Students discuss sexual violence

by Stephanie Jennings

Students discussed the role of the college system in sexual assault reporting and new perceptions of accountability at a forum entitled "Sexual violence at Rice: How safe are we inside the hedges?" Wednesday.

About 35 students attended the forum, which the Rice Women's Resource Center hosted in Kecky Lounge in the Student Center Women's Resource Center Outreach Coordinator Jamie Lintzes, a Rice College senior, moderated the discussion, which included input from Baker College Major Krista Coker, Rice Counseling Center Associate Director Michael Winters, Rice University Police Department Chief Bill Taylor, RUPD Lieutenant Donna Marshall, Wellness Center Director Emily Page and Wellness Center Assistant Director Marissa Howat.

Marshall said about two or three sexual assaults were reported to RUPD last year, and sometimes an incident will initially be reported as an assault and then reclassified as a sexual assault as more information is discovered. Marshall said after students do not report assaults on themselves. "If you or a friend or a roommate will approach us saying that someone he or she knows is showing signs or symptoms of being sexually assaulted," Marshall said.

Marshall said RUPD's Web site has a confidential crime-reporting form that is underutilized. RUPD has also changed terminology for sexual assaults and uses "survivor" rather than "victim" to identify someone who has been sexually assaulted and "subject" rather than "perpetrator," Marshall said.

Jones College Junior Teddy Bucher said he likes the terminology. "The term "survivor" is empowering," Bucher said.

Winters said the Rice Counseling Center does not automatically get involved in cases, although there is a 24-hour emergency pager number for students.

Forum attendees discussed how the college system may affect whether students report sexual assaults. Martel College Freshman Whitney Alsup said she was afraid of the university's reaction if she reported a sexual assault.

Professors to pilot online grade entry

by Bele Binder

Professors will soon be able to submit final grades while at home relaxing or on a vacation. Beginning officially this fall, after a pilot program for freshmen mid-semester grades, the Registrar's Office will allow professors to enter grades through their ESTHER accounts instead of using paper grade submission forms.

Registrar David Tenney (Stid 97) said the online system will be more convenient and efficient.

"Once an instructor submits a grade, it's only a few hours before it will be on ESTHER, and that's big, big plus," Tenney said. "Profes- sors can submit their grades from anywhere, and students can see their grades sooner."

Tenney also said the online process reduces the risk of mistakes being made when grades are entered.

"Whenever you have a piece of paper that goes from person to person and is [appropriately] input into our system, you introduce the possibility of a keypunch error," Tenney said. "Any business process will tell you that the fewer people who are touching it, the less likely it is for any kind of error to occur."

Tenney said development of the online grade submissions began in the spring, along with online course rosters that automatically update when students add or drop a course.

"Around the country, more and more schools are going to this grade submission," Tenney said. "We're catching up.

Traney said Rice decided to switch to an online grade submission system before he became Registrar two years ago. However, the university was in the process of transitioning to ESTHER and could not make both changes at the same time.

"There's been talk about putting grade submissions online for years, but we weren't ready," Tenney said. "It really hasn't been until this calendar year that we've found ourselves in a position to do this."

Tenney said the grade submission process was designed with security in mind. See GRADES Page 6

Academic deadlines

Pumpkin grans go out this Friday for first-year undergraduate students. The deadline for online grade submission is Nov. 30. College course plans are also due to the Dean of Undergraduates' office for Fall 2007.

Midterm Break

Be safe, and enjoy your extended weekend. All classes normally held on Mondays will meet Wednesday, and all Wednesday classes are canceled. The Threat will also take time off for Midterm Recess, so we'll see you Oct. 27.

Weekend Weather

Friday
Isolated thunderstorms, 60-76 degrees
Saturday
Isolated thunderstorms, 69-84 degrees
Sunday
Scattered thunderstorms, 72-84 degrees
Writing and distribution demand major changes

Some Rice students just do not write good. But beyond ENGL 103 classes, our curriculum offers little for students who want to become better writers and demands little from those who do not. The problem couples with a lack of consistency in our distribution program to form the most pressing problems in the curriculum. And both are under discussion in active campus committees: the Student Association Academics Committee is mulling over both topics, and the University Standing Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum will debate writing at its meeting today. (SA box, Page 5.)

Unfortunately, the SA Academics Committee is on the wrong path with distribution credit. By garding the committee's suggestion that 100-level foreign language classes be allowed to satisfy Group I distribution, we cannot see any reason to consider this suggestion seriously. Since these courses are usually more than three credit hours, taking them for distribution reduces the number of classes students must take to fulfill distribution requirements — and does so while making pedagogical demands on an ability to memorize vocabulary rather than an ability to interpret and express complex ideas. And while the committee's status is unacceptable. We so while making pedagogical demands on an ability to memorize vocabulary rather than an ability to interpret and express complex ideas. And while the committee's status is unacceptable. We do agree, however, that the distribution system needs change.

