Central command refines NOD security

Party-goers are captured on a shadowbox in the Wiess College Commons at Night of Decadence Oct. 28. About 1,400 people attended the party.

Failed a few tests?

Today is the last day to designate a course as pass/fail. It is also the last day for returning students to drop a course with a fee. Forms are due to the Office of the Registrar by 5 p.m.

Meet the president

Visit President David Leebron in the Allen Center during his office hours Wednesday from 3-4 p.m.

INSIDE

Candidate for the Council for Biotechnology Information in Washington, D.C. will be useful since Rice needs to decide whether to increase its representation in Washington. Additionally, she is familiar with biotechnology and petroleum, which are important to Rice and Houston.

Leebron said Thrane’s hiring comes at a time when Rice’s public relations are especially important. In 2009, the state of the artful class will increase by 30 percent. At the same time, Leebron wants to increase the percentage of non-Texas students.

“We are at a point where we need to be very ambitious about improving our public presence nationally and internationally. [Thrane] is excited about that ambition and clearly has the background to contribute to it,” Leebron said.

Crime stats misleading

Wall Street Journal pegged Rice with wrong data

New VP for Public Affairs named

Thrane to head Rice’s public relations starting in January

by Natalie Kone

In an article published Oct. 23, The Wall Street Journal listed inaccurate Rice 2004 crime statistics that were reported to the Department of Education in compliance with federal law. According to the article, Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics suggest that many American colleges and universities underestimate campus crime in annual reports read by current and prospective students, faculty and staff.

Thrane’s personality and varied background make her well suited for the University of Minnesota. She was chosen from about five finalists.

“Thrane was dynamic, and she was well-respected,” Davis, who is also the assistant to the dean, said. “People thought she had a very broad perspective because she has a mix of academic, government and private industry experience” that placed her in a different level.”

Rice University Police chief Bill Taylor said Thrane reported 64 burglaries to the DOE in 2004, and the same number was published in the 2005-2006 issue of SAFETY, Rice’s annual crime report.

Taylor said Rice voluntarily reports annual campus crime figures to the F.B.I. Unique Crime Reporting Program in addition to reporting to the DOE. The UCR has its own federal definitions to classify many crimes.

In 2005, Taylor realized the staff member responsible for compiling Rice crime statistics had been misrepresenting many burglaries as larcenies because he based the classifications on Texas statutes instead of on federal reporting guidelines.

“Rice was found to RUPD charges criminal offenses under Texas law, but federal reporting guidelines use a different classification system,” Leebron said.

“Rice was pegged Rice with wrong data in annual reports read by current and prospective students, faculty and staff. They must also be submitted to the Department of Education by mid-October.

Schools may be fined or suspended from federal financial aid programs for violation of the Clery Act. According to The Wall Street Journal article, Salem International University in West Virginia was fined $200,000 last year for underreporting campus crime.

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Leebron said Thrane's hiring comes at a different level.
Off-campus housing helps
grads and undergrads

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President David Leebron promoted the idea of off-campus undergraduate housing during his Call to Conversation, and we think permitting undergraduates to use a portion of the potential Shakespeare Bowl graduate housing would be a great way to test this idea. We do not want to see an exodus from Rice's residential college system, but providing an alternative—particularly one within walking distance from campus—would provide undergraduate housing options. Having a neighborhood of students in a centralized, off-campus location would provide security and community, not to mention affordability, during the transition to independent residential life.

Vote Tuesday and reverse apathetic trend

In last November's election, Rice students put the "pathetic" in "agathic." A mere 263 of about 1,400 registered students voted at the Rice Memorial Center showing up to the booths. That 19 percent turnout rate was only one point higher than Harris County's 18 percent. Granted, some would say the stakes were not as high in last November's election. Rice's recent purchase of additional property for graduate housing is commendable. (See story, page 7). We are happy to see that the university is taking an interest in the quality of life of its graduate population, which is continuing to grow. The near-doing in Rice-subsidized of campus housing will serve a few purposes: It will make the university more attractive to prospective graduate students — particularly international and out-of-state ones, and while we respect that the housing should be available primarily to graduate students, we hope the university will consider opening some of the additional space to undergraduates as well.

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Guest column

When first became politically aware, I was a Democrat because I was — and still am — sociably liberal. However, as I gained more knowledge about the issues, I have found the Republican Party's policies and ideals to be more consistent with my views. On Wednesday, September 11, 2001, the terrorist attacks on the United States were a wake-up call to the American people. The government's response to the attacks has been swift and decisive. In this geopolitical climate, it is imperative that we support our government in its efforts to protect our country and its citizens.

Garrett Schumann

Liberatarianism puts personal freedom first

Liberarianism is a political philosophy that emphasizes personal freedom and limited government intervention in the lives of individuals. It argues that the government should protect the rights and freedoms of individuals, rather than attempting to regulate or control them.

Garrett Schumann is a Human College sophomore.

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Students trash environmental responsibility

I often wonder how many Rice students realize that the blue bins in their rooms serve a purpose other than being an extra trash bin. And despite the minimum recognition that these blue bins receive, many students are not even using them as such.

There was a gubernatorial debate a week ago, Oct. 4, a night when many Texans were watching the UT-AU game. Of the six candidates debuting high school football or other political games like the opponents, this was the only one that I actually watched. And the reason I started nodding off.

