Board approves two new colleges
Alumni couple's $32 million gift largest in Rice's history

by David Brown
THREESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

At its May meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a $140.5 million budget to build two new colleges and a connecting servery on the north side of campus. A $32 million donation, the largest in Rice's history, will be used to help finance the residential college system. In recognition, Rice will name one of the new colleges "Burt and Deedee McMurtry College."

New AD Del Conte to focus on revenue

by Risa Gordon
THREESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

According to new Athletic Director Chris Del Conte, students can look forward to Powerfrog games and movie nights at Rice Stadium, a more competitive non-conference football schedule and a renovation to Autry Court. President David Leebron announced Del Conte, the former University of Arizona senior associate athletic director, Rice's 14th athletic director June 22.

where have all the hitters gone?

Sophomore outfielder Chad Lembeck, junior pitcher Craig Crow, sophomore catcher Danny Lehmann and senior outfielder Chase Taylor look out of the dugout in disbelief. The Owls fall just short of the finals of the College World Series after capping a 57-13 year with 23 scoreless game as something to base a rally on. Cheering at sporting events is a way to show our enthusiasm for athletics," he said.

O-Week runs smoothly with new events

by Beko Binder and David Brown
THREESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

A rejuvenated Rice Rally, a dynamic diversity speaker and a consolidated health and safety presentation were some of the new O-Week features that many new students said they liked. And aside from a concert that caused Jones College O-Week coordinators to change their theme, "Hustle and Flo-Week," to "Jones' Best O-Week Ever," mid-summer O-Week and all O-Week runs smoothly with new events.

One third of freshmen fail writing exam

by David Brown
THREESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

During a recent English Composition exam, 8 percent of new students failed, 40 percent received a "low pass" and 43 percent received a "pass." In most previous years, somewhere between 10 and 20 percent of students failed the exam. Students who fail are required to take ENG 101, Argumentation and Writing to graduate.

Fire!

A fire in George R. Brown Hall brought out firefighters and emergency vehicles to campus Thursday (see photo, page 10).
O-Week: The good, the bad and the boring

O-Week has always been a time of transition, and the orientation week serves as a transition for new students and a reminder of how much they have learned. O-Week 2006 saw changes in student conduct and safety orientation, the revamping of the Rice Rally, new academic department services, and the implementation of new programs during O-Week and a common reading program for new students. (See story, page 1)

Student Judicial Programs, Honor Council, Rice University Police Department and Rice Emergency Medical Service have run their lengthy presentations separately in the past, creating logistical problems. This year, they were combined into a single presentation. We applaud this increase in O-Week efficiency.

Additionally, the Tuesday evening Rice Rally was a marked improvement over previous O-Week athletic events. Increased student participation and a greater focus on athletes as college members made the rally more entertaining, and new students' response to the football rally bodes well for the War Owls.

The speakers brought in from outside the university got mixed reviews. Most of the speakers who presented similar or repetitive lectures during adviser training were mostly irrelevant and occasionally patronizing, and their presentation took away valuable time from the already-crammed schedule. However, Affirmations in Action president Steve Birdine's diversity speech during O-Week was engaging and informative, if a little long.

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The common reading program also aimed to increase new students' intellectual engagement, and we believe the scheduled forums will do just that. But these will not occur for another few weeks, and we have not seen much focus on the readings during O-Week. The new look to the Birdine whose speeches tie into the common reading topics would be more relevant and interesting to new students.

We are impressed with the competent and mostly glitch-free implementation of so many new programs during O-Week 2006 and hope future orientations run as effectively.

New writing exam efficient and effective

For years, the English composition exam was one of the most painful parts of O-Week. Last year's exam posed an even greater inconvenience when MIT graders failed to score the tests in time for registration. But with the help of Director of Managerial Communication Deborah Barrett, Rice has recovered with an efficient, effective and self-sustained system (see story, page 1).

Paying graduate students to grade this year's test empowered Rice to customize the exam and grading standards. And the explanatory evaluations actually help students with their writing. The test was more difficult than in past years, indicated by the bad and the boring. But with the help of Director of Managerial Communication Deborah Barrett, Rice has recovered with an efficient, effective and self-sustained system.

The opinion page is not a forum for philosophical tirades. It is not a stage for stump speeches. And there are other avenues for addressing international and political topics. In the end, if we cannot get enough writing in the editorials, we write from a viewpoint that all stay relevant to the Rice community and the institution as a whole.

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Global health program looks promising

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Jones theme change averts racial tension

This summer, while my peers took it as a paean to hip-hop, as many months passed before camp provided me the counterintention to academic and social life at college. Everybody Got a Dream, Jones Hustle and Flo-Week had potential to be a quite a clever handle, especially if students had taken it as a paean to hip-hop, and I was far from ready.

As people recognized the problems with the theme, they realized potential consequences. New students of color had to endure a negative first impression of Rice’s social tolerance. New students of color may have had to spend their first days on campus defending their culture or themselves against unwarranted attacks. And every one would have had time to comfortably watch non-black students act out what they think black culture is in some repressed form of blackness ministry.

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Jones Hustle and Flo-Week had potential to be quite a clever handle, especially if students had taken it as a paean to hip-hop, as the Jones coordinators intended.

It will be hard for current students to be committed to their alma mater financially through recruitment — if they do not think Rice is invested in their interests and well being. Rice already has enough trouble recruiting, and it would be a perverse kind of disparity between the number of students who come to Vision Weekend and the number who come to O-Week is any indication.

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The expansion is part of Leebron's goal to increase undergraduate enrollment by 30 percent, as laid out in his Vision for the Second Century. The V2C calls for the expansion and increase the percentages the remaining 350 beds needed to complete the college system. Burt McMurtry said. "We are very pleased with [Leebron's] leadership and the rest of what is going on," Burt McMurry said. "We're highly supportive of the objectives that have come out of that."

Leebron said preserving that space now leaves it open for other uses in the future. "One of the good things about [deciding to build two north colleges] is that it leaves open the possibility that we might decide that that's a better space for an academic building," Leebron said. "If we build those two colleges in the north, any further college building is so far down the list of priorities."

While Leebron said a 12th college is unlikely in the near future, he does want to look into student interest in off-campus university housing.

Leebron said loss of parking will not constrain construction. "Some people may have to walk a little further to their parking space," Leebron said. "I have to figure out what to do about the parking, but moving around that piece of property parking doesn't concern me."

Barzouka said the Board also approved making the buildings LEED certified. LEED certification signifies that a building meets specific sustainability criteria. Leebron said he would like to consider LEED certification for every new Rice building in the future.

"This issue's just much more important now," Leebron said. "That doesn't mean we will do it without regards to whatever the cost is, but I think to start with that is a pretty high priority in terms of the message we want to be sending."

The LEED green building rating system is designed to promote design and construction practices that reduce negative environmental impacts. Barzouka said planners will try to earn points for the certification with mechanisms that will yield long-term savings on energy, such as power-saving devices for lights.

Barzouka said the Board also approved the college's plan to locate the board over several other possible arrangements, some of which included a new college on the former site of Wiess College that would attach to the north end of the Hanszen/Wiess servery. Leebron said preserving that space now leaves it open for other uses in the future.

Thresher recruitment meeting:
Thursday, Aug. 31 @ 9 p.m.
Miner Lounge in the Student Center
Massive campus construction to begin spring semester

by Sarah Baker

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The sounds of bulldozers will ring students' ears in 2007 when construction begins on two new colleges, a Central Quad pavilion and a shared servery for Lovett College and Will Rice College. The Board of Trustees approved these buildings at its May meeting.

University Architect David Rodd said the construction of a pavilion attached to the west side of Fondren Library will begin in 2007 and should be finished by the end of the calendar year. The pavilion will feature a coffee shop run by an outside company, Housing and Dining Director Mark Ditman said. The coffee shop will have limited food service and is expected to be 6,000 square feet. The project will also extend Fondren's covered walkway around the entire building. The pavilion, which is scheduled to be finished by the end of next year, is the key feature in a plan to renovate the Central Quad to promote activity in the area. Landscape is the only other change planned for the Central Quad, although other yet-to-be-determined buildings will be renovated or constructed in the future, Rodd said.

The Board of Trustees will make the final decision. Construction on the pavilion project is expected to start next summer or fall and finish by July or August 2008, Rodd said.

Rodd said for the summer renovation and possible destruction of South College buildings to accommodate growth is also being discussed. However, the Board of Trustees has not yet approved any plans.

"We're looking at all the colleges for opportunities...to either replace some of the buildings or add onto them," Rodd said.

Rodd said the old wings of Baker, Will Rice and Humanities Colleges will remain intact. Addition to Lovett College and Sid Richardson College would be considered rather than demolition, Rodd said.

Rodd said Lovett and Will Rice colleges' shared servery will be built in the loading dock area between the colleges and that both common will remain intact.

"The thought was that if we take the space that these facilities are in now and renovate and then add onto them, we can provide a combined kitchen or servery, much like you have here at (Hanszen/Winslow) servery or the Brown Dining Room," Rodd said.

No start date for the construction has been set, and the project is expected to cost $25 million, Rodd said.

The university began a study over the summer in an effort to examine how to accommodate construction projects and the growth of the undergraduate population, Rodd said. Gerald Salzman, an associate of Chicago is the consultant for the study, which should be finished in September. Salzman has been analyzing parking data and gathering opinions from the members of the University Standing Committee on Parking.

Rodb said construction on the Col-laborative Research Center—located at the corner of University Boulevard and Main Street—will begin in the fall, possibly in October. Researchers from Rice and the Texas Medical Center will share the center.

The $200-million project is expected to be completed in December 2008. Rodd said. Richardson and Planning is searching for an architect to design the new buildings.

University President David Leebron said the old winp" of Fondren will be restored some of the original hard-wood floors in Fondren College's west section rooms, Ditman said. Ditman said Lovett College received double-flute fluorescent lights and new shower heads and valves. The central section of Jones College received new bathroom sinks, faucets and air conditioning modifications to improve air quality.

Tomlinson said the conversion of the basement and parts of the first floor of the Ryne Engineering Building to dry lab space will last more than a year.

Tomlinson said upcoming projects include the conversion to dry lab space in the Mechanical Engineering Building beginning after Jan. 1. Improvements to the visitors' center Lovett Hall, such as carpet replacement and painting, will begin in September.

What do Courses in Poverty, Social Justice, and Human Capabilities Offer?