The assignment of distribution credit to certain classes, and failing to give it to others, does not represent the intended purpose of the distribution system—which we understand to be based on both broadening and deepening the subject matter undergraduates encounter. And granting distribution designations to Advanced Placement credit hours not only fails to recognize the importance students currently attend high schools that offer AP classes.

Inconsistency from department to department and division to division causes an imbalance of number, breadth and standards of courses designated for distribution credit.

While an interesting curriculum is very important to us, a useful one weighs equally in our minds. Many undergraduates are not part of a writing-intensive curriculum, but writing will factor significantly in most students' post-Rice professional careers. Accordingly, we propose requiring students to take at least one — maybe more — writing-intensive course and one course at Rice. And we propose to make these courses interesting.

To do so, the University Standing Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum and Faculty Senate should consider offering courses with a focus on writing instruction in a broad range of department and in each distribution division.

Many writing-intensive courses already exist. The natural sciences departments could focus on teaching effective lab report writing and designate certain lab courses as writing intensive. And engineering departments could offer courses in technical writing — the C&I Project in Engineering and Professional Communication already has the resources at hand.

Under this plan, certain courses would be designated as meeting writing-intensive requirements, creating as only students but the university as a whole to suffer. It is about time we catch up before it is too late.

Debate inarguably key to proper politics

The Thresher does not endorse political candidates. But we do endorse debate. That's why we were delighted State Rep. Martha Wong, R-Kingwood, and her Democratic challenger Ellen Cohen agreed to yesterday's debate on campus — and that they included their less-financed but equally opinionated Libertarian opponent, Rice's own Mhair Dehnvanian, a Brown College junior. And it is why we were equally disappointed when Republican Rep. John Culberson reneged on his agreement to debate Democratic challenger Jim Hefner at Rice.

Gratifying that agreement stated the Thresher would be the only media source invited — Culberson withdrew when Henley asked to open the doors. And we know avoiding debates is commonplace for incumbent representatives in safe seat districts, especially when their opponents' mailboxes have sent several school debate teams to national championships. But we persist. An on-campus Culberson/Hefner debate has been great for Rice, the voters of the Texas 7th Congressional District and democracy.

The Thresher does not endorse political candidates. But if we did, we would not like debate-canceling ones.

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

Rice for Life does not support Coalition ad

To the editor:

Rice for Life was unaware of the submission of the Houston Coalition for Life's advertisement until we read it in the Thresher. This advertisement used tactics we do not endorse and statements that do not support our cause. We know that students recognize the misguiding and unreported statements in the ad, and for too are frustrated by them.

We acknowledge, however, that taking part in a widespread movement always creates problems of different approaches.

We would like to clarify the prevalent pro-life position on emergency contraception, since the Coalition advertisement fails to explain this topic of common misinformation. Those who describe EC as abortifacient do so because it may prevent the implantation of a fertilized egg in the uterus. Both Planned Parenthood and the FDA clearly state that besides possible preventing fertilization, EC may prevent implantation. When designating the beginning of pregnancy, the pro-choice movement uses implantation and the profile movement uses fertilization. Because of this difference in defining when pregnancy begins, the pro-choice and profile movements disagree over what an abortion really is. Thus, the pro-life movement describes EC as possibly abortifacient while the pro-choice movement does not.

More to the point, though, the pro-life movement abuses human life as beginning at conception and thus denying the protection of law to and until natural death. While they do not promote a particular reverence for unborn cells, which cannot develop into a child, we do respect the concepts as a unique human being.

Cristina Biderman
Loretta junior
Rice for Life President

Houston Coalition ad libelous

To the editor:
The Oxford English Dictionary defines libel as "to accuse falsely and maliciously," which clearly covers the Houston Coalition for Life's recent advertisement about Planned Parenthood. By implying that pro-choice advocates promote abortion and consciously ignoring the problem of single lives and access to sexual health services, the Houston Coalition undeniably attacks an organization that by its very nature upholds women's rights to choose whatever birth control with their own bodies and lives.

Pro-choice is not about forcing people to have abortions; it's about educating and informing people so that they can make decisions about when and how to become sexual beings, to have children and to determine the course of their own lives. Attacks of this nature turn any attempted conversation between the pro-choice and pro-life sides into an exercise in futility with both sides pointing at each other. The advertisement is a line between free speech and an exercise in futility, with both sides pointing at each other.

The advertisement's failure to explain this difference, its attempt to divide and destroy the Houston Coalition for Life has willfully crossed it. Though "The Thresher" reserves the right to edit letters for both content and length.

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Letters to the editor must be original and include your name and college year if the writer is a Rice student.

Letters should be no longer than 200 words in length.

Planned Parenthood serves student health

To the editor:

I read the Thresher anymore since I graduated from Rice in 1974. A friend forwarded me the page that contained the highly erroneous information about Planned Parenthood on rice.edu the week of Sept. 20 issue.