There were some good ideas. But I simply cannot get past the fact that he really stands. It is not that he would hate to have to choose between his ideas. But I simply cannot get past the fact that he really stands. It is not that he would hate to have to choose between his ideas.
Pulitzer winner Power: States' inaction marks history of genocide

by Becky Thilo

History's tragic lessons will be repeated if they are forgotten, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Harvard University Professor Samantha Power said to more than 250 people in Baker Hall Oct. 26. Power, a journalist, lawyer and human rights activist, spoke about her award-winning book, *A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide*, in a lecture sponsored by the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy and the Holocaust Museum Houston.

When former Ambassador Edward Djerejian, the founding director of the Baker Institute, introduced Power, he said her knowledge is timely and that policymakers must heed her message.

Power began with the history of the word "genocide," Lawrence Ralphel Lemkin, who had been looking for a word to describe the Turk's killing of about one million Armenians from 1915-1916, coined the word after he observed the phenomenon repeated during the Holocaust. Lemkin's critics claimed genocide was a crime too uncommon to legislate, but Lemkin fought to bring international attention to its barbarity by promoting the Genocide Convention, which was ratified in 1951.

*What would you have done?... The world starts paying attention when the missiles start flying.*

— Samantha Power

Author and Harvard Professor

Power also pointed to other examples of ethnic murders in recent history, including violence in Kosovo, Yugoslavia, Rwanda and Iraq. She said the United States cannot begin to pay attention to destructive situations only when they rise to the level of genocide. In the past, the government has almost always responded too late, she said.

"Genocide alone hasn't risen in U.S. governmental policies — it doesn't philosophically demand attention of policymakers," Power said.

Power supported her assertion by referencing then-President Bill Clinton's reaction to the 1994 Rwandan genocide, when extremist Hutus murdered about one million Tutsis. During the 100-day massacre, Clinton did not gather cabinet officials or advisors to discuss the crisis.

"For the most part, however, the toolbox stays shut," she said. "The path of least resistance in the government becomes the path of most resistance. If you dig your toe in, your whole body will be submerged."

Power criticized the United States' nonintervention. She said governmental quietude during past genocides has been permitted by a lack of knowledge.

But in the 1990s, she said, the American public began to speak out and pressure the government. Power said the United States improved its foreign response with its involvement in Kosovo, Albania in 1999. Internationally, the creation of human rights programs has fostered the sense that human rights intervention is possible, she said.

Power discussed the implications of 11/91 and put the deaths of 3,000 Americans in the context of the deaths of more than 800,000 Rwandans. She said U.S. policymakers should be cautious about the erosion of U.S. influence because of lack of consideration for other countries and the perception that they are not using their power competently.

"We exclude consideration of foreign life in our foreign policy," Power said.

One of the most efficient ways of holding government leaders accountable for their policies and decisions is through election, Power said, and she recommended her book by adding that she would like U.S. Senator Barack Obama, D-Illinois, to run for president.

After the lecture, Power answered audience questions, the first of which asked whether the United States should take a more active role in Darfur. Power said no countries are ready to make war and that the solution must be tied to a political process.

Power focused on the conflict in Israel and Lebanon when asked about contemporary situations of genocide. She said it is important to identify the moral and legal claims for the attacks and responses. While she was sympathetic to proportional justice, she said the correct response would have been difficult to determine, she said.

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Sid Richardson College senior Zaven Sargsyan said he agreed with most of Power's points and appreciated her use of the Armenian genocide as an example of questionable U.S. policy toward genocide.

"The United States' and many other countries' failure to recognize the Armenian genocide for political and geopolitical reasons — not to mention racism and mutant denial — is revolting to anyone familiar with the history of Australia around 1945, which has sadly been rewritten and imprinted in many unfortunately ignorant people," Sargsyan, a native Armenian, said.

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Rice buys nearby property for possible grad student housing

by Rita Gordon

Rice has acquired a 1.8-acre lot near the Rice Village, which it could potentially build 120 two-bedroom apartments for graduate students in the near future.

Ditman said the feasibility study suggested buildings on the north side of Shakespeare could be demolished to make room for an apartment building with 120 two-bedroom units. The structure would increase the number of university-owned apartment units to 200 from 165. Currently, Rice owns 112 apartments in the Graduate Student Apartments on 1515 Bissonnet St., several blocks north of the east side of campus, 20 apartments on the north side of Shakespeare and 13 apartments on the south side of Shakespeare.

The meeting will be on the north side of Shakespeare; Rice owns about 1.8 acres on the north side of the street.

“Some of the challenges in building the apartment will be to create something that’s acceptable to the neighborhood,” Ditman said.

Above ground, students would be able to have some community spaces because the value of interaction is high for grad students just like it is for undergrads,” he said.

Although the building probably wouldn’t have much density, there would be an effort to include common spaces, Ditman said.

There will be some care taken to have some community spaces, or something that’s acceptable to the neighborhood, something that’s efficient and — because it’s grad students — we’ll want to offer these at the lowest rental rates we can.”

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Ditman said Rice decided to purchase the land because it wants to be able to provide university-owned, housing but developers are purchasing much of the available land around campuses to build expensive homes.

