Rice pavilion work slated for April start

by Natalie Kone

Construction on a 6,000-square-foot glass pavilion in the central quadrangle of Fondren Library will begin next month. The new pavilion will house a coffee shop and provide wireless Internet access that will be available across the entire quad. Construction is scheduled to finish in early 2008.

The one-level pavilion will feature multiple seating areas, and a food kiosk will serve coffee, pastries, sandwiches and salads. A wraparound exterior plaza shaded by an overhanging trellis will take 11,000 square feet outside, and pavement doors will remain open whenever possible, Associate Vice President of Facilities Engineering and Planning Barbara Bryson said.

President David Leebron said the purpose of the pavilion is to provide a hub for campus activity and a meeting place for Rice community members and visitors.

“Rice needs a place to gather, a place that fosters a sense of community, a place where you can go to feel comfortable if you’re staying late to work or to go to an evening event on campus,” he said. “We need a space where our graduate students can study and spend some time away. We need a space where community members can come and have a cup of coffee and mingle with us while visiting campus.”

Bryson said the pavilion was designed with sustainability issues in mind and expects it will meet the standards of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System. LEED certification is awarded on a four-step scale that takes into account factors like a building’s performance, waste management systems see PAGE 10, Page 10.

Last day to declare major

Today is the last day for sophomores to file a major with the Office of the Registrar in order to stay in the college. The last day to drop a course with a 2- and the last day to designate a course pass/fail.

Workplace discrimination

Baker Institute Student Forum will hold a panel discussion, “Discrimination Expectations in the Workplace,” in the Baker Institute’s International Conference Facility March 22 at 7 p.m.

Chinese university officials visit campus

She also said there were concerns that students would become limited in their ability to take electives if they pick up several minors. However, she said students should be responsible for selecting their courses.

“I think it’s up to the students to decide what they want to do with their schedule and their time,” Morton said.

Doody, an English professor, said he would ultimately like to see double majors replaced with minors because they would free up time for students to take a variety of non-required courses.

“There are just too many required courses at Rice,” he said. “When somebody makes a double major, it doubles not their opportunities, but their responsibilities. A lot of undergraduates think they can’t just take a whole range of free electives without gathering them under a single roof.”

Doody said he hopes the minors will be approved and used conscientiously by students.

“The best possible scenario is that minors will give everyone more free time to take courses,” he said. “The worst possible scenario is that it will produce the kind of mentality that ‘I got two double majors, four minors and eight new tattoos’ — that kind of macho spirit.”

Faculty Senate to consider two minors

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by Diana Lee

A delegation representing 25 of the top universities in the People’s Republic of China will arrive at Rice this weekend. Twenty-six leaders — including university presidents and high-ranking education officials — will spend two weeks on campus learning about higher education management in the United States.

Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees Cynthia Wilson said the Chinese delegation views Rice as a case study of a leading research institution.

“We are thrilled that such a prestigious group is coming to visit and to learn more about Rice,” Wilson said.

President David Leebron invited Chinese Vice Minister of Education Wu Qidi and other educational representatives to visit after Wu toured Rice in 2005. In November 2006, Leebron represented Rice on a trip with U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings to major universities in China, Japan and Korea. Past contact between Wu and Leebron, in addition to Rice’s prestige and a good friendship, were the reasons the Chinese delegation chose to visit Rice.

When they arrive, the president — joined by Leebron, University of Houston President Juan Garza and former University of Texas at Austin President Larry Fastenberg — will give a presentation to exchange ideas and information about higher education in the United States and in China.

Members of the delegation will make other presentations throughout their stay, but speakers and topics have not been decided.

The visitors will be able to have lunch with faculty members and interested graduate and undergraduate students, although the schedule has not been finalized. Lunches are open to the public; all other events are invitation only.

Leebron said the delegation provides an opportunity for Rice to learn more about Chinese universities. Admissions will be held with selected international students attending who graduated from Chinese universities, and Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman will select students to participate in a panel discussion about each other’s universities.

Rice is the third U.S. university to host such a delegation from China. Similar groups visited Yale in 2004 and the University of Michigan in 2006.
**William Rice marsh could use some draining**

Rice University is named after William Marsh Rice, and wordplays on the carbohydrate are a long tradition at the university. But these days the wordplay of choice is marsh, as in, with all this flooding, how nice a William Rice marsh we knew Rice was planning to build a new swimming pool, but we thought it was going to be in the Recreation Center — not spread over the lawns of every residential college. At all times when Rice is pulling out all the stops to increase recruiting, prospective students should be the only things flooding our sidewalks.