Over 35 years ago, the Planned Parenthood office nearest Rice was a very great help to me while I entered the university. It also provided service to many of the women who entered before and after me. I personally know of a young freshwoman to Planned Parenthood. I imagine that probably all of the visits that we made had to do with reproductive health, and nothing to do with abortion. For most of us, this was the place to have a checkup at a very affordable rate.

The received quality care that we needed because many of our parents never thought there was a need for these types of checkups or that we needed to prepare for sexual relations with men. I suppose parents back then hoped their children remained children forever.

In 2006, it appears that the writers of the anti-Planned Parenthood page hope women should experience adulthood, and certainly not have appropriate medical care.

Mary Louise Lojeski
Brown '74

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Guest column

Narrow arteries vilify health care services

When I began my freshman year at Rice, I was confused about the issue of abortion. My decision was less than a year old, just a year after the Supreme Court ruled that single men and women individually access birth control. But still, I have often wondered why abortion rates have not decreased. The answer, I believe, may lie in the way that we discuss the issue.

The real issue is not whether or not abortion is a tragedy—that is pretty widely agreed upon. Whether life is that fragile or not, anything we offer to save it must be worth the sacrifice of the other side. Whether it is an issue about which we care deeply, it is also an issue of right and wrong. And in the end, whether abortion is a moral issue or not, it is productive. Buying advertisements that deliberately mislead in order to repeat a lie over and over, or deliberately mislead in order to mislead an opponent is not a strategy. It is a byproduct of the recent history of the anti-choice movement. The studied fact that Planned Parenthood and NOD is productive. It is not easy for pro-choice and pro-life supporters to come to terms with each other. They will not speak the same language. Pro-choice proponents call abortion "terminating a fetus" or "ending a pregnancy." Pro-life activists call "murder" or "killing babies." Somehow one of us thinks that abortion really is.

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Abortion debaters should be agree: Education is a must

It seems that instead of actually talking about contentious issues, people merely bicker back and forth, demonizing the other side. Whether it is an ad that lies about health care issues as they pertain to abortion, or the Thresher Editorial cartoon that rudely lumped pro-choice with pro-life, the facts are the same. The facts must be dealt with. The politicians, the courts, the organizations and the researchers—those who claim to be health care resources for women who failed to provide possibly life-saving information on HIV and sexually transmitted infections to women—have failed in these endeavors. They always have, and they always will.

Kareem Ostrom

George

Come the end of October, students will get the chance to support their party of choice. But with support will come complaints—that the party lost its boat, that its past president is a man, or that their friends are not into it. As a student and First Year and Senior Editor for The Rice Thresher, I want to make sure that the women who are most in need of reproductive health care and adequate education and awareness in their field. In the end, NOD should hold itself to its extremist party partisanship and not give in to those tactics practiced by the anti-choice groups. These tactics have the goal of changing individual behavior or improving public health outcomes. Anti-choice groups are most of the problem. They believe they can turn a lie into a truth. They believe they can turn a lie into a truth. NOD that by its very nature is designed to support the Houston Coalition for Life, I serve on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas and know that one of our core beliefs is in the fundamental right of each person to manage for their sexual and reproductive health. We provide the services and information so that individuals can make informed decisions to live and love in a way that is best for them.

Planned Parenthood does not prevent unintended pregnancies, the transmission of sexually transmitted infections, protect the reproductive rights of individuals and reduce the need for abortions in any other way. It is simply disingenuous—false to say that individuals can make decisions that are healthy and safe for themselves without public health interventions that are powerful and effective tools that prevent unintended pregnancies, the need for abortion and improve the health outcomes. Fear and misinformation are not the goals of NOD, they have, and they always will.

Kareem Ostrom George graduated from Jones College in 1977. She is a Rice Currents/Texas Equation Program Board Chair for Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas.

Rice Voices

Abortion debaters should be agree: Education is a must

Don't worry, I am not about to launch into some graphic description. I do not believe in such tactics. In fact, I think they are most of the problem. Graphic descriptions of harms done to women or graphic descriptions of clinical abortions merely serve the other side. Protestors standing outside of Planned Parenthood make all pro-life groups look like quack jobs, at their level least in the minds of the ear not reaching the women through the crowds like a football during a Pointspread. But these tactics, whether pro-lifers or pro-choice makes me want to try to draw up an accurate picture of a stellar side, whether pro-lifers or pro-choice.

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said there could be social consequences if the students involved are from the same college. For example, the confidentiality of those involved may be ignored, and there may be survivor backlash if the attacker is well-known.

"A problem arises if the assault happens between two people in the same college," Alsup said.

But Brown College junior Jessica Schancupp said she thinks there could be negative social consequences for an accused attacker if students at a college find out about an assault. Schancupp said the support in the college system could make students more likely to disclose assaults.

"One thing that is great about the college system is that I would feel totally comfortable telling something to my members," Schancupp said.

Attendees also discussed whether public disclosure, such as through college-led survy's, about sexual assaults is important. Some attendees said a survey announcement could "revictimize" the survivor.