There’s always a lot of demand for nearby affordable apartments,” Ditman said.

Rice is in the process of selecting an architecture firm and has only very preliminary ideas for the building. However, Rice conducted due diligence — the process of checking for property restrictions and limitations on-campus event.

The tent will be next to the Young Alumni tent.

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The next meeting will be Monday at 10 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion.
Rice endowment nears $4 billion

by Eric Doctor

The value of the Rice's endowment increased 8.9 percent to $3.987 billion during the 2006 fiscal year. The increase includes a $524 million return on investments — a 14.5 percent gain — as well as $28 million in donations and gifts.

Vice President for Investments and Treasurer Scott Wise (Will Rice 71) said the 2006 return is favorable, and the greatest returns were in international stocks, real estate and oil and gas investments.

The endowment is modeled to aim for a 9 percent average return on investments — a 14.5 percent gain — as well as $28 million return on investments — a 14.5 percent gain — as well as $28 million return on investments — a 14.5 percent gain — as well as $28 million return on investments — a 14.5 percent gain — as well as $28 million return on investments — a 14.5 percent gain — as well as $28 million return on investments — a 14.5 percent gain — as well as $28 million return on investments — a 14.5 percent gain — as well as $28 million return on investments — a 14.5 percent gain — as well as $28 million return on investments — a 14.5 percent gain. Over the past three years' performance rather than to a single year.

The payout is supposed to fall between 4.5 and 5.5 percent of the three-year average value of the endowment. Harris said. This year, $176 million of endowment funds were used to fund 45 percent of the total operating budget. The rest of the funds were reinvested in the endowment.

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THRANE

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The vice president for public affairs is responsible for the offices of Community and Government Relations, Minority Community Affairs, News and Media Relations and Web and Print Communications. In addition, the vice president must work closely with the Office of Admissions and the Office of Development.

‘This is not about PR puffery. It’s really understanding the essence of Rice and getting it right...’

— Linda Thrane
Vice President for Public Affairs

Thrane said by talking to a variety of people, she will be able to understand what is important to Rice.

“This is not about PR puffery,” Thrane said. “It’s really understanding the essence of Rice and getting it right and making sure people buy into that and want to work with you on it.”

Davis said Thrane’s ability to connect with various constituencies, particularly alumni, was important to maintaining a high quality of communication between the public and Rice.

“I was looking for an individual who would understand... that it’s important that alumni are included at the beginning of conversations versus the end [and] that transparency is important in a community like Rice’s that’s small and close-knit,” Davis said.

Thrane said she was drawn to Rice because of the campus’ beauty and its reputation as a well-respected research university. She was also impressed with the people she met.

“Research universities have a special niche in society, and the work they do materially benefits not only their students and faculty who are immediately involved in it, but the larger world, too, by creating inventions and things that improve people’s lives and livelihoods in the community, state, nation and world,” Thrane said.

Thrane graduated summa cum laude from Arizona State University with a bachelor’s degree in journalism and minors in English and Spanish.
The penal code we use for charging thefts is based on the Texas penal code," Taylor said. "In the event of unlawful entry are classified as larceny-thefts, Taylor said. Federal guidelines classify thefts as burglaries and use their own definitions, which are not necessarily — and in this case, particularly, not at all — consistent with the statutes that the individual states have.

Texas penal code classifies burglaries based on evidence of unlawful entry, i.e. thefts without proof of unlawful entry are classified as larceny-thefts. Taylor said. Federal guidelines classify thefts as burglaries in instances where there is insufficient proof that unlawful entry did not occur.

"In the case of one of the burglaries, I'm not sure if you have a suite," Taylor said. "If you're not sure, something was taken from one of your suite-mates and you couldn't show that somebody forcibly came in and took it, that would be a statutory burglary. However, if you don't know who stole it, it's a statutory burglary under the U.S. Code even if you have suspicions that it was someone who didn't have lawful reason to be there. It's a different burden of proof.

FBI statistics show that 51 burglaries were committed at Rice in 2005. The burglary figure was revised to 56 in the DOE report and in the 2006-2007 issue of the UCR definitions for the offenses in compliance with the Clery Act. In 2005, the DOE published the Handbook for Campus Crime Reporting to clarify reporting guidelines.

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**JAZZ**

Wadada Leo Smith

Premieres tomorrow in California-based trumpet player Wadada Leo Smith plays with his Golden Quartet. The concert is presented by Nameless Sound, formerly known as Deep Listening Institute House. Tickets cost $10 with a Rice ID.

**Ballet**

Don Giovanni

by Andrea Leyton-Mange

Don Giovanni has its 1997-98 season with a fantastic success. Mozart's Don Giovanni's servant and comic triangle is seductive, conniving, thoughtless, and capable of betraying his ideals. The music is good, but Cohen also got into some trouble with the government of Kazakhstan after the production of the Borat film. They threatened to take legal action against him for engaging in a racist Web site under a false name. Cohen responded as Borat, designing any connection with Cohen and encouraging the Kazakh government to “sue this Jew.” And yes, Cohen is Jewish.