Challenging Academics

Women & Gender Studies 422: Gender and Global Economic Justice Instructor: Martha Nussbaum, Fall 2006

This course explores the persistence of gender inequality in societies around the world. What are the causes of this inequality? More generally, how can we best measure and understand poverty and human well-being? Does measured of national output and income such as gross domestic product (GDP) help us understand individual well-being?

The concept of human capabilities, developed by Amartya Sen and Martha Nussbaum, provides a new way of theorizing human well-being. This course examines this theory, which considers how gender relations and the organization of domestic, life and work may contribute to the persistence of gender inequality. This course also examines comparisons with other inequalities, such as class, ethnicity, caste, race, and sexual orientation. Selected readings show that the concept of capabilities policies designed to improve standards of living around the world and to enhance gender equality and women's political empowerment.

Sociology 470: Urban Life and Systems Instructor: Eunyoung, Fall 2006

Study of urban development, its systems, and life experiences of urbanites. Focus is on particular attention to ways in which these generate inequality, wealth and poverty. Course uses readings and weekly class discussions of assigned neighborhood. Students will conduct ethnographic and analysis through a series of guided assignments.

English 342: The Nineteenth-Century Novel Instructor: Michelle Spring, 2006

A survey of the major genres of the nineteenth century novel, this course will try to come to terms with some of the important questions posed by and through the fiction of the period, including responses to poverty and class conflict, and the tension between public and private sphere. This year we will assume the genre of the apocalyptic "social problem novel," written to alert (usually middle-class) readers to the plight of the poor and disadvantaged. We will be looking at the detective novel, the moral plot novel, and the sensation novel on their own terms and for the light they offer into social problems. Although this is a course about culture, I will be often use one-useable, one-centric, tracts, especially designed for students interest in the study of poverty, where we will look at non-fiction dealing with various social problems and think through their relation to the novel.


This course in the history of women and welfare focuses our attention on the contributions to the growth of the welfare state and how welfare has been shaped by understandings of gender, race, and class. We will look at how women's and religious associations and charity organizations prior to the Civil War. We then turn our attention to the turn of the 20th Century and women's involvement with settlement houses and missionary societies. Finally, we investigate the construction of need and entitlement through the Progressive era and the New Deal and pay particular attention to battles over protective labor legislation and the federalization of welfare institutions at the federal level.

Summer Internships

Students who have taken one of the four classes may apply for a summer internship that will allow them to combine course study and practical experience in the field working for a non-profit organization or charity.

For the summer of 2007, we will offer a number of paid internships of $3,500 each. The internships will offer nationwide placement and the selection process will be competitive.
Campanile editor in chief steps down

Krisina McDonald has resigned as The Campanile editor-in-chief.

"I just did what I had to do because I thought it was the best thing for the Campanile," McDonald said. "I wanted to help others grow and develop.

The bylaws do not have a procedure for how to elect or appoint a Campanile editor-in-chief, she said.

"I can't simply resign. The bylaws also require the SA president to fill the position," she said.

McDonald, who was elected in February's General Elections and was Jones section editor for two years, said she stepped down for personal reasons.

Loevst RA Joshua Gonsalves

English Professor named new Lovett RA

English Professor Joshua Gonsalves was named Lovett College townhouse resident associate on Aug. 15.

"It seems there are a lot of complicated parties and events that need to be coordinated," Gonsalves said.

"I'm looking forward to helping Lovett plan college events," he said.

"The faculty seemed more excited than the students that they were helping their own students," Gonsalves said.

Quillen named to vice provost position

Increasing faculty diversity and defining new academic initiatives are among the goals of Rice University provost and executive vice president Carol Quillen's new position as vice provost for academic affairs, she said.

"We're a pretty small community, but we're trying to make sure that the interaction between administrators and teachers improves as much as it could be," Quillen said. "I will be very important for business administration, and with some of the opportunities President Leebron and the provost's associates move forward on.

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Many changes were made to the campus bookstore over the summer, including the addition of shelving, downtown registers and a large window that faces Laboratory Road.

Student center gets summer facelift

by Belo Bimler

The sweatshirt-wearing manikins in the window of the bookstore aren't the only new additions to the Student Center. Overdues of the Bookstore and Sammy's Cafe top the list of summer changes to the Student Center.

Bookstore renovations, funded mostly by Barnes and Noble, began after commencement and ended in early August. The store added a window to the exterior wall facing Laboratory Road, and administrative offices moved to the store's basement.

Bookstore Manager Helen Williams said the renovations create a more friendly, professional atmosphere and are the best changes in two years.

"It's a cleaner look, a more Rice look," Williams said.

Four cash registers were installed in the basement of the store, which will allow textbooks to be purchased more quickly. Housing and Dining Director Mark Ditman said people will also be able to enter and exit the store from the basement.

Student Center Director Boyd Beckwith said extra space will let families visit the bookstore during orientations more easily.

"In the past, it's always been horrendous to pack all the parents in there at once," Beckwith said. "Now I think it'll be a little bit better because there's a lot more room to walk around. It looks a lot more befitting to a school like Rice than the previous space did."

Rice paid for several renovations that had not been initially planned. Ditman and Williams declined to comment on the total cost of the renovation.

The first renovation to Sammy's Cafe since the late 1990s began after commencement and ended Aug. 1. Renovations included new flooring, brighter lighting and fresh paint.

Beckwith said Sammy's service will expand in the fall to include dinner and more food options.

Ditman said retained earnings from Thirteenth Street and Sammy's funded the renovations.

With the move of Career Services and the Office of Alumni Affairs from the second floor of the Student Center to the O'Connor House, several other offices will take their place.

The Community Involvement Center and the Center for Civic Engagement will move into Career Services' old space by the end of the fall semester, Beckwith said.

The Student Center's administrative offices will move into Alumni Affairs' old office, making room for a 24-hour graduate student lounge in the basement of the Student Center.

Other Student Center changes include the re-upholstering of the furniture outside Willy's Pub and the addition of a ping pong table and a foosball table to the Pub.

Rice's first Cooke scholars named

by Risa Gordon

Breck Garrett ('00) and Marjam Chughtai ('00) were named Rice's first recipients of the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship July 3. The scholarship provides up to $20,000 per year for up to six years of graduate school.

Any U.S. college or university can nominate two candidates to the foundation, which then chooses 72 winners. This year, Rice and the University of Washington were the only schools with two recipients.

The scholarship was established in 2000 through the will of Jack Kent Cooke, a media mogul most well known for his ownership of the Los Angeles Lakers and the Washington Redskins.

The selection criteria include academic strength, extracurricular activities and financial need. The amount awarded to each student varies with other financial aid awarded and the cost of graduate education.

Garrett, former Jones College president, will use the scholarship for law school at Stanford University. Garrett graduated with degrees in history and sociology, and as an undergraduate, he held internships and internships for the Admission Office and was the policy for the PRCL. He also conducted sociology research on the death penalty.

Garrett said his work experience has guided his education. While in elementary school, he began working at his parents' shoe store and eventually became a multi-millionaire.

Successful applicants must be "the kind of students that would fit into Rice's environment," Garrett said. "The kind of students that would fit into Rice's environment, have a high level," De Lorenzo said.

The foundation's strict financial need criteria, he said. "It's just really clear how strong and natural a leader [Garrett] is and how much adversity he has overcome in his life to succeed at a high level," De Lorenzo said.

Chughtai will use the scholarship to complete a one-year master's degree in international education policy at Harvard University and then obtain a doctoral degree. Chughtai said having the scholarship will allow her to work for a non-profit while she is in school.

In the year since she graduated, Chughtai has worked with the Pakistani government on primary school reforms and as the funding coordinator for the Al-Shifa Foundation of North America, a non-profit that treats the indigent blind in Pakistan. Chughtai, who came to Rice from Pakistan, said she wants to study education in developing countries, particularly South Asia and Pakistan. She said she wants to help educate poor people who cannot afford to go to college in western countries.

"It is just really clear how strong and natural a leader [Garrett] is and how much adversity he has overcome in his life to succeed at a high level," De Lorenzo said.

"Whatever change I make, Rice University and the Rice students I have known will have a part in it," Chughtai said.

De Lorenzo said six students applied to his office for the scholarship this year. Some interested students did not apply because of the foundation's strict financial need criteria, he said. A faculty committee evaluated the applicants and selected Garrett and Chughtai as the two with the strongest academic records and greatest commitment to public service, De Lorenzo said.

Garrett said he encourages students to apply for scholarships - even if they do not have perfect academic records.

"The qualifications are that you have to have a 3.5 GPA, so I would encourage everyone to apply," Garrett said. "In the past, people felt that if they didn't have a 4.0, they couldn't apply, but basically didn't have a 3.5. Anyone who can apply should apply."
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Don't miss having your resume reviewed at RESUMANIA in the RMC Lobby September 5th, 6th, 7th from 3-5PM and September 8th-8PM at O'Connor House.
By Dylan Farmer

Athletics Director Chris Del Conte hired the former university employee new to the Athletic Department this summer. David Sayler is the new senior executive athletic director, replacing Steve Moniaci. Russell Dean replaces former Marketing Director Mike Pede, and Chuck Pool replaces former Sports Information Director Bill Cousins.

Del Conte said he hired people who gave their own ideas to athletics.

"What you don't want to do is bring in people who are 'yes' people," Del Conte said. "I was searching for people who are team people."

In his new position, Sayler works directly with coaches and administrators and manages daily internal affairs and budget operations. He began July 26.

Sayler previously the associate athletic director for business operations at Oregon State University. For two years, he was responsible for OSU athletic budget and managing the contracts and revenues of sports. Before that, Sayler worked for the university's Bowling Green State University, overseeing athletic business operations.

Sayler said he aims to help improve Rice's reputation nationally while spending within the department's budget. In addition, he said executives have work improving the interactions between varsity athletes and other students.

"We want to involve people," Sayler said. "We don't want campus to end when you get to the football stadium."

Del Conte announced Wednesday the athletic department had hired Chuck Pool to be Rice's senior executive athletic director, the two-year position in the department.

Moniaci said he was happy working as associate athletic director because he liked interacting with varsity athletes. He is not sure what his role will be in improving media relations.

"I had a pretty open door policy, and a lot of athletes would stop by my office and I'd see how they were doing and check up on them," Moniaci said. "That's the reason I came to Rice and the reason I stayed here for 25 years.

