. The pass will give them access to premium lots—including the North Lot and college lots—after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

Radulescu said the passes will make parking safer for graduate students.

“Some graduate students felt uncomfortable walking to their cars late at night,” Radulescu said. “They wanted to park closer to the labs.”

Other changes include the relocation of the Parking Registration Office from the RUPD station to the Central Campus Garage, which occurred Tuesday. Also, the Main Street Lot will be classified as part of the Lovett Lot next year.

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HSP seeks two male and two female Resident Assistant who will live on-site to facilitate the delivery of educational services to Program Scholars including supervising students in the boarding facility, transporting students to and from school and school activities, and coordinating mentors and tutors.

Resident Assistants will be on-call three nights per week and one weekend per month. Resident Assistants receive a stipend of $2,000 per semester plus room and board. The boarding arrangement includes a private room and bath located in the student dormitory. The resident facility is located in the Montrose/Museum District area in close proximity to Rice University.

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format," Sheeley said. "It's hard to let go of a tradition, but if that's the way the things go next year, it will probably be what's best for the students." Sheeley said RPC sold about 30 tickets before the event. She said few tickets were sold in advance because there was not a price difference between tickets sold at the door and tickets sold in advance. RPC spent about $3,000 after ticket sales, Sheeley said. The expense was funded by about $2,050 left over in the formal committee's budget after Esperanza and about $1,000 RPC set aside for extra expenses. Last year, RPC spent about $1,600 after ticket sales, and in 2004 — when the event was held at the Metropolitan Ballroom — it spent about $4,000 after ticket sales.

Sheeley said holding a formal in the spring is difficult because of the many campus-wide events, such as Beer-Bike. Sheeley said the senior committee's 100 Days and 30 Days may have decreased the turnout.

"The senior committee has done a lot of other events and done their event really well," Sheeley said. "An event like Rondelet for the seniors is too many events in one spring." Shuttles

For the second time this year, RPC experienced problems with the shuttle service hired to drive students between campus and the dance venue. Sheeley said students told her that at about 10:20 p.m., a group of students on the bus waiting to depart from Rice got off because the bus driver told them she wanted to wait to leave until the bus was full. The driver then left and did not drive students to Dave and Buster's. Sheeley said she did not receive a phone call from the bus company that night and, as of Tuesday afternoon, had not spoken with the company.

Sheeley said the contract called for the bus company to be paid an hourly fee. For the two buses hired, the total fee for the four-hour job was $560, which was to be paid at the end of the night in case more time was needed to transport students, Sheeley said.

Goodman Bus Service Sales Supervisor Sylvia Carter said the contract RPC signed stated that a check was to be given to the driver at the beginning of the night. She said customers pay upfront and are billed for any extra transportation time.

Sheeley said RPC does not plan to pay the bus company because it did not provide adequate service. She said about six students have contacted her to request refunds for their prepaid tickets because they were unable to attend the event without shuttle service.

Jones College senior Angelica Bush said she waited for a shuttle at the Sallyport with about 100 other people for 30-45 minutes. When she learned the shuttle would not be going to Rondelet, she did not attend the event.

"I think people who had transportation available were able and willing to go," Bush said. "I was frustrated, and my boyfriend was frustrated." Sheeley said many students were able to drive to Dave and Buster's.

Shuttle service was briefly suspended at Esperanza in the fall over a contract dispute between RPC and Ace Limousine. At Rondelet last year, one bus was pulled over by the police for overcrowding on its way to the Hard Rock Cafe.

Sheeley said this year's Rondelet, with the exception of the shuttles, turned out well.

"The people who went had an absolute blast," Sheeley said. "They enjoyed every minute." Brown College senior David Vaucher said he was disappointed more students did not attend and that he would have liked Rondelet to be more formal.

"I wish that Rice would keep these [events] formal," Vaucher said. "It's great that we're a school small enough that we can do this.

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#### Residential Colleges
- **Hanszen College**
  - April 20: Bicycle reported as stolen found in different location.

- **Wiess College**
  - April 22: Drunk and disorderly underage student scuffled with three officers while being escorted from area. Student arrested, charged with public intoxication and disorderly conduct and remained at Harris County Jail.

- **Willie Rice College**
  - April 22: Student referred to Student Judicial Programs for urinating on wall.