"Rice is about control," Will Rice College junior Elyse Aurbach said. "Telling a notice about a sexual assault takes control away from that person's aspect of their life."

Marshall said legal issues arise with public disclosures. In such a disclosure, the assault location would be withheld, and a subject description would be provided.

Jansen junior Sally Johnson said information should be aware of sexual assaults but not engage people.

"At [California Polytechnic State University], there's a red handprint placed wherever a sexual assault occurred," Johnson said. "When I visit my friends there, it makes me feel uncomfortable because I walk around and think, 'Oh, there's a handprint on the library, and there's another one on the floor.'"

Students Organized Against Rape Co-Coordinator Ben Shields said he had heard student feedback that SOAR's T-shirt campaign is too reactionary. For the yearly campaign, 72 students wear a shirt, each numbered from 1 to 72 representing the number of sexual assaults that go unreported at a college Rice's size each year.

Attendees also discussed male perceptions of sexual assaults and lack of involvement in sexual violence issues.

Baker senior Phil Redman said sexual violence is usually perceived as only important for women.

"Discussions such as this one are seen as women's issues," he said.

One attendee said flyers for the forum were crumpled up at Lovett College, where an alleged sexual assault was anonymously reported last weekend. RPPI investigation of the report did not turn up evidence of an assault. An all-male discussion about sexual violence at Lovett was mentioned, but there was not enough interest. Hanszen College junior Robbi McAlary said that was understandable.

"An all-male discussion would be awkward," he said.

Hanszen senior George Chukwu said men are reluctant to discuss sexual violence issues because they do not want to think of themselves as attackers.

"It sickens most guys that one of his peers would do something like [sexually assault someone]," Chukwu said.

Alsup said at Rice, men are not included in the sexual violence dialogue.

"For example, all the information in the pamphlets here is geared toward women," she said.

Larina asked whether the forum's title, "Sexual violence at Rice: Blue cards or red handprints?" was too provocative.

Hanszen sophomore Richard Burns said the title discouraged some men from attending the forum. "The guys I talked to said that they felt like they as men would be attacked," Burns said.

Another attendee said the title was provocative because student's think sexual assaults do not occur on Rice's campus.

Chukwu said Rice's culture includes "drunken hook-ups" after Rice parties, and this often results in confusion about what should be considered a sexual assault.

Alsup said sexual violence issues should be highlighted more during Orientation Week.

Winters said in past 6-Weeks, a play about sexual violence issues was poorly received by students, and other attendees agreed such a discussion might not be successful because students might find it to be something too sobering for 6-Week.

"Students — both male and female — said they felt very uncomfortable with the play, and there were advisers who dismissed the play and told their freshmen, 'That never happens here,'" Winters said.

At the end of forum, attendees were asked to complete a survey about the perceptions of safety and sexual violence at Rice. Most students surveyed reported they do not think sexual violence and rape are big problems at Rice. Students also said they feel safe on campus.

Romero said he was surprised by results of the survey because he thought they would be more polarized with some students thinking sexual violence is a big problem at Rice.

Hanszen junior Emmanuel Jonas said he thought the forum was educational.

"I'm not much of a partier, so I didn't know about things that could happen here, but," he said.

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Nobel Laureate de Gennes: Brain implants hold potential, challenges

by Lily Chua

French scientist Pierre-Gilles de Gennes, who won the 1991 Nobel Prize in Physics, spoke Monday about his research on memory for the first presentation in this year's President's Lecture Series.

"I thought he did a great job in bracing between being a student of what he was learning and really bringing the science to an understandable level," Landau said. "A lot of what he talked about in terms of memory, the brain and linking wanting and our abilities to create memories based on our senses was really interesting.

Brown College sophomore Nicko Landau said she found the lecture interesting. "I didn't expect [de Gennes] to talk about neuroscience, but it was actually nice surprise because Rice has really good cognitive sciences department," Go said. "It really leads into so many things about psychology, and it was cool to hear a physicist. It shows all the main schools of thought are tied, and the only real way to go anywhere is to run them together.

De Gennes said that during the potential benefits of neurological implants, these technological advancements are not without flaws. Implants may be effective, but they must be renewed about once a year. "There are many applications, some of which are very hopeful, but some of which turn out to be very strange and dangerous," de Gennes said.

He said technological advancements will likely face controversy as ethical questions. "What have we to educate our children to be able to decide on these matters when they are 20 or 30," he said.

De Gennes won the Nobel Prize for his work with liquid crystals—a far cry from the sensory and memory-based research he currently conducts, although both subjects focus on bringing order to disorderly perceptions-process and store this information to create memory.

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“The [electronic grade submission] security is more rigorous than even the security for the course roster,” Tenney said. “There are several different layers of security that protect the data. Obviously, student data and grades in particular are paramount — we must make sure the data is secure, and we have done so.”

Tenney said the most significant challenge in transitioning will be making sure professors know how to properly enter grades in ESTHER. The Registrar’s Office will hold training sessions for instructors who want to attend, Tenney said.