Cousins was a 23-year Rice employee who began as assistant SID before becoming SID in 1984. Cousins said he enjoyed working at Rice because of his emphasis on educating varsity athletes.

"I loved working at a place where I didn't have to apologize for misconduct of student-athletes every day," Cousins said. "I loved working in a place that had the priority of education."

Pede was at Rice for nearly 13 years, beginning as the marketing director. He expanded the media relations, licensing, athletic promotions, radio and television.

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Writing seminar in history which explores the various roles of Chinese women as intellectuals, revolutionaries, Mary Fourth writers, migrant workers and political activists. Limited enrollment.
MWF 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Hist 135 AMERICA & THE WORLD
HISTORY FRESHMAN SEMINAR: AMERICA AND THE WORLD
Ann Ziker, Graduate Instructor
Writing seminar in history which offers an overview of American foreign policy and overseas military interventions since 1763. Special emphasis will be placed on critically appraising the nature, aims, and uses of American power in the modern world. Topics will include U.S. policy in Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Central America. Limited enrollment.
TTH 1:00 PM - 2:20 PM

Hist 137 SCIENCE & RELIGION
HISTORY FRESHMAN SEMINAR: SCIENCE AND RELIGION
Carl Pearson, Lecturer
Freshman writing seminar will examine the relationship between science (conceived broadly) and religion in western history. Topics include the trial of Galileo, arguments about God's relationship to the world, natural theology and design arguments, "scientific" linguistics and the science of race, animal-human hybrids, "stewardship of the earth" environmentalism, technologies of conception and Jewish law. Limited enrollment.
TTH 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Hist 227 COLONIAL LATIN AMERICA
Lopez-Alonso, Visiting Assistant Professor
Survey of Latin America from 1492 to the 1820's, including the European background and major New World indigenous civilizations. Primary focus on the region's economy, society, culture and politics by examining pre-Columbian societies, impact of conquest and colonization, colonial political economy, slave systems and indigenous practices, and the collapse of indigenous societies.
MWF 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

Hist 265 AMERICAN REVOLUTION
NORTH AMERICA IN THE AGE OF REVOLUTION, 1763-1789
Rebecca Goetz, Assistant Professor
An overview of the American Revolution from its beginnings as a colonial protest to its transformation into a movement seeking independence from Britain. Also examines differences over the meaning and legacy of the Revolution in the new Republic, with consideration of its significance for the Atlantic World as well.
MWF 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Hist 325 MEXICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Jose Pastrano, HRC: Postdoctoral Fellow
Lecture course will examine Mexican Americans in the context of their everyday lives to reconstruct their worldviews, values, and habits in order to evaluate their response to the changing economic, social, and political relations determined by the evolution of American capitalism.
TTH 1:00 PM - 2:20 PM
Sims named new fellowships director

by Lisa Gordon

Former Truman Scholar Kellie Sims Butler (Ph.D '94) has discovered a way to turn her hobby into a career. Butler is the new director of fellowships and research at Rice following Mauro de Lorenzo, who left Aug. 1. She planned when she took the job one year ago.

While a political science professor at Pennsylvania State University, Butler found time to help intercity students with scholarships and college preparation. Butler said she is eager to share her passion for working with students by helping Rice students, particularly those interested in studying abroad.

"In each stage of my life, as I've grown, from an experience and benefited from an experience, I've wanted to share that with others who came behind me," Butler said. Butler was named a 1994 Truman Scholar as an undergraduate at A&M University.

Adviser to the Dean of Undergraduates Matt Taylor (Ph.D '92), who chaired the search committee, said Butler has a unique mix of experience as an academic. Butler will be able to relate to students, particularly those who come from underrepresented areas.

"She has the ability to work with faculty to identify students who might be good candidates," Taylor said. "The opportunity and visibility, which I have dramatic impact on students who are majoring in this field. Our goal was to come up with a director who would have instant legitimacy with the faculty and be able to do the same thing."

In the year De Lorenzo was director, five students won Fulbright scholarships, three won Watson Travel fellowships and another won a Rhodes scholarship. The previous year, three students won Fulbrights, but none received Rhodes or Watson Travel awards. Butler will be able to relate to the students in particular, Taylor said.

"She has an appreciation for research, and she has a great enthusiasm for undergraduates," Taylor said. "We really tried to focus in on someone who would have the sort of energy and interest in working with students one-on-one."

Taylor said 31 people applied for the position, of which all but three were women. The committee conducted eight phone interviews and invited three of those candidates to interview on campus. Taylor said.

The search committee's Butler's role is now to find a Fellowship. Office will be housed in a new building on campus, and he hopes the database will be active early in the fall semester.

Students are not required to visit Butler to take or begin a research opportunity on campus, Taylor said. Butler said she looks forward to helping students discover their career goals and interests in the course of completing scholarship applications.

"Even previous applicants wouldn't necessarily think it was winning, but it's the process of going through the application and self-evaluation that's most rewarding," Taylor said. Butler said the database will be able to strengthen connections with other student services, such as academic advising, career services and the study abroad office.

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Grant to fund global health courses

by Sarah Baker

International health problems will bring S/Es and academicians together beginning this fall at Rice. The course is beginning the Beyond Traditional Borders program, a series of four courses that will challenge students to design solutions to global health problems. The Howard Hughes Medical Institute will fund the first four years of the program through a $2.2 million grant. The grant will allow some of the program participants to travel to developing countries.

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Mid-afternoon Thursday, a third-floor chemistry lab in George R. Brown Hall caught fire. A member of the lab quickly pulled a fire alarm, and the occupants evacuated immediately. The Houston Fire Department arrived quickly and was able to contain the blaze before it caused any major damage to the building. The cause of the fire and extent of the damage are under investigation.
This year, Barrett said, graders were from the history department, writing samples. Most of the graders enrolled in the MIT project — in order to use the program's online technology, MIT offered the use of its graders last year as a favor to Rice. In its first year in the consortium, so Barrett decided to use Rice graduate students as graders this year. Barrett selected 21 graduate students of 32 who applied based on resumes and writing samples. Most of the graders were from the history department, but the English, philosophy, economics, and psychology departments were also represented. When the English department ran the exam, only English graduate students were graded. This year, Barrett said, graders were paid $40 an hour and spent 30 to 40 minutes grading each essay.

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Iskander leaves President's Office for Planned Parenthood

Sarah Baker

When President David Leebron came to Rice in July 2004, entirely new to the campus, he hired former two-term Student Association President and Rhodes Scholar Maryana Iskander (Wiess '97) to help run his office.

After two years as Leebron's right-hand woman, managing projects from the Passport to Houston to the Quality Enhancement Plan, Iskander has left her position as Adviser to the President to become Executive Vice President of Planned Parenthood in New York City.

Iskander's last day was Aug. 17, and she begins work at Planned Parenthood Monday. Iskander said she will miss her colleagues and working with students.

"I'm sad about leaving Rice, and I definitely think that Rice is on a great trajectory," Iskander said. "I would have been excited on a great trajectory," Iskander and 1 definitely think that Rice is her colleagues and working with.

Maryana Iskander

Iskander became involved with Planned Parenthood in March when she traveled to New York to work on a volunteer project with Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards. Iskander said she was not looking for another job. She had the opportunity to work with Richards, who is the daughter of former Texas Governor Ann Richards, was one reason she took the position.

"We just got into conversation about what her plans were and what she wanted to do, and she was really dynamic," Iskander said.

Iskander will work closely with Richards to help run the central office in New York and coordinate the work of the development, communications and public policy departments.

Iskander said Planned Parenthood is often misunderstood.

"Four percent of what they do is abortion, which probably doesn't match people's broad perception of their work," Iskander said. Leebron said Iskander's knowledge of Rice helped him significantly in his first two years.

"I couldn't have had, I don't think, anybody better in this office," Leebron said.

Leebron said he chose Davis because of his experience working at Rice and his management skills.

"I think there's a lot that goes on in the President's office that [involves] logistics and process," Leebron said. "That means... there's organizing meetings, figuring out who you need to consult and really listening to people to see what their concerns are. Mark has shown himself very good at all of those things."

Leebron said recent changes in the University Office will help Davis manage both positions.

Former Associate Director in charge of alumni and school-based strategies Ann Peterson (Brown '86) will assume the new position of Director of Alumni Relations, Chad Benedict (Baker '00), who was the assistant director for alumni affairs, will take Peterson's old job.

Davis said the Alumni Office underwent the changes before Iskander announced her departure.

"I've worked with the deans and others mostly as it relates to alumni. Davis said. "This allows me to interact much more with the students, the faculty, the deans and others."

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The number of international students at Rice University has significantly increased in recent years, as reflected in a 27 percent increase in admissions for the Class of 2010. New students from four different perspectives have been admitted, including an Asian individual who was the first to matriculate. The percentage of international students is one of the goals in the document. "The sense of an international environment and broadens students' views," Browning said. "That's one of the goals in the document." International student yield was 35 percent in 2005, 37 percent in 2004, and this year, it was 40 percent. In 2005, the freshman yield — the percentage of admitted students who matriculated — was 51 percent. In 2004, the freshman yield was 47 percent. In the two previous years, more females than males matriculated, a departure from Rice's trend of admitting more males than females. The percentage of Asian freshmen increased from 18 percent to 24 percent, and the percentage of Caucasian students decreased from 51 percent to 47 percent. The percentage of African American students remained at 14 percent, and the percentage of African American students increased from 7 percent to 8 percent.

In May, Coffeehouse hired Tiziana Villalobos, which Courtney said is a "lifesaver." Courtney said the addition of Villalobos will not decrease the number of student employees at the Coffeehouse. "She's been able to get there and open the coffeehouse at 7:30, which is something quite hard for a student to do," Courtney said. Shefman said the addition of Villalobos will not decrease the number of student employees at the Coffeehouse. "She's been able to get there and open the coffeehouse at 7:30, which is something quite hard for a student to do," Shefman said. "We've actually hired new student employees over the summer." Shefman said Coffeehouse customers were pleased with the new hours. She said she hopes to extend Coffeehouse's hours in the fall, as well. "They're trying to open before 8 a.m. so that people who have an 8 a.m. class can actually get to the coffeehouse beforehand," Shefman said. Courtney said Coffeehouse will continue its environmental and political awareness campaign in the future. "We moved to 100 percent organic coffee last year, and that's been a real big success," Courtney said. Courtney said she will lobby the Housing and Dining staff to brew free-trade coffee in the pavilions.