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**IMPECCABLE DON GIOVANNI TRIUMPHS**

by Andrea Leyton-Mange

Don Giovanni was Mozart's second collaboration with Italian librettist Lorenzo da Ponte after their wildly successful Le Nozze di Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro) premiered in Vienna the year before. The legend of Don Juan, the boastful son of the king of Spain, became labored in her sustained minor weaknesses. Regardless, the HGO's production of Don Giovanni's servant and comic triangle is seductive, conniving, thoughtless, and capable of betraying his ideals. The music is good, but Cohen also got into some trouble with the government of Kazakhstan after the production of the Borat film. They threatened to take legal action against him for engaging in a racist Web site under a false name. Cohen responded as Borat, designing any connection with Cohen and encouraging the Kazakh government to “sue this Jew.” And yes, Cohen is Jewish.

**YELLOW POLICE BOX**

by Julia Bursten

Jane Austen's Emma

Sometimes, the boundaries of political correctness just need to be crossed. And sometimes, they need to be assaulted, molested, moored, tormented, feathered and poked with a stick. That is precisely what Sacha Baron Cohen does in Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan. Cohen’s brand of comedy is simply, carnally revolutionary, and it is an indispensable tool to point out the need for cultural change here in America.

Borat Sagdiyev (Da Ali G Show's Basha Baro Cohen) travels the United States confusing and disturbing ordinary Americans.
Mute Math
dares to star a keytar

by Tiffany Su
THE RICE THRESHER STAFF

The atonally named, New Orleans-based band Mute Math resists categorization. The band dabbles in a dozen different styles and genres, refusing to settle neatly into any accepted category. Although the music is heavily influenced by rock bands like Police, Mute Math also plays with a swirling Radiohead-like ambiance, occasional mad dashes into noisy electronics and a crooning vocal style similar to Switchfoot.

‘mute math’ by mute math

Mute Math’s willingness to experiment makes the band’s self-titled debut album an interesting listen, but beneath some catchy songwriting the album lacks real lyrical depth. On one of the strongest tracks on the Mute Math ‘Noticed,’ lead singer and keyboard Paul Meany’s pop vocals float over a Coldplay-inspired guitar and piano strum. "Share The Sun" blends seamlessly into "Obsolesce," a more-terrific successful hybrid of grunge sound and jazz undertones. "Control" lacks bite, despite an instantly accessible chorus.

Keeny speaks on the band’s stage show waging on a keytar—a portable keyboard shaped like a guitar. Meany admits that "the keytar’s not really a socially acceptable instrument" but it grants him freedom of movement and visibility. Meany’s energy is a key part of Mute Math’s dynamic stage show.

On "Chaos" and "Typical," Mute Math ventures into rock with driving beats and distorted guitar riffs. Meany’s vocals seem to be about wanting to "break the spell of the typical."

However, the band’s main focus is the music, and the world takes back seat. Lyrically, the band struggles with repetition and the stale teenage themes of freedom and self-expression. There is a disconnect between the music and the vocals, and Meany writes words simply to fit already finished songs.

Mute Math is very much a first album. The band needs to work on blending lyrical composition with musical savvy. There is no question that this is one talented band.

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Application deadline is January 22, 2007

KIM HARTSON

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Program

Canadian Scene breaks concert's social norms

If wanting first concert, but I found myself feeling strangely . . . I've been to hardcore rock concerts with large sets and violent thrashing, where your neighbor becomes your enemy as soon as the music starts. I've seen headlocks at indie rock shows, where the name of the game is to see and be seen and judged and be judged. And regard¬ less of the beat and the venue, concerts I've attended have generally been adver¬ sarial. The struggle was just amongst fans trying for the best view or between hands trying to attract the most enthusiastic responses, but also between the band and the crowd.

They led the crowd in a cathartic yell of "I'm not lonely!" as a way to make John Keating and the boys at the Deer Park Social Warehouse that night seemed to me a little more personally touched than usual.

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Volleyball sets records, splits final two home matches

by Dyhan Farmer

Fans of the volleyball team were rewarded with a historical weekend at Alley Court, as both junior libero Events Kirk and senior middle-blocker Tessa Kuykendall set new individual records during the Owls’ final homestand of the year. However, Rice could not pull off a sweep sweep, defeating Southern Methodist University in four sets but losing to Conference USA-leading Tulsa University in five.

Kirk, who led the team with 37 digs in 390, broke Rice’s single-season record with her 406th dig against SMU. After losing 27 points in the loss to Tulsa, Kirk had 47 points on the year with three more sets to play, making an above-500 finish a near certainty. Leigh Leman (Lovett ’02) set the previous mark of 394 in 2000.

Kuykendall, who set the all-time record for kills in 3001, had 74 kills on the weekend, bringing her career total to 523. However, Rice could not pull off a sweep sweep, defeating Southern Methodist University in four sets but losing to Conference USA-leading Tulsa University in five.

The Owls took the first two games behind solid defense, and after the Mustangs separated by 1-0, the Owls rebounded with a victory in the fourth. Kirk led in blocks in all three of her previous years at Rice, became the Owls’ all-time block leader with 10 blocks against Tulsa, bringing her career total to 625 and breaking Brian Cook’s (Hilton ’06) previous mark of 622.

“Ever since [head coach] Genny Vochy got here in my sophomore year I definitely have improved on my blocking and getting stronger at the net,” Kuykendall said. “I think it’s a big honor, and hopefully I can improve on it this year. I have three matches left.”