- **Baker College**
  - April 23: Officer leaving previous call saw underage student clutching one-third full bottle of whiskey. Officer seized bottle, poured out whiskey and referred subject to Student Judicial Programs.

#### Academic Buildings
- **Fondren Library**
  - April 18: Two computer hard drives missing.

- **Fondren Library**
  - April 22: Textbook stolen.

#### Other Buildings
- **Rice Graduate Apartments**
  - April 19: Motor vehicle hit.

#### Parking Lots
- **West Lot**
  - April 17: Vehicle burglarized.

- **West Lot**
  - April 20: Wallet lost. Student reported loss to bank, and bank advised credit card had been used April 18.

- **Greenbriar Lot**
  - April 20: Motor vehicle stolen.

- **South Stadium Lot**
  - April 22: Caller reported subject asleep on ground. Officer found suspended student unconscious and under the effects of alcohol and marijuana. Student treated by Rice Emergency Medical Services and returned to friend’s room. Student referred to Student Judicial Programs.

#### Other Areas
- **Main Street Lot**
  - April 22: Vehicle vandalized.

- **West Lot**
  - April 23: Non-Rice subject arrested for public intoxication and remained at Harris County Jail.

#### Security
- **Rice Emergency Medical Services**
  - April 18: Driver stopped for failure to obey a police officer. Officer smelled alcohol on driver, who was administered sobriety test. Driver found to be driving while intoxicated and remained at Harris County Jail.

- **Entrance 2**
  - April 18: Hit and run motor vehicle accident.

- **Off Campus**
  - April 18: Cell phone lost between Houston and Dallas.

- **Off Campus**
  - April 21: Unauthorized debit card use in New York reported.

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### COMMUTE

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For initial screenings of the film were small, its popularity has increased.

Kurian said she hopes the student involvement in the event will increase activism at Rice.

"We're capturing the whole student body in a movement to action," Kurian said. "We put up a fight to have it here."

The Global Night Commute committee has held bake sales and will make T-shirts to raise money to pay for the costs associated with the event.

Hiring Rice University Police Department officers will cost $2,400, and renting the IM fields costs $600. The total expenses are about $3,450. Rice’s Amnesty International chapter donated $500, and Rice Program Council donated $400. Rice College donated $200, and Resident Associate Bill Wilson matched that donation.

RUPD has agreed to donate any money left over in its budget at the end of the year.

Talati said the organization still needs to raise about $1,300, which they hope to do through additional fundraisers and donations.

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Global Night Commute
Intramural Fields 6 & 7
8 pm - 1am
Escape

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in the Grand Hall. Although past study breaks have had multiple stages throughout the Student Center, this semester's student performances will all take place in the Grand Hall.

Student Bands Director Chuck Throckmorton, who is in charge of scheduling student performances for the study break, said he supports the decision to hold performances on one stage.

"I want to give a wide variety of performers a chance to play for the entire Rice community at once," Throckmorton said. "It falls in line with President Leebron's call for more campus-wide activities too. We didn't (make the change) because of him, but our goal is fitting really well with his on that one."

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"The student performers are my favorite part, and I will try to see as many of them as I can, but I also love a good ice cream sundae," Forman said. Forman also said he hopes the study break to prepare students for the finals period.

"It gives students a chance to rejuvenate themselves before the final push," Forman said.

BEDWORTH said he expects the study break to cost about $10,000 and draw about 750 students—numbers similar to those of last semester. It will take place in the Student Center Sunday from 9-11 p.m.

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THE RICE THRESHER

NEWS
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2006

Jam on!

Wiess College sophomore Angelique Poteat plays the clarinet, and Performance graduate student Jory Herman (Wiess '05) plays the guitar at Jamfest April 21. The two are members of the Richard Vella Experience, one of 12 bands that performed at the annual Owl Weekend event.

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Nice poster

Baker College senior Michelle Alshuni discusses her biology project at the Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium April 21. Students from many academic disciplines presented posters about their research projects.
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If you still haven't read 

Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game, Michael M. Lewis

You definitely do not have to be 

into economics at all to enjoy 

this little book. In fact there is 

very little traditional economic 

analysis. Levitt and Dubner study 

various social phenomena, such 

as the decrease in crime in the 

1990s and how baby names move 

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mend it to anyone interested in 

professional baseball.