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Math chair Wolf and wife, Krisko, named new Will Rice masters
by Sarah Baker

Mathematics Department Chair Michael Wolf, with his wife, Paula Krisko (Ph.D, '96) joined the new hires learning about Will Rice during Orientation Week as they began their five-year term as masters.

Will Rice President Brian Schwab announced Wolf and Krisko as the college's new masters June 9 in an email to the college's students. Wolf and Krisko follow Joel and Traci Wolfe, who announced in March they would leave after Commencement 2006.

The couple has a 13-year-old daughter, Lilliana, and a five-year-old son, Stephen. The family also includes a dog, Sally.

Search Committee Chair Meredith Fallon, a Will Rice senior, said Wolf, who is outgoing, and Krisko, who has a quieter personality, will cater to different types of students.

"We really just wanted someone that we could look to as a friend — someone who could get along with the students, who would interact with the students and be there for the students," Morgan said.

Will Rice senior Vivek Gopalan, a search committee member, said Wolf's years of experience at Rice will make him a good representative with administrators.

Will Rice had to choose its masters quickly. A search was planned for this fall, but when Joel and Traci Wolfe announced they were leaving Rice — cutting their term a year short — the college faced a tighter schedule.

Fallon said the committee was initially concerned about the timeline but that the committee worked hard and was able to get four applications.

"We sort of had to pull it together a little bit quicker and ... actually actively recruit and convince [candidates] that it was in their best interest as well as ours for them to move into Will Rice in two months," Fallon said.

Wolf said he and Krisko previously considered applying to be masters and were surprised when the position at Will Rice became available.

"We weren't sure at that exact moment that this was what we wanted to pursue, but we very quickly came around to seeing that this was really a wonderful opportunity for us," Wolf said.

Wolf works in the orbital debris department at Jacobs Sedor, a contractor for NASA Johnson Space Center. He examines objects from orbit understand how objects collide in space. Her group's goal is to make space safer for travel, satellites and telescopes.

Wolf has been a professor at Rice since 1984 and has served as the math-matics department chair since 2000. He teaches MATR 221: Honors Calculus and co-teaches MATH 99: Mathematical Sciences.

In a June Interservice message to the college, Wolf wrote, "It's fun to travel, eat ethnic food and listen to opera.

In his new role outside the classroom, Wolf said he most looks forward to interacting from and interacting with students.

"Undergraduate life is a time of substantial change for many people, " Wolf said. "The challenge is to create an environment in which people can experience what they want to be and what they want to be." Wolf said he and Krisko have ideas for college events. But want to discuss them with Will Rice students before announcing them.

Morgan said she appreciates Wolf's willingness to listen to students.

"We didn't want someone to come in and kind of tell us how it was supposed to be done, " Morgan said. "We wanted someone who we would work with us and with the students."

Fallon said later this month the college will begin planning a formal introduction of Wolf and Krisko to Will Rice.

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Zammito encourages path of discovery

By Sarah Mitchell

In his Orientation Week address to new students, History and German Professor John Zammito urged students to guide their university experience using the vision of Wilhelm von Humboldt. He explained that the German Romantic emphasis on individuality and the whole person in academic and extracurricular pursuits mirrors the ideal university experience.

"I thought that since I know O-Week very well from my years at Rice, that it's time for you to have a dose of pure academicism, so that you don't get the impression that it's strictly a party university," Zammito said.

"Utopian socialists asserted that sexual liberation and emotional intimacy were indispensable ingredients in the paradise man was now to make for himself out of the world," Zammito said. "From Romanticism we have inherited ringings affirmations of a vast number of ideas and values: emotion, imagination, creative genius, rebellion, dynamism, organicism, and above all, wholeness.

In his conclusion, Zammito said students should engage with Rice's learning and nonacademic environment in order to preserve culture.

"What the Romantics believed, what Humboldt instituted in the University of Berlin is a cultural heritage worth uploading," Zammito said. "Welcome to Rice where I hope you will join me in keeping it alive."

Leebron, Forman, Tupper offer matriculants advice

by Rina Gordon and Evan Mintz

At their matriculation ceremonies, new students were advised to build connections in what they learn and with others, to explore diverse interests and to utilize all Rice has to offer. Before walking through the Sallyport and being treated to fireworks, new students heard words of welcome and advice from President David Leebron, Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman and Student Association President Allison Tupper.

Leebron greeted new students Sunday night in Stude Hall by defining matriculation, the way he has begun matriculation since 2004.

"It does not mean merely to begin," Leebron said. "It means, rather, the official admission to membership. Thus, a degree represents not just the beginning of your education here, but rather your becoming a member of the community."

Leebron used stories of his summer travels to China and Greece to illustrate his advice. He cautioned students to learn from their peers by describing the original "Idiot," which he learned in Greece.

"Idiot actually does derive from a Greek word, which literally means someone who keeps to themselves, who didn't interact with others," Leebron said. "In other words, not interacting and engaging with others makes one ignorant and therefore an idiot. So my primary advice to you is don't be an idiot, take advantage of many people here at Rice, and learn from them."

Leebron told students to broaden their views while in college.

"Exploration and change may be uncomfortable," Leebron said. "So let me say this: If you start finding your experience here entirely comfortable, you are doing something wrong."

Forman added to Leebron's advice by encouraging students to build connections that will improve their lives after graduation.

"What I wish for you is that your Rice experience helps you learn not just what you want to be, but who you want to be — and give you the knowledge and the skills to help you get far along the path to becoming that person," Forman said.

He advised students to develop their academic lives by integrating nonacademic interests. For example, if students are interested in a course that is not offered, they can discuss it with their masters and try to form a college class.

Tupper encouraged students to pursue academic interests outside the classroom through independent study and research.

"Don't wait until you graduate to begin to put classroom knowledge into action because that transition poses its own challenges," Forman said.

Forman also said students should make connections with other students and faculty.

Tupper, a Hanszen College senior, advised students to take advantage of the many nonacademic activities offered at Rice and in Houston. While the college system can provide a core group of friends and social events, Tupper said students should explore other aspects of Rice.

"One of the most important components to a Rice degree is the experience you gain from learning outside of the classroom," Tupper said. "Be an agile learner, and seek out experiences you can learn through unconventional methods. Everyone's life is going to try different types of problem solving techniques whether it be on the intramural fields, in college government or on a larger university level."

Tupper said students are attending Rice at a time of change, and they have the ability to shape Rice's future.

"The choice of where and when you spend your college years is a reflection of the generations of tomorrow," Tupper said. "And in Rice's formative years, Rice students thought about where you want Rice to go because you are all the future of the university."

In a change from past matriculation ceremonies, the Honor Council chair did not speak.

by Risa Gordon and Evan Mintz

The Rice Thresher - O-Week - Friday, August 25, 2006

Orientation Week 2006

New students take the ritual candle lit walk from the matriculation ceremony to the Sallyport on the first night of Orientation Week, August 19th.
Top Left: Students watch fireworks illuminate the night sky after matriculation. Top Right: Brown College freshman Karen Cooper looks down on her O-week group as they traverse 45°. Above: (left to right) Sid Richardson College senior Zaven Sargsyan, Sammy the Owl, Sid sophomore Bhavika Kaul and Hanszen College junior Nancy O'Connor lead new students in the fight song at an athletics rally at Rice Stadium. Below Left: Wesley College reminds Hanszen which college they are from with a timeless cheer. Below Right: Hispanic Studies Professor Lane Kaufmann and Hanszen freshman Nathan Lilly converse at an academic fair in the Hanszen commons.
Big O-week

Top: Martel College junior Matt Dzwenski counts cheese balls in disgust as he picks through Martel freshman Rose Cahalan's hair during Martel's late-night Maptek event. Above: Students race across the intramural fields during a carnival sponsored by the athletic department. Right: Will Rice College junior Caitlin Thomas gets some water-soluble college pride on her arm in preparation for a bitter battle of Lovett-Will Rice Tea Trike. Below: Lovett freshman Natalia Salinas gets back boarded by Rice EMS with a smile; after all, she was just a volunteer for a demonstration.

right between the windows, hanging lots of blue balloons from a second-floor balcony.
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The presentation provided a very comprehensive view of emergency services at Rice," Wanek said. "It's important for students to know that the departments are not working against each other and not working against the student."

Becky Elliott, a Jones College sophomore transfer student, said she felt the combined RUPD, REMS and Student Judicial Programs presentations made the topics easier to remember.

"People remembered what was said, and they could connect it together," Elliott said. "If we separate people, people would have a harder time connecting it."

James Bartlett, a Lovett College freshman, said he thought the EMS and RUPD presentations were well coordinated but the Student Judicial Affairs portion seemed disconnected.

"It was like having two separate presentations, just in the same place one after another," Bartlett said.

Will Rice College freshman Alex Dinur said some of the activities went off O-Week a summer camp atmosphere.

"The week started from place to place like sheep for a whole week, with not very much sleep," Dinur said. "But the social gain is good."

Will Rice College freshman Abhinav Khamra said that O-Week was a unique experience compared to orientation offered at other colleges.

"For my friends at other schools, orientation consisted of arriving on campus, getting an ID, keys and a send-off like 'good luck, have a nice four-year experience,'" Khamra said. "But Rice, it's different because everyone cares a lot about new students."

Common reading

New students were asked this year to read a "common reading" over the summer, which consisted of a set of articles on two themes: scientific theory and objectivity. Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman said that although the common readings were not officially an O-Week activity, they were assigned to stimulate intellectual dialogue between new students.

"We view [common readings] as a way to introduce students to the culture of inquiry and scholarship that lies at the heart of what we are as a campus, to provide a common lens through which individual students have thought about before arriving and to create opportunities to have a stimulating conversation about these concepts," Forman said.

Many new students said they had not yet read the assigned articles.

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THE CULTURE OF WAR: VIOLENCE-CONFLICT-REPRESENTATION
FSEM 125 / GERM 125 — Distribution I
Prof. Christian Emden, TTH 10:50 a.m. — 12:05 p.m.
The beginning of the twenty-first century is surprisingly marked by a return of war and military conflict as defining categories of political life. The rapidly changing political and cultural environment after the Cold War — globalization, terrorism, religious conflict, new genocides — requires a new understanding of "war." Taking into account the history of war as well as recent intellectual debates, the seminar will examine the politics and perception of war, ranging from early modern Europe to most recent events. Not for the faint-hearted, topics include: destruction, ruins, refugees, the enemy, just war, massacres, terrorism, victims, spaces of battle, anxiety, trenches, and violence.