The online process is ready and will be tested with the processing of mid-term grades for first-year students, grades for partial term courses and grades for the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management.

Biochemistry and Cell Biology Professor Daniel Wagner said although he has not yet tried to enter grades online, he has no preference between online and paper methods.

“[Grades] can be entered more quickly, can be entered from anywhere, and [the process] cuts down on paper.”

— David Tenney
Registrar

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

The following incidents were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period Oct. 3-8.

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Black Coaches give Athletics failing grade

by Stephen Whitfield

Rice received a failing grade from the Black Coaches Association, which released its annual report card Sept. 21.

In 2005, the BCA launched a formal study on the hiring practices of colleges and universities. Conducted by C. Keith Harrison, the associate director for the Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida, the study focuses solely on college football, which has one of the lowest rates of minority coaches in college athletics. Since 1982, only 21 of the 414 head coaching vacancies in Division I-A have been filled by racial minorities. Of the 16 schools currently in Division I-A, 5 of them have minority head coaches.

Harrison said he contacted Rice’s Athletic Department last winter between December 2005 and August 2006 without receiving a response. After the final call, he decided to give the failing grade.

“In a traditional scientific study, if you send out 10 surveys and no one fills them out, then you have a zero percent response rate,” Harrison said. “In this case, this isn’t just theoretical; it also has to be practical. I think a policy like this is good. It encourages schools to participate. They all know up front if they do participate. They all know up front if they do participate. They all know up front if they do participate.

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“As we can make a judgment based on that policy,” Harrison said. “Why would they take an F over sending a black head coach? It’s positive. The data shows that if Rice hired a minority head coach, Rice would get an F despite the fact that it hired a black head coach, Ron Prince.”

Although the failing grade does not constitute any kind of judgment of Rice’s hiring process, Harrison said schools that do not cooperate with the study send unclear messages.
Where are the cowboys?

In 1968 Steve McQueen starred in Bullitt as Lieutenant Frank Bullitt, a San Francisco cop with a vendetta, a loaded pistol and a dark green Ford Mustang. The movie is drenched in stark violence and individualistic masculinity. Bullitt is aloof and arrogant, ignoring the orders of his superiors. "Let 'em have it. You work your side of the street, and I'll work mine." Bullitt is but one example of the strong, stoic male hero on film — chain-smoking antiheroes, a fixture in American cinema from the end of World War II until well into the 1970s. The settling barely matters. Meanwhile moviegoers could just as easily identify with the cowboyish six-shooter he could wield: the young American soldier fighting Nazis in France.

An entire generation of baby boomers learned what it meant to be a man from John Wayne movies. They adopted his deep-down sense of moral handiwork bound with the vigilante justice advocated by many of his characters. Wayne, playing softly-spoken, stoic, hard-drinking, impulsive John Wayne in True Grit, tells the audience with a sly grin, "I never shot nobody I didn't have to." Wayne's characters are at once admirable for their sense of reliability and despised for their lack of subtlety. Wayne was also prone to making misguided political statements through his movies. He released The Green Berets, a pro-Vietnam War film, to unreceptive audiences in 1968. However, all the movies I favor are not just an American phenomenon — Akira Kurosawa's Seven Samurai, released in 1954, tells the story of seven wandering samurai who are hired to fight off bandits. Kurosawa's films are soft-spoken, stoic and dangerous. Kurosawa influenced the Westerns as much as it influenced him. Seven Samurai was adapted for the American cinema as The Magnificent Seven, starring none other than John Wayne. Together, Kurosawa's films and the American Westerns made the French director Jean-Luc Godard say, "Seven Samurai was a hit for me for the cinema as The Magnificent Seven was not just an American phenomenon — it was a hit for me as a director."

The rugged movie hero was an American phenomenon — Akira Kurosawa's Seven Samurai, released in 1954, tells the story of seven wandering samurai who are hired to fight off bandits. Others resem- ble childlike sketches, painted pictures or studies of shadow. One of the most interesting artists featured in Singular Multiples is Eric Fischl. He takes elements of a scene, such as people on a beach, and creates intricate prints. He then strings the individual portraits together to form a large scene. The same perspective is used in each portrait so the entire piece looks as though it was taken one time. The viewer is forced to examine each part individually, adding the dimension of time to his pieces and creating a story. Another featured artist, Barbara Kruger, stands out for her pop-inflected, political and cultural content. Her pieces are a series of prints, each

Prints leave good impression

See PRINTS, page 10
Trace revisits fresh wounds

by Taylor Johnson

At first glance the picture appeared to show a normal white church, its fine stained glass windows unconcerned with the bright rays of the midday sun. One oddity, however, is the empty parking lot on this pleasant day. After a second look, the viewer cannot ignore the church's toppled steeple, collapsed in a pile of rubble beside the main entrance.

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Depepi's a word of a sentence. Together the prints make a statement. Her lithographed black and white and color prints each have a picture implying a word side by side with the word actually written on the picture. For example, in "We will no longer be seen and not heard," the word actually written on the picture incorporates views of the interior and exterior, including aerial views and topographic maps.