David Brown, editor in chief 

What's the Matter with Kansas, 

Thomas Frank

If you'll have an eye on the fight for 

Congress beating up this summer, 

you should also have this book. What's 

the Matter with Kansas asks why the 

state knows for its radical, leftwing 

populism in the late 19th century is 

now the center of red America — and 
presents a tempting theory about why 
the heartland is voting for the wrong 
party. Frank includes hilarious stories 
and wacky anecdotes about his home 
state's raging political culture, which 
round out this great summer read.

Taylor Johnson, 

photography editor 

Watership Down, Richard Adams

Watership Down is a novel portraying 
the struggles of a band of rabbits as 
they migrate in search of a new safe 
warren after their home is destroyed 
by construction in the British countryside. Numerous analogies can 
be drawn from the rodents' culture to 
human culture — although the book 
does not have to be interpreted 
symbolically and can be enjoyed simply as a fantastical story. However, 
it is not light reading since it can get 
a bit philosophical.

Matt Osher, ads manager 

Freakonomics, Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner

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The Informers, Bret Easton Ellis

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Diana Yen, photography editor 
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Margaret Tung, asst. arts and entertainment editor
The Namesake: A Novel, Jhumpa Lahiri

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Julia Burston, arts and entertainment and lifestyles editor

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Jhumpa Lahiri's opinion and backpage editor
Lolita, Vladimir Nabakov and Jurassic Park, Michael Chintchon

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Deal Breaker, Harlan Coben

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Summer movie lineup made for the mindless

It is a relief — especially when you live in Houston — to escape into an air-conditioned room from the sweltering summer heat. At least that is what the movie moguls are banking on, since many students plan to escape into one particularly large and air-conditioned room: the movie theater. And although jumbo-sized shapeless and indulgent, processed cheese nachos provide high-quality relief, the content of summer films has always been, well, less than stellar.

Summer is largely a time of relaxation for us students, who are the supposed target of these craptastic movies. But it would be nice if curmudgeons could saunter into theaters and watch something well-made. I am realistic I mean, I'm not asking for a Critics' Kane. But do consumers really want Spiderman XVI, Dazed and Confused III, or Batman 2000? I certainly don't.

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It always seems like action films — sequels or not — get the big summer billings. Once the explosions of comic-cursing and video-gaming folks, they have come to grace the air-conditioned sanctuaries of movie theaters. Heroes are nice because they raise everyone's spirits, but taking two hours to cheer for one — while often a pleasant waste of time — is a fairly mindless task. How hard can it be to predict that the good guy will come out on top? Perhaps summer film directors could take a hint from Brokeback Mountain and continue pushing the envelope with honest portrayals of homosexuals in contexts usually reserved for heterosexuals. It is 2006 — even my ultra-conservative, fervently Christian parents are beginning to acknowledge the presence of gays in our society.

Of course, gays aren't the only minority providing thought-provoking substance for great films. The Hispanic film industry is making a huge impression on American film lovers via U.S. film festivals and independent theater. But since Jennifer Lopez's not-so-horrible 1997 rendition of Selena, no film portraying the lives of Latino Americans has made a significant impression in our mainstream film culture. Oh sure, Mexican actor Gael Garcia Bernal made The Motorcycle Diaries. But such films exist outside of the day-to-day context of most Latino Americans' lives. Again, I'm not asking for a world-changing documentary. I just want an honest, thoughtfully scripted and well-acted film with a competent director behind the camera. Between the months of May and August, I would even be happy with a little political satire or a spoof on something other than the overused and abused topics of pop culture. Comedy makes great summer movie fodder — everybody loves to laugh — and with the right script and the right star, even a film could be a smart success. But also, no insightful films seem to be on the horizon — at least not for this summer. That is why I'll be renting smart movies from Netflix and watching them in the comfort of my air-conditioned house.

Margaret Tung is a Lovett College sophomore and assistant arts and entertainment editor.
Saturday show supplies song, sunshine

Bryce Gray
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

It's Saturday again and you have nothing to do. The semester is over, and there is no way you can stomach another afternoon locked in Fondren or another night standing wedged in a stranger's shower with only a keg of Lonestar for company. You love live music but don't have the cash to go to the Woodlands. Besides, you always leave concerts with weak knees and claustrophobia, smelling of second-hand smoke and body odor.