LITERARY LOVE AFFAIRS: LOVE AND PASSION IN EUROPEAN LITERATURE
FSEM 129 / GERM 129 — Distribution I
Prof. Uwe Steiner. TTH 1:00 — 2:20 p.m.
According to the German philosopher Hegel (1770-1831), love is the most prominent topic in modern, i.e. "romantic," poetry. His description of modern love-stories, however, doesn't seem to favor them. In his view, they are usually about a young fellow who, like a modern knight, seeks the ideal girl. In most cases, the philosopher observes, "at last he gets his girl and some sort of position, marries her, and becomes as good a Philistine as others." The course invites students to examine this philosophical wisdom by reading select stories and theoretical texts about love and passion by European authors from the time of Shakespeare to the present.

LATIN AMERICAN SHORT FICTION
FSEM 150 / SPAN 150
Prof. Maarten van Delden, TTH 9:25 — 10:40 a.m.
Around the middle of the twentieth century, writers from Latin America, a continent long perceived as being on the periphery of Western culture, began producing some of the most innovative works in world literature. We will analyze and evaluate the new understanding of literary art expressed in the short fictions of two Argentine masters, Jorge Luis Borges and Julio Cortazar, as well as the impact of their work on later writers such as Carlos Fuentes, Juan Rulfo, and Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Taught in English.

THE HERO AND HIS COMPANION: FROM GILGAMESH TO SAM SPADE
FSEM 151 / HIST 151
Prof. Michael Maas, W 7:00 — 10:00 p.m.
How does presentation of heroic action illustrate the basic values of a society? Students will examine a variety of historical materials — ancient literature in translation, modern mystery stories, and a number of films. Ancient sources will be paired with modern ones to show the development of a tradition of heroic action stretching from the beginnings of civilization to the present day. The course will explore how ideas of service to the community often link heroism to alienation, examine the gendered character of heroic action, and discuss changes in attitudes in modern fiction. Skills will be developed in writing history as students learn the basics of thinking and writing like historians. In sum, this course is an extended invitation to the pleasures of the study of history.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, AND THE USES OF THE PAST
FSEM 160 / HIST 160 — Distribution I
Prof. Ira Gruber, T 2:30 — 5:30 p.m.
Seminar will focus on three dimensions of Thomas Jefferson's life and legacy: first, what he said and did in the American Revolution; second, how he has been understood by historians; and third, how his words, ideas, and actions have been used by successive generations of Americans.

BROWN v. BOARD
FSEM 163 / HIST 163
Prof. Alexander Byrd, M 2:00 — 5:00 p.m.
A first year seminar examining the origins and legacies of the civil rights case that all but defined the parameters of modern American society and race relations. Where did the case come from? How was it argued and decided? What have been its consequences?

SOUTHERN REBELS
FSEM 173 / HIST 173
Prof. Alexander Lichtenstein, W 2:00 — 5:00 p.m.
The "South" is often understood to be the most conservative region in the U.S. This seminar will use selected autobiographical texts by "southern rebels" to challenge that idea, and examine the tradition of dissent in the culture and history of the American South. Topics considered will include civil rights, socialism, populism, interracial unionism, feminism, sexual freedom, and religious radicalism. Texts include Revolt Among the Sharecroppers, Killers of the Dream, outside the Magic Circle, Bastard out of Carolina and Narrative of Hosea Hudson.

HTTP://HUMANITIES.RICE.EDU
Colors of the Season: Fall Museum Preview

Lisa Hahn's "Light My Fire," part of the Roe Gallery's Summer Window series, will be on display through Aug. 31.

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston 1001 Bissonnet St. www.mfah.org

With its constantly rotating exhibitions, lectures and films, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston always has something to see. Located a block from Rice on Main Street, the main exhibition halls -- the Caroline Wiess Law and Audrey Jones Beck Buildings -- house the museum's permanent collection along with traveling shows and temporary installations. Pay especially close attention to the photographs and Latin American art and contemporary art. The Asian galleries will be reopened later this year. Admission to the museum is free for Rice students and tickets are discounted. The MFAH also has a restaurant, Cafe Express, located in the lower level of the Beck Building.

This fall at the MFAH
"Best in Show: The Dog in Art from the Renaissance to Today"

This exhibit features an abundant display of art by artists ranging from Titian to Warhol. While centering a show on such a unique theme may seem juvenile or inappropriate for a fine arts museum, it need not be. Sophisticated artistic and cultural themes are explored without ever clearly when an exhibit's subject matter is disguised.


This exhibit includes two new video installations and a feature film by the Swiss/German artist Pipiltiú Ret. "Pipiltiú Ret" is a one-room gallery of works. "Pipiltiú Ret" is incredibly varied, a one-room gallery of works. "Pipiltiú Ret" is enjoyed by brožures and for sculpture, as well as a disgusted response to the display. The panels playfully demand that viewers try to identify each body part.


"Kiki Smith: a gathering" is a biography of Smith's work as she chooses to tell it, through found sculpture instead of words. It is a problem. The Menil Collection's best piece in the exhibition is a wallpaper with a black man's head and "from, crawl down, or sit on the gallery walls. Defying gravity, the work is equally fascinating to the figures as they engage the viewer in questioning ways. The success of these pieces and of Daughton illustrate Smith's talent for using the space she's given fully and creatively. They are found on the floor.邓肯, an uncharacteristically aggressive construction, is an uncharacteristically aggressive construction.

"Smith explores body's beauty, filth"

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and courtly love," Robert Calder, Max Ernst, Max Ray and Marcel Duchamp are among the 32 artists selected by curator Larry List for this Dada-influenced show.

The Rice Gallery
Seawall Hall
www.ricegallery.org

Students often overlook the Rice Gallery, despite its convenient, on-campus location on the south side of the academic quadrangle. The two-room gallery opens only during the academic year, although it has regularly hosted a two-dimensional summer exhibit in its front window.

Lisa Hoke’s “Light My Fire” is this summer’s window show and will be displayed through Thursday.

“The Rice Thresher” Arts & Entertainment
Friday, August 25, 2006

Richard T. Walker and Robert Calder

Director Gondry awakens spectacle, whimsy in Sleep

Ann Wang
FOR THE THRESHER

Filmakers who choose common storytelling know they risk producing clichéd work. The starting ingredients for The Science of Sleep are familiar: the unsophisticated animation as fodder and spins it into gold. Stephane plays a childhood imagination and wonderment with life. daydreaming joker. Stephane puts on a Seinfeld-worthy "the science of sleep"
at 4:00 pm of five

The film's greatest strengths are its eye-pleasing visuals and complex main characters. For most of the film, Gondry traps viewers in the head of protagonist Stephane (Gael Garcia Bernal) — literally. References to Stephane's altered reality and rejection of it, does not realize that Stephanie does love him and relates to him. In a memorable scene, Stephane presents Stephanie with a set of 3D glasses. Bewildered, Stephanie .

Stephane’s storij provides the handdrop for BIOE 440: Quantitative Anatomy & Physiology. A new free elective offered in Fall 2006. The new series of BIOE courses (QAP) will be offered in spring 2007. uses patient cases to explore the links between basic science, mathematics, and clinical medicine. The co-instructors — faculty from UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center — integrate expertise in medicine, mathematics, and anatomy and physiology.

STEPPING IN 2006:

- Class schedule: Thursdays, 4-7 p.m.
- Classroom: Keck Hall 101
- Prerequisites: BIOE 322/323, knowledge of differential equations
- For further information: Contact Dr. Kathryn Peek, (713) 792-7582, kpeek@mdanderson.org

ALEXANDRIA FILM CENTER

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Stephane (Gael Garcia Bernal, left) combats his coworker Guy (Alain Chabat) in The Science of Sleep. This and many scenes from film incorporate animation and special effects to illustrate Stephane’s daydreamy view of reality.

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When: Sunday at 5 pm.

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Where: Ray Courtyard at the RMC
When: Wednesday at 9 pm.

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Where: Upper Hanszen Commons
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Samuel L. Jackson's famed and foulmouthed outbursts contribute to the B-movie glory of Snakes on a Plane.

Snakes, planes usher return of B-list cinema

After months of anticipation and thousands of web references, Samuel L. Jackson finally said it on the big screen. Yes, he has had it with those motherfuckin' snakes on that motherfuckin' plane.

By now, everyone knows the basic plot: A guy witnesses a murder, Samuel L. Jackson escorts him via plane to testify, a sandstorm puts snakes on the plane, and Jackson goes medieval on their collective reptilian non-avers and causes protocols.

Of course, the actual movie is much deeper. Red Bull product placement and explanations of how the assassin spirited the place with hormones to make the snakes hyper-aggressive really help flesh out the film. Also, boozers.

Hypothetically, the movie could have been taken seriously. It certainly conjures memories of terrorist threats since this summer’s Flight 93 and cable news-era “Suicide Letters on a Plane” coverage. Bloggers have already commented that the film is a proper metaphor for the traditional fear among the war on terror. And Los Angeles may see the movie as a metaphor for illegal immigration, with phallic foreign creatures threatening our women and children. But Jackson himself put it best: “It’s not Gone with the Wind. It’s not On the Waterfront. It’s Snakes on a Plane!”

Sure, ironically enjoying a movie rather than actually enjoying it can get tiring after a while. But it is about time people realize that most movies these days are HORRIBLE and just go with it.

But like those films, Snakes on a Plane is a rare success. So, inevitably, other movie studios will try to copy it. This may very well usher in a new era of the B-movie. Although given recent horror movies, it may very well already have begun. Sure, also starring one Samuel L. Jackson, was just horribly nongulous horribleness— and merit two sequels. And a sequel to the remake of Texas Chainsaw Massacre has finished production, which is another example of a title lending credit and ramp to a film.

It seems as if Hollywood just gave up on making good movies. But the public reaction has certainly shown that people don’t want good movies. They want violence, currying and, well, boozes. The B-movie is back. If only the films would still play at drive-through theaters with previews encouraging the old duck and cover—or the purchase of tarp and duct tape.

What makes Snakes on a Plane unique is that New Line Cinema recognized demand and embraced the movie’s lowbrowness. A post-production reshoot added more cursing, violence and nudity to bring the film up to ten executions and an R rating. This is best captured in Jackson’s opening line: “Are you young, hot couple has sex in the airplane bathroom, snakes join joint and gets attacked by a phenomenon addle-pate pet snake—which bites the woman right on her naked, silicone-laden breast.