We do not pretend to be landscape experts and do not know the specifics of lawn and flood management, but the current situation is beyond the usual Houston tropic. What should be temporary puddles are living long beyond their expected lifespan, troubling students on the way to class and making our beautiful campus look like the Everglades. However, as students who walk the campus every day, we do have some observations about what Housing and Dining can do to help mediate the problem.

The first step may be simply getting up to date topographical information — according to a November 2004 Building Design Standards report, we are still working from a 1973 survey. It seems like an opportune point to put those plans to prevent flooding on campus until we have accurate measurements. Up-to-date statistics will help Rice find ways to prevent those lakes that hinder students on their way to class and make our beautiful campus look like a bog.

Secondly, leveling out or raising sidewalks would help prevent water from accumulating where students walk. While it is understandably difficult to keep by 5" slabs of concrete pre- floated from sinking in the gumbo that is Houston soil, regular breaks in the Rice calendar seem to provide ample time to correct the most flagrant violations. Although sidewalks gone askew without disrupting the daily travel of those who work and live on campus.

Or perhaps constructing a few more drainage pathways could help prevent flooding and disrupt the planting different flowers and grasses could help absorb more water than our current foliage does. In the end, we have to do something.

For the short term, while we cannot control Mother Nature, we can limit our own contributions to Rice's flooding problem.

We have personally witnessed the Lovett and Hanszen sprinkler systems fight an aquatic battle with the cumulonimbus above who see to best flood the college quads. Not only does this make the flooding situation worse, but it is a horrible waste of water.

And at a time when Rice is supposed to be taking a fresh look at sustainability, moving off the sprinklers during thunderstorms seems like an easy step.

Over the past several years, H&D has done an excellent job with flood management on campus, from the overland flood channel near Wiess to the storm sewer along Campanile Road. So while Rice may be safe from dangerous and flooding damages, it is time to take a look at the aesthetic effects of flooding and come up with some pragmatic solutions. After all, Rice needs a new swimming pool, but not right along the sidewalks.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Monologues not anti-feminist**

To the editor:

The Vagina Monologues is by no means less powerful, "attentive and constantly changing that it is never to specifically encourage them, but in a productive attempt to quiet criticisms — in fact, we attempt to quiet criticisms — in fact, we...

The Monologues are to take action in your best interest, producing limited results. But, if we note your concerns regarding...

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We write this editorial with the best intentions; it is a call to the student body. We appreciate and note your concerns regarding...

What? Students seem to follow the...
**Self-proclaimed gadfly**

**Lox and bagels: Keys to a better Rice**

As part of President David Leebron's Vision for the Second Century, Rice's goal of attracting more qualified students from outside Texas, Most Rice students are expected to graduate in four years. However, many choose to remain for an additional year or two. This is the case with many of my friends, who have chosen to stay an extra year or two. I believe that this is a good decision, as it allows students to fully experience the university and its offerings. In addition, it provides a unique opportunity to explore different fields of study and gain valuable work experience. However, I also recognize that staying for an additional year or two can be challenging, as it requires a significant financial commitment. I believe that Rice should do more to support students who choose to remain for an additional year or two, by offering additional financial aid and other resources to help them succeed. Otherwise, it may be difficult for some students to afford to stay for an additional year or two. This is especially true for students who are from low-income families, as they may not have the resources to afford the additional cost. Overall, I believe that Rice should continue to support its students and facilitate their academic and personal growth. By doing so, we can continue to attract and retain the best students, and ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed.
Guest column

I'm waiting for a bloody revolution of the people

Our government is very proud of the fact that it has the power to kill its own citizens. Their methods are brutal but equally lethally effective, I will make no statement about the war, because to do so would be completely pointless — but needless to say, it is exploiting one of the many advantages of this system to their and our disadvantage.

Personally, I only came to this edgy recent as I will wholeheartedly express this way our government has the power to kill its citizens. However, Peter Parker's uncle once told me: "With great power comes great responsibility." So I will try to think about our government's responsibility to watch them back, because it doesn't show with the respect for the capacity of its citizens to decide for themselves and everyone else. And by everyone else, I mean those who face legally represent the head of the The Man — whether behind a desk, a gun or an election.

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For instance, if there were four million people in active and reserve duty in the military, then each of them would have to detrain or kill one hundred U.S. citizens to stop Revolution. I don't care how well you can govern the U.S. government's responsibility to take out or kill one hundred U.S. citizens in a systematic way.

Is there anyone who has learned five languages has surely got it together enough to at least pretend to be qualified with any sort of mental development. When our current president, Barack Obama, disposes of some scumbags out of cryogenic detention or kill, he is ashamed of his own country. Or maybe he is a greedy pig and has no shame. Thes Pope invented Hell for those kind of people.