On first glance, "Meltdown" by Sherrie Levine — a series of prints made on solid-colored squares — is not very impressive. The "Meltdown" prints certainly lack the carefully chosen color palette of Rothko and geometric balance of Mondrian. It is only after learning the purpose of her art that one can appreciate it. Levine took paintings done by famous artists — including Dufy, Monet, Mondrian and Kirchner — and divided them into 12 squares. Using a computer program, she found the average color that represented each square and then filled the entire square with that color. The result is a totally unrecognizable arrangement of colors. While "Meltdown" is not exactly original, it does make for some interesting prints.

James Turrell's aquatint prints are skillfully executed. Each depicts a part of a dormant volcano that he purchased and turned into an interactive art piece. He incorporates views of the interior and exterior, including aerial views and topographic maps. Most prints are rendered in black and white, with some in shades of blue or tan. Turrell's work skillfully utilizes the adumbrato technique, where figures and objects are seen emerging out of complete darkness.

Those particularly interested in prints should definitely visit the exhibit before it closes Oct. 15. There are more than 100 works showcased in *Singular Multiples*, and the variety guarantees that viewers will enjoy at least some of the art. While the featured artists may not all be known to the average person, they are a worthy representation of art movements in the late 20th century.

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**Thresher Sports**

**Volleyball starts two-week road trip at UTEP, Tulane**

**by Dylan Farmer**

Junior Outside Kirk and Rachel Lopez contributed to the Owls' 3-1 victory over the University of Colorado on Sunday.

The Owls (3-2, 1-0 C-USA) find themselves in a position to win at least three of its last five games to have a chance at making the tournament.

"Right now, we're in a situation that we've never been in before," Huston said. "We're just playing to get into the tournament. This weekend is definitely huge. These are our last two home games."
Football notches 400 yards in loss to Tulane
Owls return to Rice Stadium for first time in six weeks to host UAB

by Nathan Bledsoe
SPORTS;
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2006

With two straight 400-yard performances under his belt, the football team returns to Rice Stadium to play the University of Alabama-Birmingham tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. The game will be the team's first true home game since the season opener against the University of Houston Sept. 2. Since then, the Owls (1-5, 0-2 Conference USA) have played in five different stadiums.

Last Saturday, the Owls lost 38-24 to Tulane University at the Louisiana Superdome. Head coach Todd Graham said he has a hard time remembering the team's last game at Rice Stadium.

THIS WEEKEND
Football vs. UAB (3-3)
When: Saturday at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Rice Stadium
TV: CSTV

"It seems like we haven't played here in a year," he said. The Blazers (3-3, 1-0 C-USA) are playing their first true home game tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. The team returns to Rice Stadium to play the University of Houston (2-5, 0-2 C-USA) at 2:00 p.m. It will be the team's first true home game since the season opener against the University of Houston Sept. 2, but they also lost at home to a Mississippi State team that has won just 12 games since 2002.

Led by head coach Watson Brown, a former Rice coach who led the Owls to a 6-6 record from 1984-85, Tulane has one of the more anemic offenses in C-USA, averaging just 261 yards and 16 points per contest. The Blazers' main problem is they have no clear-cut starting quarterback. Brown has alternated Sam Hunt and Chris Williams at the quarterback spot this year, and the two have combined to throw five touchdowns and five interceptions this season.

By comparison, Rice sophomore quarterback Chase Clement has nine touchdowns and two interceptions so far this season. Clement leads the conference in points allowed and rushing yards allowed per game.

However, the Blazers defense is one of the best in C-USA, ranking third in the conference in points allowed in rushing yards allowed per game. Graham said he is optimistic the Owl offense can keep up its recent success tomorrow.

"What we're doing offensively is extremely entertaining and exciting to watch, and it's only going to get better," he said.

Rice plans to continue to get the ball to sophomore receiver Joel Armstrong, who again caught a touchdown pass in last Saturday's loss to Tulane. Dillard now has a touchdown catch in eight consecutive games, the longest current streak in the nation. The Owls were forced to spread the ball around to eight other receivers against the Green Wave (2-3-1) which used double teams and fronts to hold Dillard to six receptions for 61 yards. One of the beneficiaries was junior receiver Joel Armstrong, who also caught six passes — for 31 yards — in the best receiving day of his career.

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"A lot of teams try to double [Dillard]. I feel like I can make any time the ball is on my side," Armstrong said. "In the last game, we had to win the game early with an undisclosed injury. However, their absence was not the main reason for Rice's defensive woes. Tulane employed a no-huddle offensive set against Rice that led to confusion. Multiple times throughout the game, Rice intended to send players to blitz but could not keep up with Tulane's offense due to poor communication between players with little experience.

"We did not do a very good job of preparing for the no-huddle," Graham said. "Our communication was bad."

Offensive statistics from Saturday's game

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Sid (4-0) vs. Jones (4-0)

When: Oct. 21 at 1 p.m.