That entertainment is only hope is that most viewers have a snake latches onto a peeing gentleman’s can and hurl monthly Cinematic genius. It only the filmmakers had realized that many snakes are beat rather than out our usual spectrum. Why we would put these geniuses if Snakes on a Plane included a Predator-esque snake?

It is hard to straddle the line between hilariously bad and just bad. Snakes on a Plane is possibly one of the worst films I have ever seen, and it was horrible brilliance. Sure, ironically enjoying a movie rather than actually enjoying it can get tiring after a while, but about time people realize that most movies these days are horrible and just go with it.

In the end, my parents thought it was hilarious, my 10-year-old brother thought it was hilarious and you will probably think it is hilarious. So go—go with purposely low expectations, but go—and watch one of the best B-movies ever: Snakes on a motherfuckin’ plane, motherfucker.

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Listen up: Houston fall concert guide

Zombie reanimated for 2006 U.S. tour

Kim Hartson
For The Thresher

After two stints in the movie industry, Rob Zombie returned to music with the March release of *Edwardo Ramirez*, his first album of all-new material in five years and the inspiration for his Sunday concert at Woodlands Pavilion. The concert is a stop on Zombie's U.S. tour with rock veterans Godsmack and begins today in Dallas.

Neither fans nor critics knew what to expect from Zombie's return to his native industry, but Zombie has proven that his epic and multilayered art

"I feel it breaks down where a third of the record is heavy, a third of the record is sort of in the middle, and a third of it is sort of more melodic, and that's what I wanted to do," Zombie said. "I feel that records that are just 100 percent fast and heavy become monotonous."

"I think [more varied albums] have a longer life because songs sort of make themselves apparent at different times," he said. "You listen to it, and you love this song. Maybe you don't like that song, but then maybe you kind of get into it in a different way, at another time."

In addition to the musical innovations in *Horses*, Zombie said he hopes to bring changes into his live performances with his current tour. While he would not release any specifics of stunts or pyrotechnics, he said he hopes to revive the giant stage show traditions of hard rock.

MEDICAL HUMANITIES

Fall 2006

What is Medical Humanities? We define the term "medical humanities" broadly to include an interdisciplinary field of humanities (literature, philosophy, ethics, history and religion), social science (anthropology, cultural studies, psychology, sociology), and the arts (literature, theater, film, and visual arts) and their application to medical education and practice. The humanities and arts provide insight into the human condition, suffering, personhood, our responsibility to each other, and offer a historical perspective on medical practice. Attention to literature and the arts helps to develop and nurture skills of observation, analysis, empathy, and self-reflection -- skills that are essential for humane medical care. (NYU Medical Humanities Website)

PHIL 206 The Ethical Nature and Limits of Professionalism in Medicine
Faculty: Laurence McCullough
Meeting: 2:30pm - 3:50pm TR RH 106

This course will critically examine the ethical nature of medicine as a profession and ethically justified limits on medical professionalism in the context of contemporary ethical and public policy controversies.

PHIL 336 Medical Ethics
Faculty: Baruch Brody
Meeting: 1:00pm - 4:00pm W SS 106

A philosophical examination of some of the fundamental issues in clinical ethics, including informed consent, competency, confidentiality, end of life decision making, the definition of death, allocating scarce medical resources, and the role of economic analysis in clinical decision making. Readings drawn from clinical and philosophical literature.

ENGL 272 Literature and Medicine
Faculty: Susan Wood
Meeting: 10:50am - 12:05pm TR HE 224

Designed for, but not limited to, students interested in the medical profession, this course introduces the student to the techniques through the reading imaginative literature -- novels, plays, essays poems --by and about doctors and patients, focusing on understanding ethical issues and on developing critical and interpretive skills.

For more information please contact Baruch Brody, Andrew W. Mellon Professor in Humanities, at 713-348-2721 or bbrody@bcm.tmc.edu
The football team capped its summer workout sessions with a scrimmage on Rice Stadium's new turf Saturday in preparation for its season opener against the University of Houston Sept. 2. The contest came at the end of two months of sibling and conditioning, all part of a program that is new to Rice but not new commonplace among Division I-A programs.

"As far as I know, all the teams in Division I-A have been having their workouts before they open up. They certainly are using 100 percent participation rate. We even have our (falling out here over with)

Players spent a taxing few months taking up to six hours per summer term while undergoing intense workouts with strength and conditioning coach Yancy McKnight. In addition to the workouts, the team ate and spent leisure time together, with the intent of building camaraderie and team spirit.

Players said they were pleased with the outcome of the two practices, which served as a needed condensed but pre-season workouts began August 7.

"The days were so long, but we all really worked hard," redshirt freshman defensive end Travis Mason said. You can really see the results.

The team, faced with learning new schemes on top of physical preparation, is adjusting well. Graham has held 13 practices over two periods, with walk throughs and position meetings throughout the day.

On Saturday, the team brought in Conference USA officials for an intrasquad scrimmage in front of Rice Orientation Week advisers. The team gave all Western Athletic Conference-joins to advisors of new recruits.

The game was named after Satish, which is normal for pre-season play. The defense looked slightly ahead of the offense, but both sides showed flashes of promise, as well as streaks of ineffectiveness.

The Owls defense showed a wide variety of fronts and personnel sets, and the offense similarly varied formations—both under-center and shotgun sets were shown with various player combinations.

Sophomore starting quarterback Chase Clement showed solid decision-making when pressed in the pocket. Despite the penalties, both the offensive and defensive lines adjusted well in their new responsibilities. The option play that characterized former head coach Ron Hadley's offense did appear in the scrimmage, but it was used as a change-up and not as the basis of the offense.

In addition to the progress made on the field, the football team welcomed a new look to Rice Stadium. The seats in both end zones have been removed, dropping the capacity from about 70,000 to less than 50,000. The spaces formerly filled by the old bleachers have been partially covered in black tarps. At some points, the spaces may be converted to event areas or other usable space. All of the wooden bleachers have been replaced with the metal ones, and the entire stadium has been power washed.

While the renovations are notice- able, the project is an ongoing one, as there are supports awaiting bleachers in the upper deck. Graham's team close to 86 million and said the renovations will continue.

**BEAVER SNOTTS END OWLS' CWS RUN**

by Matt McCabe

Had head coach Wayne Graham known entering the 2006 season that the baseball team would make its fifth College World Series appearance in Omaha, Nebraska without the left arm of sophomore Joe Savery in the starting rotation and junior catcher Travis Region, the team leader, out with a broken ankle, he would have been astonished.

"Prior to the season, I didn't think that would be possible," Graham said. "A lot of people stepped up and did great work.

Ranked first in the nation, Rice began the CWS with promising first two games of thrilling 6-4 fashion over the University of Georgia. All American senior right-hander Eddie Doggeman held the Bulldogs hitless for six innings, but was pulled in the seventh after allowing his first hit and seventh and eighth walk of the game. Four consecutive singles off Sophomore lefthander Cole St.Clair and sophomore righthander Bobby Bell put Georgia ahead 4-2 heading into the bottom of the seventh. But the Owls responded by batting around in the home half of the innings to retake the lead for good 6-4. Senior right-hander Bryce Cox notched the win for Rice, working 2.2 scoreless innings and recording the final six strikeouts. The victory was the Owls' first in the CWS since the 2003 national championship.

**SEE CWS PHOTOS PAGE 29**

Rice followed its opening-round win with a 12-5 decision over the University of Miami. Another stellar performance by Cox highlighted the game. Cox got out of one-out jam in the ninth inning with runners on first and third base by striking out top hitters Jon Jay and Danny Valencia, the three- and four- hole hitters in the Hurricane order. St. Clair got the win by throwing five strong innings and allowing just one unearned run.

Following its two consecutive wins, the Owls needed just one win to advance to the championship series to face North Carolina, but the Oregon State Beavers, the team of destiny in 2006, stood in Rice's way. Beavers had shut the Owls in consecutive games Sunday to advance to the championship series where they would top the Tarheels in three games to win their first national championship.

Rice ended the season in a 23inning scoring drought with a record of 37-13, the highest that was in the program's history. The Owls concluded the year ranked third in most polls and with the second-best RPI in Division I-Ball.
Robinson repeats as All-American

Third-place finish in discus best among Owls at NCAA Championships

by Stephen Whitfield

Senior Krystal Robinson led five members of the women's track and field team competing in the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships with a third-place finish in the discus, securing All-American honors for the second time. Sophomore Rachel Greff came within one bar of qualifying for All-American. The meet was held June 7-10 in Sacramento, Calif.

Robinson's entire collegiate career has been defined by nu-

cerous dominant performances, leading to school records in both the discus and the hammer throw. The end of her career was no different, as she became the first Rice female athlete to place in the top three in the discus at the national meet. Robinson surged to the lead in the second round by throwing 178 feet, 5 inches. That lead held for the next three rounds, until eventual champion Dace Ruskule from the University of Nebraska threw 180-10 to take the lead.

Robinson's performance at the national meet was impressive given her physical condition — she has had severe back problems. She had surgery last fall, but it barely helped the injury. By the NCAA outdoor meet, Robinson's back was at its worst, and it wore on her late in the meet.

"At nationals, [my back] was as bad as it had ever been, post-surgery or post surgery," Robinson said. "I was very tired.... I don't think I had the strength to come back and win if I would have maybe if I wasn't hurt."

With the third-place finish, Robinson became the first Owl to win outdoor All-American standing in consecutive years since Alison Beckford (Lovetz '03) four years ago. But given her chance to win the discus and become Rice's first national champion in any event since 2002, Robinson said she was frustrated by the outcome.

"I wish I had done better, but I knew I couldn't have done any better than I did," she said. "I went in there and threw as hard as I could throw, and so... I ended my collegiate career the best way I could under the circumstances."

Robinson was not the only Owl to turn in a strong performance. Greff, who won the pole vault at the Conference USA outdoor championships in May, would have tied for sixth at nationals had she taken just one attempt to clear 13-5. However, because she took two attempts to clear the bar, she finished in tenth place, two spots short of All-American honors. Last year, Greff finished in 18th and did not even qualify for the finals.

"Rachel continues to get better," head coach Jim Bevan said. "A year ago, she cleared the opening bar and that's it. But this year, she cleared a couple of bars and made it to the second... She's just knocking on the door of All-American. She has a chance to make national next year, and she has a chance to medal next year..."