Perhaps as the world coaxes me to mature, I will get the ostentatious privilege of realizing that politics is not so cheesy as it appeared when I was six and watched Michael Douglas inilk for me because I heard it on the radio. That's, so bloody real, naive.

Some what people who have learned five languages may have got it together enough to at least pretend to be qualified with any sort of mental development. However, it is also said that this brain-dead monkey is not even making decisions — and decision-making is supposed to be his specialty. He is a Decider, after all. If that is the case — and we cannot even look to one individual and say: "Stop making those goddamn stupid decisions or I'm going to kill you." then we will have to kill everyone in government until those stupid decisions stop.

Still, though, some day they may have an idea of making decisions — and decision-making is supposed to be his specialty. He is a Decider, after all. If that is the case — and we cannot even look to one individual and say: "Stop making those goddamn stupid decisions or I'm going to kill you." then we will have to kill everyone in government until those stupid decisions stop.

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NPR Correspondent Juan Williams: Americans still face racial divides

by Matthew McKee

Tuesday night.

The very word 'assimilation' takes on a new meaning in this context," Williams said. "We no longer talk about the great American melting pot. Demographers now talk about the great American mosaic or the great American salad bowl.

Further, citing high divorce rates, low graduation rates, overbearing older generations and high rates of births out of wedlock among minorities, Williams portrayed a bleak situation for minorities contrasting with images of progress in American society.

"The race conversation is anachronistic, so it's a huge challenge," Williams said in his lecture at the Baker Institute Commons, Willy's Pub on Monday night.

"It's a little more controversial," Burns-Wright said. "He did a good job of not upsetting anyone in the audience."

"Burns-Wright said he was a good speaker to bring to the forefront of an important issue," Williams said. "He talked about fictional present-day encounter with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., about these issues to show the lack of research and how much America has left to do before they realize their dream.

Williams, through the fictional F. Kingvon confrontm, lamented the startling racial divide. Speaking to a full room in the Baker Institute Commons, Williams said America has made a lot of progress improving the quality of life for minorities, but a lot remains undone.

Williams said the difficulties facing students in part because society does not talk about race. He said that the major reform discussions occurring today's society revolve around the class divide.

"The race conversation is anachronistic, so it's a huge challenge to engage that conversation," he said.

For the first section of his lecture, Williams delivered a remarkable fact about the changing political, demographic and economic landscapes in the U.S.

Citing rapid population growth, increased immigration and soaring numbers of minority groups, he painted a picture of the new context facing Americans. He emphasized the nation's incredibly diverse demographic makeup.

"The idea of actually coming to terms with the moment of consciousness, 'what Americans realize the startling racial divide,' specifically cited the recent situation resulting from Hurricane Katrina. Williams applauded the efforts of other cities who provided aid but criticized the American public for ignoring important issues.

"The idea of actually coming to terms with the moment of consciousness... that just evaporated," he said. "It's as if Americans enjoyed far more taking shots from the left and the right than actually doing something about the poverty in their midst."

He concluded the lecture by issuing a call to action against the prevalent cold shoulder when discussing the race.

"There are some who want you to take the sleeping pill and make you believe... you can't make a difference," Williams said. "You gotta spit out those sleeping pills. You gotta be the kind of people who, because of the value of the education you receive here, keep your eyes on the prize."

"The prize for Williams is the opportunity for all minorities to break into mainstream American society."

Jones College senior Alicia Williams applauded the efforts of National Public Radio and Fox News Juan Williams to deliver a lecture on "The Changing Face of Race in America." Tuesday night.

The America Reads Student Coordinator is responsible for the creation, implementation, and maintenance of a federally-funded reading program in 2 community-based settings. The Student Coordinator will direct the selection, training, placement, and evaluation of 40-60 tutoring and multiple tutoring sites under a budget of approximately $60,000. The position begins during the summer of 2007 (flexible start date) and continues through the 2007-2008 academic year.

For more information on the positions or programs or to apply, please visit http://www.rice.edu/service.

Interested individuals may also contact Christa Leimbach (713-348-6044 or leimbach@rice.edu), Assistant Director of the Community Involvement Center with any questions.
Student Media Adviser Jen Cooper's (Will Rice '90) presentation on Beer Bike will give a historical perspective on that Rice tradition. Taylor said Cooper, the "unofficial historian" of Beer Bike, will give a fitting presentation.