Where: Intramural Field 7

Last Year: Sid defeated Jones twice during the season, first in a 1-26 win in Week 2 and second in the PowderPuff title game.

PowderPuff overtimes work like college football — each team gets one possession starting from the opposite 20-yard line, and if both teams make it to the end zone, the game continues into overtime with both teams scoring.

Ten plays and two fourth-down conversions later, Weiss had the ball on the Hansen twofield line with nine seconds left and third-and-goal. Coming out of the timeout, Sid's offense had a pass to the back of the end zone nearly complete, but quarterback Adrianne Giesie Bellet tossed the ball under pressure and it was intercepted by the end zone.

“Brown and Martel, Wiess in on the right track,” said a source inside the locker room. “We have a lot of girls that are playing new positions ... and it’s a rough position to translate,” Schaeffler said. “It’s been a tough position to get used to everything, and I think everything’s finally clicking. It’s not a one-two position, and we’ve seen enough, and they’re not going to break out when we see something they haven’t seen before.”

The loss was devastating for Hansen’s playoff chances. The teams had four games remaining, but instead of being against Jones and Sid, two of the three remaining unbeaten teams in PowderPuff.

Sid (146) extended its winning streak to 14 games with a 26-0 shutout of Lovett (0-3), while Jones (40) squeaked past Will Rice 14-10.

Assuming Sid, Jones and Martel — which includes a win by Lovett (0-3) — will each top 10 points in the final game, the powderpuff championship will come down to a one-game playoff.

The PowderPuff Game of the Week will return in two weeks with a rivalry for a powderpuff championship game, as Sid takes on Jones.

Freshman Flag Football

In the Monday League, Rice defeated Jones (20) by 11-12, 14-12 over Jules (0-2). In the Saturday League, Brown (51) shutout Lovett (0-2) 13-0, and Hansen (21) won by a shutout over Will Rice (1-1-4).

Men's Basketball

The Mountaineer League (1-4) won 2-14 over Baker (0-2). In the Saturday League, Brown (51) shutout Lovett (0-2), 13-0, and Hansen (21) won by a shutout over Will Rice (1-1-4).

Freshman Basketball

Rice (1-1) and Brown (1-0) got off to good starts in the Monday League, holding Hanson's (0-1) and Lovett (0-1) to less than 13 points each.

Rice beat Hanson 41-11, while Brown defeated Lovett 34-13. Monday League play was much closer — Sid (1-0) won 32-18 over Will Rice (0-1).

Land to Help

The Rice University basketball team has received a boost in recent weeks with the return of senior captain Paul Land. Land had previously undergone surgery for a lower back injury and was expected to miss the remainder of the season. However, he has made a remarkable recovery and is now back in action, contributing to the team's success.

“Paul’s return has been a huge boost for our team,” said coach做的事情. “He brings a level of experience and leadership that is invaluable.”

Land, a 6-foot-4 guard, was averaging 13.5 points and 7.8 rebounds per game before his injury. He is expected to play a key role in helping the Owls make a deep playoff run.

Rice University offers a variety of basketball programs, including intramural, club, and varsity teams. The Owls are currently ranked in the top 25 in the country and are a perennial contender for a Conference USA championship.

“With Paul back, we’re confident we can compete with anyone,” said the coach. “We’re looking forward to a strong finish in the conference and a deep playoff run.”

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Swimming competes at Denver today

The swimming team opens its season against the University of Denver. The dual meet is slated for 5:30 pm at the Eklund Natatorium in Denver.

A year ago, Rice finished fourth at the Conference USA Championship meet. A year ago, Rice finished second at the Conference USA Championship meet. The Owls followed up their 2005-06 campaign with a successful summer. Four swimmers competed at the USA Senior Nationals and five Owls made the NCAA Postseason.

Head coach Seth Heston stated that after all the training the team has done since the start of school his team is looking forward to starting competition.

"The team has done a good job training, but I think what we really want to do now is get in and compete," Heston said. "They are looking forward to something new and this is nice change. Hopefully we'll do some smart racing.

Rice is facing Denver for the first time. The meet is also the season-opener for the Owls. The Owls defeated the Owls in the Sun Belt Conference a year ago, and return 15 letterwinners. The Owls will again be without diving points in the meet scoring.

The Owls will remain in Colorado for three days after the meet to take advantage of altitude training at the National Sports Center in Colorado Springs.

The Owls' first home swim meet of the season is slated for Oct. 27 against Conference USA rival SMU.

Rice Sports Information
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Oct. 6, 2006 — At UTEP, El Paso, Tex.
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Hitting % 0.246 0.263
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Digs 27 41
Saves 84 155
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Rice — Morgan 18, McClintock; Coralli, Schugart, B. Martin, McClintock; Coralli, Schugart, B. Martin, McClintock; Coralli, Schugart.