Lucky for you tomorrow is KTRU's second annual Outdoor Show—a free public concert that is, well, outdoors. The fresh air should be a welcome change from the dark, crowded clubs or stuffy symphony halls that usually host live music. To minimize Houston residents' difficulty in penetrating the Rice hedges, the show will be held at Intramural Field 4, across from the Jones School, and will be accompanied by beer, food and T-shirts.

The show's headliner is Chicag0an Sam Prekop, best known as lead singer and songwriter of The Sea and Cake. Prekop's second solo release — 2005's Who's Your New Professor — is an accessible blend of indie pop rock, featuring Prekop's raspy vocals, floating guitar melodies and an occasional coronet.

For those interested in a slightly different sound, Phoenix's Treasure Mammal plays just before Prekop. Treasure Mammal should bring a quirky sort of retro-rock to the field, with bouncy '80s electronics and nonsensical vocals. Houston band Satin Hooks plays earlier in the evening. The band's sound is distinctive and experimental—expect lots of reverb-filled riffs and plenty of feedback. The Outdoor Show also features Eban Doss and Dave Salinas' lo-fi electronica. Also, KTRU's very own Kids Show will feature The Old Timerz, Maya Bond and the Mathletes. Eclectic? A little. But what else would you expect from KTRU?

So grab a blanket and head over early. The music starts at 11 a.m. and should run until well after dark — and you won't have to step over a dorm-room toilet to get to the keg. Should it rain, the Outdoor Show will become the Indoor Show by relocating to the Proletariat at 903 Richmond Ave.
Owls extend C-USA win streak to 14 with Southern Miss sweep

by Matt McCabe
mcibyemail.com

With a three-game sweep of Conference USA opponent University of Southern Mississippi (28-15, 5-7 C-USA) and a win over Lamar University over Texas State University (22-23) at home, the second-ranked baseball team picked up where it left off last month as it faced a blowout loss at Oklahoma April 18, which broke a 14-game winning streak.

"You need a loss every once in a while to keep you on an even level," sophomore catcher Danny Lehmanna said. "That kind of humbled us a little because they put 10 runs on us."

Rice (36-14-1) has won 18 of its last 19 games and 14 consecutive C-USA games. The Owls will take their conference-leading record to Orlando this weekend to play the University of Central Florida (22-21, 5-7).

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Men's track performs in Oregon, tackles Twilight Meet Saturday

by Stephen Whitfield

The men's track and field team will wrap up its preparation for the Conference USA Outdoor Championships in front of its home fans Saturday when it hosts the Rice Twilight Meet at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium. The meet, Rice's second home meet of the season and last as a full team before the CUSA meet, will begin around noon and continue through the early evening. The first 100 students who show at the evening session — which begins at 5 p.m. — will receive free Chipotle burritos.

The Twilight Meet marks the season debut of four football players — senior receiver Gary Anderson, junior linebacker Marcus Burks, sophomore defensive back Bubba Hart and freshman defensive back Jonathan Turner. Due to spring football practices, the four were prohibited by NCAA regulations from training with the track team until April 10 and could not participate in track until a week later. They will also run short sprints like the 100 meters or the 200 meters.

The football players could provide a boost in an area where the Owls sorely lag behind. Athletics Director Seymour played at a high level. "I was finally comfortable," Rodgers said.

After a 4-0 win over eighth seed Marshall in the quarterfinals, they did in their 4-3 loss to the top ranked teams, so I believe we had a really good year," Rodgers said. "We have already played some of the top ranked teams, so I believe that the girls know what to expect and will be more prepared than many of the other teams," White said.

"I knew I could [regionally qualify] the whole time, so it's kind of a bad day on my shoulders, but I also want to break nine minutes," Axel said. "I want to get to nationals, so for me it's a first step in a series of things that I want to do," Axel said.

The Owls' placements in each event were similar to what they had done all season, but their times were slower than normal, partly due to strong winds in the area. Not only did the winds create a cooler climate than the Owls are accustomed to, but also the configurations of Hayward Field, the stadium where the meet was held, blocks out all tailgating, eliminating the home stretch of the running events. This meant that runners could not pick up the time they lost running into the headwind.

Junior Pablo Solares placed 30th out of more than 40 runners in the 1500, but his time of 3:42.20 was his second best time of 2:14.84, set at the Texas Relays April 8. Senior Jason Powell and junior Devon Foster finished second and fourth, respectively, in the triple jump, but their jumps were nearly three feet below their season bests. "All the top events were really affected by the wind," Warren said. "Obviously, we've had to warm up conditions, but that wind just made it feel so much colder than it was. It was unusually uncomfortable."