None of the other three Owls could not maintain his pace and finished tenth with a time of 3 minutes, 50.64 seconds.

The first heat was outmatching fast, and that led to us believing the second heat was going incredibly fast, but the second heat came out crawling," Warren said. "It was a long race, and we got out a little too soon and got swallowed up in the homestretch."

Wright, Walsh come up short at nationals

by Stephen Whitfield

For the first time in two years, the men's track and field team sent athletes to the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, held June 7-10 in Sacramento, Calif. Despite coming into the meet off of record-breaking outdoor seasons, none of Rice's four competitors earned All-American status, which requires a top-eight finish.

Sophomore Omar Wright's ninth-place finish in the high jump was the only top-ten mark for any Owl, and senior Ryan Walsh was the only other Owl to place in an event — 17th in the decathlon.

Wright turned in the best performances by a Rice athlete by clearing 7 feet, 1.5 inches, less than an inch shorter than the school record he tied en route to the Conference USA title in May. Head coach Jon Warren (Jones '88) said the high jump was unusually competitive.

"It was arguably one of the best events of the whole meet," Warren said. "He jumped well. It was just the other guys jumped [higher]."

Junior Pablo Solares, an automatic qualifier in the 1,500 meters who posted the third-fastest time of the College region, did not make the final round at nationals. Unlike Wright, Solares fell victim to a10th-place finish, Solares' heat was a full eight seconds behind the other heat. Solares led the heat with 300 meters left, but he

RICE ALL-AMERICANS

The women's track and field team has had at least one outdoor All-American in seven of the past ten years. The Owl outdoor All-Americans since 1997:

1997 Andrea Blacklett, 400-meter hurdles
1999 Andrea Blacklett, Melissa Straker, Ta'Nisha Mills, Elizabeth Fox, 4x100 relay
2000 Shaquandra Robinson, 800
2001 Shaquandra Robinson, 200
2002 Alison Beckford, 400
2002 Alison Beckford, 400 hurdles
2002 Alice Falaye, long jump
2003 Alison Beckford, 400
2004 Alison Beckford, 400 hurdles
2004 Nina Myes, 100
2005 Alison Beckford, 400
2005 Krystal Robinson, discus
2006 Krystal Robinson, discus

national champions denoted in bold

See NCAA, page 28

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Texas Christian University, a team 6-11 season. The Horned Frogs' lone that is returning eight starters from a celled due to Hurricane Rita. The last meeting with Rice last year was can-ning together and gel, anything can happen. The Owls open their season the Fall 2006 dance classes! No Partner Needed!

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Rice won just two of seven games away from Rice Track/Soccer Stadium in 2005. In 2004, Rice was 7-1-2 in road games, and with 10 regular-season matches away from home, the Owls will have to reclaim success on the road if they want to improve. "Winning on the road is a mental-moodiness issue," Robbins said. "Sometimes we get complacent when we jumped out to a lead."

"What [playing on the road] can do to your team and to your body is something that you have to break through. We need to make a state-ment," Martin said.

In two exhibition matches this year, the Owls fell to Texas A&M University 8-0 but beat Northwest-ern State University 2-1. "The preseason has gone pretty well," Huston said. "I don't think we came in as prepared as we should have been. We've had a lot of tough practices, and there has been no complaining." Martin, the coaches' pick for C-USA preseason defensive player of the year, will share the captain's duties this season with sophomore defender Alexa Corral and senior midfielder/reguard Lauren Stanley. She said the intensity of the preseason helped. "Our schedule has packed a lot more," Martin said. "Last year at this same time, we didn't have two games like this. We were able to see two early on." Junior forward Cory Martin, Beth Martin's sister, said the team has already gotten off to a better start than past years. "Already I feel like we've gotten a head start on last year," Cory Martin said. "Everybody seems to be waiting for our good talent to come to a stand still. There's a lot more at stake this every year. We're just hoping to take it game by game."
Keys to improvement lay in scoring, goalkeeping

by Matt McCabe

There’s one thing Rice soccer teams have been known for, it’s defense. The Owls have been known for the last several years, and in 2006, the Owls were in the Conference USA Tournament championship.

The defense has always been a key component of the team’s success. However, in recent years, the Owls have struggled to find a consistent scoring approach. This year, the team has made significant improvements in both areas, with the defense remaining strong and the offense showing signs of improvement.

The defense has been bolstered by the return of several key players, including senior goalie Julia Boswell and sophomores Captain Sarah Correll, Kylee Davis, and Claire McKernan. These players have helped to solidify the back line and create a more cohesive unit.

Offensively, the team has benefited from the addition of several talented newcomers, including freshmen Jaelin Mays and Alex Schmitt. These players have added depth and creativity to the team’s attacking options.

In addition to the new players, the returning seniors have played a crucial role in the team’s improvement. Captain Gilly Martin, who missed most of the 2005 season with an injury, has returned to form and is a key player in the midfield.

The Owls’ most recent game was against University of Houston, where they won 2-1. This victory was significant as it marked the team’s first win of the season and showed the potential for success in the upcoming conference games.

Overall, the improvement in both the offense and defense has been a positive development for the team. With the season still early, there is much to look forward to as the Owls aim to build on their momentum and continue their rise to the top of the Conference USA standings.

Staying well at Rice!

There are lots of great things going on in the Wellness Center this semester! Check out some of our services and upcoming events...!

- Get a massage! Get a relaxing massage at discounted price. Available Tuesday and Friday. Call to make an appointment, or receive more information call the Wellness Center (713) 348-5194 or email: wellness@rice.edu
- Avoid gaining weight! Make an appointment with our dietician and make a healthy eating plan, get help losing weight, or learn how to eat for better performance! Rice students get three appointments for FREE.
- Try something NEW... Acupuncture! Your first appointment is FREE, and only $7 after that. Acupuncture can help with stress, soreness, asthma, headaches and many digestive disorders.

The soccer team will play 10 of its 18 games and the Conference USA Tournament on the road this season. The Owls are 21-19-3 all-time against this year's opponents. Their regular-season schedule:

**2006 SOCCER SCHEDULE**

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Home games denoted in bold.

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Laboratory & Classroom Update

- Ryon 102 is closed for remodeling (front and back rooms merging) and will open in the spring as a Linux Lab (Need Unix workstations? go to Herzstein 221)
- New in the Mac and PC labs is the application, Deep Freeze, which adds new management and security features to our systems.
- The Herzstein 210 classroom received a major technology makeover during the summer. Instructional technology was added to 13 new rooms.
- For podium training, see: http://www.rice.edu/~about-it/news/podiumtraining.html
Searle, Hearle lose early at NCAAAs

After the men’s tennis squad fell short of a team championship with a second-round loss to the University of Texas in the NCAA Tournaments, the 18th-ranked senior tandem of Robert Searle and Tony Haerle tried their hand in the NCAA doubles tournament, held May 25-29 in Palo Alto, Calif.

After defeating the defending champions No. 15 John Isner and Antonio Ruiz of the University of Georgia in the opening round, the duo fell to the University of Miami's Luigi DiAgero and Daniel Valderrama. The Rice duo finished with a 17-7 record during a year that also saw them earn Conference USA outstanding doubles team honors.

Searle also competed in the singles tournament for the fourth-straight time, but after the 23rd-ranked senior finally handled Oklahoma State's 13th-ranked Daniel Byrnes 6-2,7-6 in the opening round, he fell in a hard-fought marathon 62, 67, 67 to Texas' 26th-ranked Aleksandar Colak-Becker.

The loss closed Searle’s stellar four-year career - during which he was ranked as high as 11th and amassed a 104-44 record. On the women’s side, senior Black DiSilva was Rice’s only representative in either the NCAA singles or doubles championships. DiSilva, who won Conference USA player of the year honors after leading Rice to an improbable conference title, was the first Owl to play in the singles tournament since Wendy Wood (Will Rice '96) in 1996. She lost to Tracy Lin of UCLA 6, 62.

Four Owls swim at USA Nationals

Four Rice swimmers competed at the USA Swimming National Championships Aug. 1-5 in Irvine, Calif. Juniors Blair DiSesa and Craig Degerman, and sophomore Brian Halsey, along with sophomore Skyler Craig and Diane Gu, competed for their respective clubs at the meet.

Massengale finished 54th in the 100 freestyle and 37th in the 200 freestyle with a time of 50.72. She will compete for the United States at the FINA Open Water World Championships in Naples, Italy Aug. 28-30 as a member of the five-kilometer team. Halsey finished 72nd of 84 in the 100 backstroke and 68th of 81 in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:23.79.

Craig finished 87th of 92 in the 100 butterfly and finished 57th of 100 in the 50 freestyle. Swimming starts its season Oct. 13 in a dual meet against the University of Denver. Rice will host three events this season against SMU, New Mexico State and Miami.

Rice GPA average tops in C-USA

Rice was awarded the Institutional Excellence Award Aug. 9 for its varsity athletics having the highest grade point average of the 12 schools in Conference USA. The Owl teams maintained a combined GPA of 2.906, with a CUSA record of 17 teams holding the top GPA for their respective sports.

baseball, men's basketball, men's cross country, football, men's golf, women's tennis, men's and women's track and field, and volleyball held the top GPA in their sport.

Rice warned about low attendance

In the wake of a 2005 season that saw the football team win 11 of 11 games and draw an attendance of Rice low 10,072 fans per game, the NCAA sent an official letter of warning to the Athletic Department in early August.

The letter, which was one of 12 sent to division I-A schools, cautioned the department that another year of a home attendance average below 15,000 could open the door for sanctions, such as the loss of bowl game eligibility and the removal of Rice’s football Division I-A status.

However, athletic director Chi DiColo said new marketing efforts, combined with attendance at the Sept. 16 Rice vs. Texas game at Reliant Stadium— which can count as a home game under NCAA rules—should bolster the average enough to avoid a sanctions.

—— Dylan Farmer

CWS

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Owls have a great shot at returning in 2007, with CWS experience under their belt.

"It's incredibly difficult to get to the College World Series. We're certainly aspiring to that since we haven't been in returning class 2007.

The Owls advanced to the CWS with a super-regional win over the Sooners in the NCAA sending the Owls to their 11th consecutive championship. The University of Oklahoma June 10-12 at the University of Southern Mississippi.

DiSesa, who won Conference USA player of the year honors after leading Rice to an improbable conference title, was the first Owl to play in the singles tournament since Wendy Wood (Will Rice '96) in 1996. She lost to Tracy Lin of UCLA 6, 62.