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Men’s Cross Country 2006
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Lovett vs. Baker
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Sid Rich vs. Jones

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FRIDAY

Spooky

Look out! Today is Friday the 13th, meaning all kinds of scary stuff is bound to happen. Haunted Bakersfield! Being October, this is an even creepier Friday the 13th. While the calendar editor is not wishing to take the time to back this up with a TV Guide, it’s probably safe to say at least one bad cable network will have Jason movies streaming for a good 24 hours, which always makes for a good time.

Free jams

No, not marmalade. At 4 p.m. today at Ray Courtyard, KTRU is sponsoring a free concert. Spotnik Monroe will bring its sweet, sweet band name and hopefully some instruments with them, and they hope that you’ll show up.

SATURDAY

Ready, break

Today is the first full day of the Midterm Recess, commonly known as fall break. There are so many things you can do with a four day weekend, or you could just do what you haven’t done all semester: Sleep.

Home again, home again

After playing six games in six weeks in six different stadiums funny, 666 describes the out-of-conference schedule in more ways than one! The football team returns home to play its third home game of the year and only its second in Rice Stadium. Round up all your friends who are still on campus during fall break and fire up a tailgate good and early, and then get to the stadium by 6:30 p.m. if you want to catch kickoff. The Owls take on conference foe UAB and would love all the support they can get from those mighty heeding War Owls. Going to be out of town? Not to worry, you can support your Owls remotely. Listen to the game online or watch it on CSTV.

MONDAY

Nothing at all

Today is decidedly the greatest Monday of your life. Don’t believe me? Paint one, you don’t have lab. Paint two, you don’t have lab. Paint three, at noon, you are probably either asking or traveling somewhere fun, or mom and dad are doing your laundry for you and feeding you a hot meal.

TUESDAY

Go away

Seriously, what are you looking at? It’s the last day of fall break, and you really expect something to be going on that’s noteworthy enough to make it into the calendar? Go back to bed, or go get a snack somewhere, you moron.

Wednesday, November 13

Canadian

All Monday classes meet today, and all normal Wednesday classes are cancelled. Is today Monday, or is today Wednesday, you may ask. Were you to ask this question, the best response would have something to do with the fact that this is a three-day week, so who really cares. Tomorrow is Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday all wrapped into one.

Wednesday, November 14

Start your (two-cycle) engines

Visual Arts Professors Brian Heilman and Charles Dove and guest speaker Kim Henkel, creator of The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, are holding a free lecture tonight at 7 p.m. in the Rice Media Center. The lecture, entitled "Scared to Death," examines why horror movies dominate our mainstream movie theatres these days. So go, but don’t forget your battle axe.

Wednesday, November 15

Japanese

While today you may not have your normal Wednesday responsibilities, the rest of the world does, including Japan. The Japanese culture has a reputation for placing a high value on work ethic, but that probably doesn’t make Wednesday any more enjoyable. Japanese culture has recently given us such pop-culture phenomena as anime and the delicious uncooked treat that is sushi. Pop culture aside, today is still Wednesday, even in Japan. So whether after-work happy hour is at the corner tavern or a karaoke bar, you can find people singing the hump day blues.

Monday

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Monday, November 19

Start your (two-cycle) engines

Visual Arts Professors Brian Heilman and Charles Dove and guest speaker Kim Henkel, creator of The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, are holding a free lecture tonight at 7 p.m. in the Rice Media Center. The lecture, entitled "Scared to Death," examines why horror movies dominate our mainstream movie theatres these days. So go, but don’t forget your battle axe.

Monday, November 26

Finally

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North Colleges test nuclear bong

Representatives from the North Colleges reported they have performed a successful test of a nuclear bong. According to them, there was no measurable leak in this highly efficient, highly dangerous form of marijuana consumption.

"The field of unanswerable use in the HSSFDRNC (Hippy Stoner Sunshine Fanzine Democratic Republican of North Colleges) successfully conducted an underground nuclear bong test under secure conditions, making a great leap forward in the building of a powerful North-dominated college system."

Experts speculate the North constructed the device in an attempt to attract partying South College residents while driving insular North College residents off campus — making the North Colleges the campus social center.

In an instant reaction, the South Colleges called for the Student Association to discuss the issue and push for sanctions.

"A bong of this magnitude risks the entire South and North Colleges after the Rice Integration War of 1987, resulting in the establishment of a Desocialized Zone in the Academic Quadr in which only Mob members interact."

However, speculation over the reported test increased, as many South College residents claim the calls from North College friends for rides to House of Fees were significantly below what one would expect from the use of a nuclear bong.

"When the University of Texas tested its first nuclear bong, lines outside Kerby Lane and Magnolia Cafe were hundreds of people long," Austin hippy Stephen Whitefield said. "There are significantly more students at UT to be affected, but I would still expect a much greater response than what was observed at the House of Fees and Taco C."

A dearth of usual effects from a nuclear bong leads experts to speculate that something may have gone wrong with the test. The prevalent theory is that the necessary core of highly enriched hooch was actually nothing more than low-end swag.

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