TENNIS

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After a 40 win over eighth seed Southern Miss the Owls faced Marshall in the semifinals. They lost the doubles point but then fought back in singles, beginning with 690 run 6-2 6-2 victory over Lynzee Kever at No. 1. The Owls then traded points with the Golden Eagles, leaving the match tied at 3. In the deciding doubles point. DiSesa and Egic found themselves in an early 1-0 hole after again dropping the second point. DiSesa and Egic scored an 8-2 victory at No. 1, but the other two teams could not provide a second win. Just like the Marshall match, however, Rice rebounded in singles. Egic and Rodgers provided the tying and go-ahead points with straight-set victories. DiSesa and Egd scored SMU's second straight victory in the championship match. DiSesa and Egic scored an 8-2 at No. 3.

"I'm happy about my own performance [at CUSA] because I did struggle a lot this year to close out sets," Rodgers said. "Everyone else has consistently played at a high level. I was finally able to let it all around and win the match for the team."

Against Houston, the Owls found themselves in an early 10 hole after again dropping the doubles point. DiSesa and Egic scored 6-2 victory at No. 1, but the other two teams could not provide a second win. Just like the Marshall match, however, Rice rebounded in singles. Egic and Rodgers provided the tying and go-ahead points with straight-set victories. DiSesa and Egic scored SMU's second straight victory in the championship match. DiSesa and Egic scored an 8-2 at No. 3.

"I really felt like this was the first time we were able to utilize our potential in a successful way," Rodgers said. "We've had the potential all year, but it has never really come out in a cohesive effort by everyone."

With the conclusion of their regular season, the Owls now face their next opponent, which they will face in the regional round of the NCAA tournament May 11-12.

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Taking our best shots: Spring 2006

Above: Sophomore outfielder Bobby Bramhall calls for time after a head-first slide into third base against the University of Texas. Right: Freshman forward Alesa Perka draws a foul as he goes up for a shot against Texas at the Toyota Center. Below: Senior Amy Cao lays down a drop shot as she approaches the net. Bottom: A Rice swimmer swims the butterfly during a meet at the Rice Pool.

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April 20-26

WOMEN'S TENNIS
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April 20, 2006 — Emundson Tennis Center
Garland, Texas
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3. Kevan (RU) vs. Chan (EMU) [6-2]
4. Lott (RU) vs. Menard (EMU) [6-4]
Singles
1. Chloe (RU) [6-1, 6-0]
2. Mallie (RU) [6-0, 6-2]
3. Kevan (RU) [6-0, 6-1]
4. Lott (RU) [4-6, 6-0, 6-3]
RICE 4 HOUSTON 1
April 20, 2006 — Emundson Tennis Center
Garland, Texas
Doubles
1. Chloe (RU) vs. Bites (HOUSTON) [6-3, 6-2]
2. Mallie (RU) vs. Kiefer (HOUSTON) [6-2, 6-3]
3. Kevan (RU) vs. Smith (HOUSTON) [6-2, 6-2]
4. Lott (RU) vs. Claxton (HOUSTON) [6-1, 6-3]
Singles
1. Chloe (RU) [6-3, 6-1]
2. Mallie (RU) [6-1, 6-3]
3. Kevan (RU) [6-0, 6-3]
4. Lott (RU) [6-0, 6-2]

RICE BASEBALL
Texas State 2 Rice 10
April 25, 2006 — Hocking Park
Tigers vs. Owls
Home run: Texas State — 1 (Johnson, cf), Rice — 1 (Jones, CF)
RBI: Texas State — 1 (Johnson, cf), Rice — 3 (Sutton, 9, Jones, CF, Dodson, If)

Attendance: 3,300
SOUTHERN MISS 3 RICE 5
April 23, 2006 — Hocking Park
Tigers vs. Owls
Home runs: Southern Miss — 1 (L.⋄Searles, 2b), Rice — 4 (Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, Zaro, LF)
RBI: Southern Miss — 2 (L.⋄Searles, 2b, M.⋄Searles, RF), Rice — 4 (Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, Zaro, LF)