In game five we just fell flat, which was discouraging, but overall I was happy with the result and our overall effort.”

The Owls and the Golden Hurricane alternated in three of the next four games, and the match entered deciding fifth set. The Owls won in 2-1 12-17, 12-17, 21-14, 18-21, 15-13.

“Those are some of the best volleyball games we’ve ever seen,” Vochy said. “Tulsa had a great team, and we outplayed them in four of the five games. We’re still young. We’re a very young school, and the Owls recorded five wins this year!”

Despite a 1-0 season finale win over the University of Houston on Friday, Rice (11-14) did not make the post-season conference tournament for the first time in the history of the program. Tulsa University led the University of Central Florida on the final day of the regular season, giving the Golden Hurricane the eighth and final spot in the Conference USA Tournament.

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The Owls take on SMU and Tulsa in five separate dual meets over two days. Rice will finish the season with some progress.

“Getting some confidence and momentum going into the conference tournament is exactly what we’re looking for,” she said. “Win or lose these next three matches we have to play good volleyball — solid defense and execution.”

Friday, Rice found consistency against SMU (13-13, 4-8), hitting .283 for the four-game match. The Owls hit four of five games, but ultimately fell short of a win. The Owls lost the first set, 25-30, but rallied back to win the second, 30-27. The Owls hit four of five games, but ultimately fell short of a win. The Owls lost the first set, 25-30, but rallied back to win the second, 30-27. The Owls hit four of five games, but ultimately fell short of a win.

Tessa Kuykendall scores one of her 17 kills in Rice’s victory over Southern Methodist University Friday. The Owls split their last two home matches with SMU and Tulsa, and they will have rematch with both teams next weekend to finish the season.

Despite win over Houston, soccer misses C-USA tournament

Freshman Erin Scott breaks away from a defender in Rice’s 3-0 shutout of Southern Mississippi Oct. 1. Scott led the Owls with eight goals this season, helping the team to a nine-game unbeaten streak to open the season — the longest such streak of soccer’s six-year existence.

by Matt McCabe

Despite a 1-9 season finale win over the University of Houston on Friday, Rice (11-14) did not make the post-season conference tournament for the second time in the history of the program. The Owls lost the entire season after making a long run down the field. Senior forward Cherry Martin sent a deep pass, and Scott beat the Cougar keeper to seal Rice’s victory. The assist gave Martin her team-leading sixth to go along with a season total of goals.

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Brown edges Will Rice 27-20 in double OT

Brown took one step closer to clinching its first playoff berth in Powderpuff five years with a thrilling 27-20 double-overtime win over Will Rice in the Powderpuff Game of the Week.

POWDERPUFF GAME OF THE WEEK

The first half was a defensive struggle. Will Rice (3-2) barely made any headway offensively, and Brown (3-2) committed two turnovers. On the next-to-last play of the first quarter, senior halfback Amy Richter received a toss from sophomore quarterback Tori Gascoyne and then threw a wobbly forward pass that was easily intercepted by junior cornerback Caitlin Thomas near midfield. That pick proved harmless, as Brown forced a punt despite committing a delayed unnecessary roughness penalty on the drive.

Brown’s second turnover, though, was costly. Midway through the second quarter sophomore halfback Sarah Zelinski tipped a pass that was actually the same pass we got last week. "We knew it was there, and it was there," Richter said. "But they just hung on a little bit longer."

Rice turned the ball over on downs, eventually being forced to punt. Brown took one step closer to Will Rice’s 27-0 lead on its next possession before losing 20-0 to undefeated Martel last week. Senior cornerback Rachelle Conner intercepted a pass from Will Rice’s 20-yard line and returned it 27 yards for the touchdown. With the extra point, Brown took a 27-0 lead.

After an incomplete pass on third-down, Will Rice had one more chance to take the lead. On fourth-and-goal from the 1 yard, Will Rice tackled a handheld, rolled to her right side, ran to the goal line and reached out with the ball across the goalline line as her flag was not down. "We were really close this time," Richter said. "We were really close this time."

Will Rice received a new offensive strategy, Brown is out of its second-chance to catch the go-ahead score, but had an opportunity to win. Will Rice scored a second touchdown on its next possession before facing a possible turnover on downs. Brown will make its first playoff appearance after losing 7-6 to undefeated Martel last year. Brown's second touchdown of the game, this time from 19 yards out on its second play of the period — but an incomplete pass on the extra point attempt left the score at 29-14. Will Rice could have won the game with a touchdown and extra point, but it was stopped at the 1-yard line.