Questions? Contact Chuck Throckmorton at: (800) WHY - RICE (or) (713) 348 - 2346 cthrock@rice.edu

Music Everywhere (ME), single genderless Rice student organization, seeking college-age major and non-major music lovers of all experience (e.g. musicians, composers, patrons, inventors) who enjoy meeting like-minded peers, chamber ensemble study (informally or formally through MUSI 340 Section 2: Chamber Music for Non-majors), free coaching, campus performances, outreach concerts, innovative music, long walks on the beach, and some sweet music-lovin'.

Contact by phone (713 348 2346) or by e-mail (cthrock@rice.edu).

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MEN

ninth hurdle, and while trying to regain position, he accidentally knocked over the tenth hurdle with his hands. That disqualified him in the event and ended any hopes for an All-American finish.

Though he notched consecutively place finishes in the final two events, he couldn’t push his GPA over a 3.0 to open the door for NCAA sanction.

"It's always meaningful when your peers vote for you," Graham said. "It's not for myself. This year, I felt like voting for the Prairie View coach (Michael Robertson)."

Rice had three All-Americans on its 2006 team, including Degerman as a starting pitcher, St.Claire as a relief pitcher and sophomore shortstop Brian Friday. Degerman and St.Claire were both finalists for the awards given out for their respective specialties — Degerman for the Clemens Award and St.Claire for the Stopper of the Year Award.

Swevy, who was hampered by a nagging shoulder injury, underwent successful shoulder surgery and is expected back healthy by January.

NCAA

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who went on to claim the national title. In 2006, Sheeprock went on to win the men's title.

"Just making it to nationals is a big accomplishment," Texas said. "Everyone except for Krystal is coming back next year, so I'll be better for having more experience."
The Boys of Summer

Only eight teams in Division I baseball each year play in Omaha, Nebraska, the Mecca of college baseball. For the fifth time, Rice made that hallowed trip. Though the Owls didn't return with their second national championship, they left it all on the field and paved the way to return in 2007. Here are a few memorable moments from the week in Omaha.
We’re NOT your high school marching band...

The MOB Rice University Marching Owl Band

WE DON’T MARCH, EVER.

There aren’t 30 hours in a day. You have work. You have work. So marching practice 2 hours a day every day isn’t an option. By meeting twice a week, we can put on awesome shows, sans marching.

WE’RE A PERFORMANCE-SPIRIT GROUP

The MOB is more than just your average spirit group. We’re performers at heart! Each game is our opportunity to show our musical and theatrical talent in a script written by MOBsters, as well as cheer on our athletes as one of the largest and loudest spirit groups at Rice.

BRING ANY INSTRUMENT

We’re serious. We have keyboardists, electric guitars, and stringing instruments, among others. Never been in a band before? No problem! Want to try something different? We’re here to help. Don’t play an instrument? Check out our SAs.

OUR MUSIC ROCKS!

Literally. Our music folder is brimming with all kinds of rock. From Dave Matthews Band to AC/DC to Santana to our theme song, “Louie, Louie.”

WE HAVE SHOW ASSISTANTS

SAs that is. This unique group doesn’t play instruments, except kazoos. Instead, they build the props &/or act out the scripts that make the MOB unique.

And after an hour with them, you’ll be amazed at what they can do with duct tape, PVC pipe, and cardboard.

INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF A COOL-FEDEDORA WEARING, NON-MARCHING, ROCK-PLAYING BAND?

WANT TO LEARN MORE? Then fill out the reply card and mail it to us. Or email us at recruitment@mob.rice.edu.

And don’t forget to come to our Open House during O-Week. See you there!
SATURDAY 26
Schlep
At 12 p.m. today, students not involved in Orientation Week may officially move back on campus. To put things in perspective, while many new students are off serving the greater good at Outreach Day, you can serve your greater good by unpacking your underwear. Moving in can be accomplished in three easy steps. Get a roommate. Get a dolly. Get your stuff.

SUNDAY 27
No headbutts here
The women’s soccer team plays their home opener at 1 p.m. in the track and soccer stadium. The team is coming off a berth in the NCAA tournament and would love your support, so fast, walk, or drive on over to the pitch. If you find yourself walking over with Zidane, don’t insult his mother.

MONDAY 28
And now I’ve got my boots laced up tight...
Oh, back to school. Back to school to show my mom I’m not a fool, I figured, but today does mark the first day of classes in the fall semester. This editor recommends taking full advantage of the shopping period, because what’s cooler than saying you were in a quantum mechanics class when you’re an English major? Saying you dropped a quantum mechanics class and picked up a yoga LPRK. Regular registration continues through Friday for undergraduates, graduate and visiting students.

FRIDAY 1
PIN-be-gone
Quick reminder: Today is the last day of regular registration. Therefore, if you wait till after today to add or drop a class, you’ll need to get an add/drop PIN before doing so. Try to avoid causing yourself, and the registrar, unnecessary pain and suffering.

THURSDAY 31
War Owl Rally
Join the newly-named War Owls (the student section at home football games) at the Student Spirit Rally at 8 p.m. in Rice Stadium. Come by to get free T-shirts, free food, a look at the renovated stadium or just a chance to walk on the new playing surface. The rally gives students a chance to meet the team and coaching staff. There will be a movie shown on the JumboTron immediately following the rally, pending its installation.

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AMERICA READS
Are you a work-study student?
Are you interested in helping children?
Stop by the Community Involvement Center in the Rice Memorial Center to apply for the America Reads Tutoring Program, a federal work-study program designed to enhance the reading and math skills of elementary school children. Tutors are matched with children at the Nehemiah Neighborhood Center and Wharton Elementary School.

Information Session - Tuesday, August 29 @ 7:30pm in Farnsworth Pavilion

Comi Worship with Us!
West University Baptist Church invites you to worship, the study of God’s Word, and fellowship.

We have both contemporary and traditional Sunday worship services, as well as a college-level Sunday school class that is attended by many Rice University and Medical School students and taught by Dr. Jim Tour. Free breakfast is always served in the class, along with an opportunity to take the Lord’s Supper each Sunday morning.

We are located 2 miles directly west of campus, 6218 Auden between University and Rice. Free round-trip shuttle service is provided each Sunday morning leaving at 8:15 AM and 9:15 AM on the loop in front of Rice’s Allen Center. See www.wubc.org for more details, or call 713-668-2319.

Contemporary Worship: 8:30 AM
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Traditional Worship: 11:00 AM
Mommy, WHERE DO BackPages COME FROM?

Well just follow these six easy steps, and you too can have a hilarious satire section. And it’s not funny, Photoshop it until it is!

Step 1

Come up with a great idea. Eunice! Put in hours of work, and hope Classifieds doesn’t unexpectedly need more room at the last minute. Have ECC David Brown reject Backpages because it is horribly insulting/mean/less funny. Leave before he starts ranting about “War Owl”!

Step 2

Untold realize it is 5:46 a.m. and with nothing to show. Drink aitches Mountain Dew and put on a thinking cap.

Step 3

Contemplate what sort of Backpages can be made from “Fun.” “Blind gurus,” “Jews,” and “Blacks Jews again.” If only you get Jim Tour, volunteers, and angan beads, this would be a lot easier.

Step 4

Throw darts at a board with random written on it—just like how James Joyce wrote Ulysses. Of course, his was much bigger.

Step 5

Snakes on a Backpages. The movie was hyped by Jews, made by Jews, and now incorporates the Thomson. But wait! Snakes on a Backpage turns out to be inproperate. Give up and go to sleep.

Hughz! You made a Backpage, and you were only in the Thresher office for 1 hour straight. Now get some sleep and look forward to everyone telling you how bad it is on Friday morning.

CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSING

HOUSE FOR LEASE. The Colquitt House. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3+2chb, living room, dining room, and study area. 2 central air units, hardwood floors, washer/dryer, stove, and refrigerator. Less than one mile from campus. Suitable for 4 or 5 students. Water and natural gas included. $1300 per month plus electricity. Better and longer than Rice in Strong. (713) 880-6228 or (713) 806-0230.

RENT FREE TO student (male) Junior or above. Private home of Rice. Alum, bedroom and private bath, non-smoking, 4 miles to Rice campus. References (713) 604-6770. Should not be fearful of or allergic to dog.


HELP WANTED

BARTENDER(S) WANTED $250 per day potential. No experience necessary. Training provided. Ages 18-60. (909) 984-0250 ext 289.

WANTED: STUDENT TO monitor and service various solar lights to the developing world, working after hours and interested in solar. Marketing and ad work. Potential to move to compensated employment, 10-15 hours/week. Office in Brisbane, near Rice U. Contact Clare at suhnhung@rice.edu.

SEARCHING FOR STUDENTS interested in babysitting and helping with driving after school on weekends. Last 10 minutes from Rice. gobelporn, north@tul. Call Liz (713) 564-2102 or write liz@fallonhouse.com if interested!

TUTORING FOR LS 15/$40. Required: eligible to all core high school subjects (Math, Science, English, History, Spanish or French), GPA 3.5 Min. 72 hours college credit. Reliable vehicle. Available weekday evenings. (713) 644-4985.

PART-TIME SOFTWARE contrac- ter and/or Neighborhood Garage Apartment with D1L. Interested to Medical Software Collaboration. Hours flexible and negotiable. Will barter I AMP contracting for rent. Please call Karl Walker, MEE (Rice-70 MD) (713) 525-3897.

COMPANY OWNED BY Rice graduates seeks research & marketing intern for the fall semester. Must have excellent communication skills and attention to detail. Experience not re- quired. Located in Greenway Plaza, 10-15 hours per week; send resume to current@tutorials.com.

MALE TUTOR NEEDED for 31-year-old sixth grade boy to assist with homework and projects. Two hours per week. Base weekly. Bellaire location. Call Bernadette (713) 668-6375 in the evening. References required.

LAURER CAFE AND Wine, 3138 Richmond, need experienced server. Apply in person, 11:30 Saturday through Friday.

DOG WALKING and pet sitting positions available for dependable and service oriented individuals. Serving area 5 mile radius of Rice Village. Reliable transportation a must. Compensation from $50-$100 monthly. Contact Rice Village Pets at (713) 544-9573.

PRIVATE MONTESSORI SCHOOL, near Rice University is looking for part-time assistants and substitutes. Great if you are needing flexible hours and wanting an enjoyable and rewarding job. Call Tara at (713) 528-0798.

MISCELLANEOUS

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