SOUTHERN MISS 4 RICE 5
April 20, 2006 — Houston Sports Complex
Tigers vs. Owls
Home run: Southern Miss — 1 (Spangenberg, DH, DNF), Rice — 5 (Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF)
RBI: Southern Miss — 2 (L.⋄Searles, 2b, M.⋄Searles, RF), Rice — 5 (Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF)

GOLF
CONFERENCE USA CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 24-26, 2006 — Ocala Golf Club

Hitting Challenge
April 22-23, 2006 — Hocking Park
Spangenberg, DH, DNF (17), 8 for 19 (3 for 8); Sutton, 9 (11), 6 for 19 (3 for 8); Branton (OF), 3 for 7

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SOUTH MERRILL & LAKE RICE 4
April 20, 2006 — Hocking Park
Tigers vs. Owls
Home runs: Merrill — 1 (Snavely, 3b), Lake — 1 (Spangenberg, DH, DNF), Rice — 3 (Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF)
RBI: Merrill — 2 (Snavely, 3b, Spangenberg, DH, DNF), Lake — 6 (Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF), Rice — 3 (Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF; Zaro, LF, Spangenberg, DH, DNF)

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FRIDAY
28
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WEDNESDAY
10
Weren't the last entry for a
Wednesday, too?

In an interesting sequence
of events, nothing happened
between last Wednesday and
this Wednesday. Actually, a
lot of things happened, but you
didn't notice any of them
because you were studying.
All of you may now come up
for air. Final examinations
finish today. This means the
burden of stressful schedules
is over. Some students now
shift to the professors
and TA's that have to grade
finals. Suckers.

SATURDAY
29
One more time ...

Today marks the beginning of
classes. Today should be
the day after the last day of
was a good idea.

dreading. Today is classified
by the university as a "reading
day," so opening the

FRIDAY
12
Commencement activities

A whole bevy of activities span
today and tomorrow
surrounding the
commencement ceremony.
Highlights from today include
departmental functions, a
graduating student-athletic
function and a fireworks
display at the stadium parking
lot at 10:15 p.m. In all honesty,
while ceremonies are great
and all, what could possibly be

SATURDAY
13
93rd Commencement

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At 8:30 a.m., the 93rd set of
seniors walks out the
Sallyport as graduates of Rice
University. These brand new
alumni will go on to do many
things, but reading the calendar
to figure out what is going on
around campus probably won't
be one of them. While we at the

Throw your hat
You just graduated. Silly. Tip to
the wire, write your name inside
the hat, not on top.

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Massive Constructivist tower, Virgin College erected

In a sudden spurt of massive construction projects, two new buildings have shot up on the Rice campus: and the Monument to the Second Century.

Virgin College was built on the site of the former field. However, it, in its name does not come from the sidewalk, but instead from wealthy donor Phineas Q. Virgin, who founded the college. The college is notable for its new security system:

"All students either have a Virgin College biometric card, known as a Vcard, or a silver bling." Housing and Dining Director Mark Dillman said. "If students lose their Vcard or don't have their silver ring, they won't be allowed into the college. The only safe college is Virgin College!"

This new security feature and the college's numerous study rooms have attracted large numbers of members of Campus Crusade for Christ.

However, some have condemned the college's protective technology as creating a false sense of security.

Despite controversy, Virgin College has already started making waves in its constant Beers-Bike hiking practice.

"Every Friday and Saturday at 2:01 a.m., we ride our bikes," Virgin College President Marshall Robertson said. "It serves as a really good way to get out and feel stay true to the Virgin life."

In comparison to Martel's dorms, the second-century dorms are quite new:

"There was something up there, but we weren't invisible to me. Maybe at this Saturday's party I can advocate about a little night commotion of our own."

Hey, if you're still reading, it's time to tell you that the Thresher scooped the Washington Post on this story. They're running an article just now, but we were one mile ahead:

"AD: The Second Century."

The design contains three building blocks, covered with glass windows, which rotate at different speeds. The first, a cube containing the Student Association, and all student tax organizations, rotates once a year. The second, a pyramid containing the Faculty Senate, rotates once a month. The third, a cylinder containing President Lehrman's office, rotates once a day.

The tower also houses a telegraph office and several restaurants, including new Coffeehouse (student-run, of course). Visitors can be moved around mechanistically by passing flashing messages on a giant screen showing the latest campus news. In its overhead, projections on clouds will relay messages to the entire campus.