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Week 7 Schedule
Saturday, Nov. 4
Hanszen vs. Brown — 2:30 p.m., IM Field 7

Sunday, Nov. 5
Jones vs. Martel — 1 p.m., IM Field 6
Will Rice vs. Baker — 1 p.m., IM Field 2
Lovett vs. Brown — 3 p.m., IM Field 6
Sid vs. Wiess — 3 p.m., IM Field 2

* denotes Thresher Game of the Week
Competing without two of its top runners, the Owls' men's cross country team finished a distant third at the Conference USA Men's Cross Country Championships last Saturday. At the eight-kilometer meet, held at Lake Kristiannae Greenme, M.C., redshirt sophomore Aaron Robson and senior Pablo Solares placed second and fourth, respectively, to round out the top ten individual times. The University of Texas-E guarantees that you could use the wind to his advantage. Solares, who finished 19th with a time of 19:29, said, "It apparently worked with those three [UTEP runners], I don't think it would have made a difference as far as running the meet." The Owls' top three men placed 10th, 11th and 14th, with senior Pablo Solares providing Rice's top finisher. He placed in the top ten in the all-CUSA third team after the meet. Maxwell had just top-20 finishes in his collegiate career coming into this meet. At last year's C-USA Championships, he finished 31st. Like Robson, Maxwell had made his charge late in the race after running near the back of the pack early. "The season so short, you come in training with the hope that at this time of year you have time to get it right," coach Jon Jones said. "It appears we will meet the challenge. We trained hard all year and cut back [before the CUSA meet], and still seemed to work a little better than it did for everyone else." "Those conditions meant that strategy, tactics and such played a heavier role than it usually does in cross country races," Robson said. "That was why Pablo didn't run as well as we probably could have. He got stuck in between two groups of runners, and he was running on his own for most of the time." Perhaps the biggest surprise of the entire meet was sophomore Justin Maxim, who ran 26:04 to finish 21st for Rice. Maxwell was named to the all-CUSA third team after the meet. Maxwell had just top-20 finishes in his collegiate career coming into this meet. At last year's C-USA Championships, he finished 31st. Like Robson, Maxwell had made his charge late in the race after running near the back of the pack early. "I think we would have had a much better shot at challenging." When asked about running with junior Charles Hampton, who was out of the race due to illness, Robson said, "He placed in the top ten time of 18:12. Mericle was named C-USA Freshman of the Year after the meet, and received first-team all-conference honors along with Daniels. Junior Jenica Waite's tenth place time of 18:32 earned second team all-conference honors. Junior Sarie Barrows ran 18:34 to finish 10th, while freshman Brittany Williams finished 21st with a time of 19:43. "Those conditions meant that strategy, tactics and such played a heavier role than it usually does in cross country races," Robson said. "That was why Pablo didn't run as well as we probably could have. He got stuck in between two groups of runners, and he was running on his own for most of the time." Perhaps the biggest surprise of the entire meet was sophomore Justin Maxim, who ran 26:04 to finish 21st for Rice. Maxwell was named to the all-CUSA third team after the meet. Maxwell had just top-20 finishes in his collegiate career coming into this meet. At last year's C-USA Championships, he finished 31st. Like Robson, Maxwell had made his charge late in the race after running near the back of the pack early. The deadline for applications is: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15. 2006 AT 5:00 PM. Applications may be submitted online at www.rice.edu/start/gala or by mail to: Honda of Houston, 15
He leads the NCAA in touchdown receptions. And his offensive coordinator is comparing him to an NFL legend.

Story by Nathan Bleesoe
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FOCUS ON
JARET DILLARD

One might wonder, then, why a receiver of Dillard’s caliber would even come to Rice. The reason is simple: He had NO OTHER OPTION.

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Under the new spread offense of first-year head coach Todd Graham, Dillard has excelled. The San Antonio native has one of the most impressive stat lines in all of college football. On top of leading the nation in receptions and receiving touchdowns—he’s 12th among all college football players—he’s also at the top of the nation in receiving yards per game. That's the way he looks at it. He believes that ball is his, and he can’t be stopped.

While Dillard’s high school numbers were impressive, Hatfield was the only coach of a Division I-A program to offer him a scholarship. When Hatfield resigned following a 1-10 record last year, Dillard said he was upset with the departure of the one coach who gave him a chance. "It was a bitter-sweet moment," Dillard said. "Hatfield’s a good man, he gave me my opportunity here, and I had established me as a receiver here." Dillard said. "I knew with a new coach, he was going to throw it more, which was sweet, but there was going to be a lot of competition.

The new coach came in the form of Todd Graham, who brought in former University of Texas quarterback Major Applewhite as the offensive coordinator. Competition came when sophomore Tommy Henderson and senior Mike Falco moved from running back to receiver, but as the team learned Applewhite’s system after spring practice, it became evident how talented a receiver the team had in Dillard.

"The guys came out in seven-on-seven drills over the summer and then when we came out into fall camp it was revealed to everybody how special he was," Applewhite said. "As he got more concepts and began to understand the schemes, you began to see he had great big play ability."

Applewhite said part of what makes Dillard great is the little things he does to give himself an advantage—overshadow and gets Dillard a couple of his former teammates at UT.

"He understands the important parts of the route that he needs to execute to leave his body in control and in position to make a play," Applewhite said. "There’s a couple of other opportunities that he’s had to go down the field and make a play, and he’s gotten those kinds of ball skills that the ball’s in the air. Roy [Williams] plays for the Lions, Bo Scaife plays for the Tennessee Titans. He’s got
that kind of ability to catch the ball with his hands.

Appostulates comparisons of Dillard with top-flight NFL talents do not end with his former teammates—he went as far as to compare his star receiver to ever play professional football. Rice when he was in college, his approach would be very similar,” Dillard said. “Very bright, very smart, understands the game, has an impeccable work ethic, catches the ball, understands what the other 10 guys are doing and understands where his interference concept with his spacing. He has a real keen understanding of what we want to do with the ball.”

While Dillard is loath to sing his own accolades, he understands that his greatest asset is his ability to put himself in an indefensible position from which to catch the ball. “I have good ball awareness, knowing where to position myself on the field, how to get open, where to catch the ball and how to catch the ball,” Dillard said.

Outstanding players are often measured not only by their own successes, but their ability to improve their teammates. As defenses shift their focus to Dillard, the entire Rice offense benefits. Described by Applewhite as “the consummate team player,” Dillard’s contributions transcend coming back to the ball on stop routes and taking big hits after catches over the middle. In a 49-29 win over the University of Central Florida two weeks ago, Dillard had to fight double coverage for most of the game. The Golden Knights employed a two-tight back “dime” set with the sole purpose of stopping Dillard. While it worked somewhat in that regard the tight caught seven passes for 86 yards and a touchdown, this defensive scheme allowed redshirt senior running back Quintin Smith to run for 183 yards and three scores.

The making of a receiver
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the team arrived nearly a full day early. In a sport where routine preparation is key, the Owls' late arrival made the race more difficult.

Despite the painful loss, head coach Jim Bevan said he was proud of his team's effort. "We did compete well, since at one point of winning the race. We believed they were mentally prepared to pass on the skills and knowledge they've already mastered.

"I think that that's going to be really important," Kelley said.

The Owls hope to use their defeat as motivation for their next big test. On Nov. 11, the team will travel to Waco to compete in the NCAA South Central Regional Championships. Last year, the Owls placed third and went to the National Championships with a top-three finish earned by strong showings at the Pre-Nationals meet. This year, however, only a top-two finish will guarantee a spot in Terre Haute, Indiana for the national meet. The Owls will have to beat tough competition in teams like host Baylor University, Texas A&M University and Lamar University.

However, Kelley said the Owls believe they are mentally prepared to extend their season for one more race.

"I think that that confidence will show that we can come together when things aren't perfect, and I think that that's really going to be important," Kelley said.

Football aims for third straight win

The football team travels to El Paso this Saturday to face the University of Texas-El Paso for its first game in two weeks. Coming off a 29-21 victory over the University of Central Florida two weekends ago, Rice (5-3, 22 Conference USA) looks to win three straight games into same season for the first time since 2003.

The Owls will look for contributions from senior running back Quinton Smith, who rushed for three touchdowns in the victory over UCF, and sophomore receiver Jarett Dillard, recently named one of 14 candidates for the Biletnikoff Award, honoring the top receiver in college football.

UTEP (4-4, 2-2 Conference USA) boasts a 3-4 home record this year, its only loss a 38-35 overtime loss to Texas Tech Sept. 9. However, the Miners are reeling from two straight losses, both on the road, to the University of Houston and Tuba University. UTEP's quarterback Jordan Palmer, younger brother of Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer, has passed for 207 yards per game this year. His primary target is Johnson Lee Higgins, also a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award. Last year, Palmer passed the Owls for 377 yards and three touchdowns in the 38-31 Miners victory at Rice Stadium, in which the Owls' potential game tying drive fizzled out three yards short of the endzone.

Rice, currently fifth in C-USA West Division, needs to win at least three of its last four games — against UTEP, Tulia, East Carolina and SMU — to be considered eligible for one of C-U's four bowl bids.

Swimming falls to SMU at home meet

The swim teams (14 overall, 0-1 Conference USA) had its first home meet and first C-USA loss of the 2006-2007 season at the Rice Aquatic Center this Saturday. Falling to Southern Methodist University, 174-83, the Owls did not place first in any event against the Mustangs despite several.swimmers setting personal best times of the season at the meet. Sophomore Carson Miller fared well in the freestyle events, improving her 100-yard and 300-yard times to season bests. Her time in the 100 dropped from 52.55 seconds to 52.25, and in the 200, she fell from 1:43.52 seconds to 1:43.09. Miller also joined sophomore Diane Gu, sophomore Skyler Craig and freshman Pam Zelnick in the 400-free relay, to finish in 3:49.13, just under 2 seconds shy of SMU's 3:47.35.

The loss marks a stark contrast to the season-opening win (161-90) over the University of Denver in Colorado Oct. 13, when Rice won 13 of the 16 events. Despite the loss against SMU, the improvements in the men's team show training is going well, and the brief stay in Colorado after the meet against Denver for high altitude may have contributed.

The Owls look for more improvement today and Saturday, when they compete in dual meets in the Phil Hamlb Duals Weekend, held at the University of Houston Natatorium. Rice will face the University of Houston, the University of Nevada, Mesa State College, Trinity University and the University of New Orleans. The Owls need to get of the blocks quickly, especially against their C-U's who are some of the best swimmers in the conference rankings.

— Taylor Johnson
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2006

FRIDAY 3

Pinhead down

Today is especially important to those of you in classes you don’t find especially important. At 5 p.m. today, the second round add/drop pins will become inactive, and you will no longer be able to designate a course as pass/fail. Also today at 5 p.m. is your last chance to drop a course with a fee. If you can’t get that 10 page paper that’s half your grade past 5 p.m., perhaps you should consider stealing past the Registrar’s Office.

Yuppie training

Come to the second-ever Willy’s Pub happy hour, today from 4-6 p.m. If there’s enough interest, Pub plans to make this a weekly Friday happening, and is running great happy hour drink specials accordingly. So grab a couple of friends, and head on down to Willy’s Pub, where everybody knows your name.

SATURDAY 4

Like Galaxy Quest with a Ford

Today from 10:45 p.m. is Culture Quest, the city-wide scavenger hunt sponsored by ADVANCE. So get a car, $2, and two or three friends, and register at scnews.rice.edu/advance. All teams receive a map and clues, and the $2 for entry you a

T-shirt and tickets to the banquet at the end of the day, which features food from restaurants all over Houston.

CONVEYS COURTSIDE

The men’s and women’s basketball teams both go into this season with high aspirations and academics, and they invite you to Hot Dogs n’ Hoops, an exhibition event to kick off the 2006-07 season. The women’s team is picked to win Conference USA, and Morris Almond is the preseason conference player of the year for the men. At 5:30 p.m., five James-Coney Island hot dogs will be given away. At 6 p.m., the women’s team takes on the Lake truck lines, a team made up of former college all-stars and WNBA players, and at then at 8:45 p.m. the men take on The University of the Incarnate Word from San Antonio in an exhibition game. The event is free to all Rice students.

SUNDAY 5

Turkey cometh

In 18 short days, the greatest of all American holidays takes place. On Thursday the 24th, every secret recipe casserole and turkey, the tryptophan fueled sleepy meat, will grace your plate. Now when this happens, you will be faced with the most difficult decision any of us ever have to make. Do you want brown gravy or cream gravy?

TUESDAY 7

Civic duty

Kinky, Chris, Rick or Grandma? By today, you need to decide, because on election day. Head on over to the polls and then watch returns on no fewer than 60 different television stations. Heck, John Stallcup may even have returns on down in Willy’s Pub, because tonight.

Brown is boom Beer is Brown

Granted, most of the brer in Willy’s Pub is probably too light in color to actually be called brown, tonight is pub night for Brown College. So go visit all your friends from Jones, drink free drinks and eat free pizza and snacks. Brown, shit they’re bad — and the college throwing the seminar’s last pub night; from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

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Cherokee

The Cherokee Nation and Cherokee people live communities all over the southern United States, with their biggest settlements and most political organization in Oklahoma. Cherokee have seen significant economic gains in recent years, as they control several successful casinos and Cherokee Nation Enterprises, a company with a national defense contract that provides thousands of jobs. Purchasing cards at a defense contractor is about as hump day as it gets. So while you may be struggling through a long Too-free-iga, somebody in Oklahoma’s in the same boat.

FRIDAY 10

SASPECTACULAR: DHAMAKA

The South Asian Society’s cultural program Dhamaka is today and tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center. Tickets to the show, which is full of dancing and singing, are $6 for Rice folks and $8 for those not affiliated with Rice. Tickets include a generous portion of Indian food to go with the entertainment.

Do you think...

News stories are boring?

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— An interview Mhair Dekmezian

Because he was the only candidate we could contact via AIM at 5 a.m.

Backpage: Mhair, why didn't you serve in Vietnam?

Mhair: Well I wasn't quite born yet.

Mhair: No do you not recognize the viability of the fetus as a human being?

Mhair: Well, I do suggest that we increase taxes to 100 percent to fund federal research for a time machine. That way, we can win Vietnam and the rights of the unborn. And we can always print more money if we don't get enough from taxes.

Mhair: Hmm, good point. As Representative, Martha Wong promoted a bill naming the road around the Texas Capitol building after Ronald Reagan. What character entirely unrelated to Texas politics would you name it after?

Mhair: I recommend we call it "Pauline" and have it lined with hundreds of paramilitary "freedom guards." We should also place the freedom signs inside people's homes, to make sure the terrorists don't win.

Mhair: Ah, yes — homeland security. How do you react to Martha Wong's current vet ad attacking Ellen Cohen from Canada, and what this says about Wong's own Chinese heritage?

Mhair: We obviously don't want hockey players or Communists to represent us.

Mhair: Or women. But how do you answer accusations that you're taking part in questionable activities when you traveled to the terrorist homeland of Lebanon?

Mhair: I have to say that I refuse to support terrorists or deny eating non- FDA-approved falafel while in foreign countries.

Mhair: You submissive!

The Backpage is safer ad is written by Fris Maim.

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HELP WANTED

DRIVER/BABYSITTER NEEDED M-Th/2pam-6:30 pm. (hours vary) Pickup from school, help with homework, drive to football practice, $15/hr, references please. Call Yasmin (713) 420-5654.

"KISS MY PUTT" this holiday season. Looking for part and full time students to run cart with golf merchandise in Houston Golfers (Nov 19th or after until Dec 31st. Flexible hours, training provided. Flexible hours, training provided. Angela (281) 644-0507 alicia@kissmyputt.com.

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HOUSING

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Just because State Rep. candidate Ellen Cohen has lived in Houston for 27 years does not mean she still doesn't have a little Canadian pride left. A Jewish Canadian aka Jewnuk? Strange brew indeed! Eh or Oy?

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