4:00 p.m. Duncan Hall
Panelists: Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman, CAAM professor and former Sid Rich Master Steve Cox, Martel RA Brian Gibson, Political Science Professor Ric Stoll, Baker junior Jessica Carter, Martel senior Elizabeth Kaczynski

Owl Weekend logo contest!

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Questions? Email owlwknd@rice.edu.
The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed:

- Student Association External Vice President Ceci Mesta, a Martel College junior, said the SA will hold a baseball tailgate in conjunction with the Student Athletic Advisory Council tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. outside Reckling Park. College servers will be closed for lunch and barbecue will be served at the event. T-shirts will be available for sale for $3 for students or $7 for non-students, and SAAC will host activity booths.

- Internal Vice President Laura Kelley, a Brown College junior, said the faculty senate approved making course evaluation results available to students online. Will Rice College president Brian Schweb, a senior, said the faculty senate approved the motion unanimously.

- SA senator Matt Youn said he plans to speak to the faculty senate at its March 28 meeting to discuss the academic calendars for the next few years. Youn, a Brown sophomore, said he feels the decision to shorten winter break was made without adequate student discussion and should be reevaluated.

- SA Secretary Sarah Baker announced the President and Dean’s study break will be held April 29 and will be superhero themed. Baker, a Lovett College sophomore, asked for suggestions for themed food for the break. Students should send an e-mail to baker@rice.edu with ideas.

- The chairs of four SA committees presented their annual reports. Sports and Health Committee Chair Lindsay Zwizer said her committee discussed a number of new ideas that would like to include more students in future discussions and implementation. Achievements this year included helping a mentoring program at the Baylor Teen Health Clinic and planning the Prowler-full All Star Game in December. Zwizer, a Brown sophomore, said SA new student representatives will help to plan two baseball tailgate volunteers at Texas Children’s Hospital and help organize the Flying Owls SA neck.

- Student Life Committee Chair Paul Tucker said his committee’s annual goals included campus beautification, increasing communication between campus organizations and providing better on-campus dining alternatives. Tucker, a Brown sophomore, said committee members lost focus on the goals after similar projects were suggested by other parts of the SA. Tucker suggested the committee focus on one student life issue at a time and also that the SA form special committees and joint/university committees to deal with specific student life topics.

- Kelley spoke on behalf of the Academics and Environmental Affairs Committees. She said the Committee intends to present the SA’s plan to the Faculty Senate. The Environmental Affairs Committee will meet with Associate Vice President of Housing and Dining Mark Dihlin before the end of the year to discuss implementing renewable energy at the colleges. Kelley said that committee is considering sending representatives to the colleges to help promote environmental awareness. Environmental committee members will also help plan an Earth Day event.

- Kelley asked for suggestions for raising awareness about the SA committees. Senators suggested purchasing Facebook ads and improving the SA website.

- The SA unanimously approved the Gymnastics and Tumbling Club, which promotes development in gymnastics and tumbling. The organization may eventually develop into a club sport.

- The SA unanimously approved amendments to the Black Student Association’s constitution that update the document from its 1996 version.

The next meeting will be Monday at 10 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion.

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Spontaneous harmonics

The Philharmonics and Spontaneous Combustion shared the stage in Hammen Commons Thursday evening to entertain for the ASB Nicaragua spring break trip.

2007 Year-End Awards

The Office of Student Activities, the SA Awards Committee, the Association of Rice Alumni, and the Community Involvement Center coordinate their respective year-end awards that recognize service by students to the Rice community. Any member of the Rice community may submit a nomination. Qualified candidates may be considered for any of the five awards. If you have any questions please contact the Office of Student Activities (x4907).

The RICE UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD, given in memory of Dean of Students Hugh Scott Cameron, is awarded to as many as four individuals of the Rice student population, past and present, who have been most exemplary in rendering service to the student body.

The SALLYPORT AWARD is presented by the Association of Rice Alumni to recognize a deserving:
- (i) undergraduate degree candidate who has made contributions to the Rice community above his or her individual college and who may not otherwise be recognized.
- (ii) graduate degree candidate who has made contributions to the Rice community above his or her individual department and who may not otherwise be recognized.

A faculty letter of recommendation and a resume are required for the Sallyport Award.

The OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS are given to graduating seniors who have contributed the most to excellence at Rice University. This award recognizes excellence not only in service but also performance, dedication, and character.

The MORTY RICH SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a continuing student who has distinguished himself/herself through his/her commitment and service to Rice and/or to the greater community. The successful candidate(s) will have recognized a need in the community, developed objectives, and implemented or established program(s) that would benefit the community and will realize no personal gain for these efforts.

The ALAN GROB PRIZE is awarded annually to the Rice undergraduate who, through service to the larger community, has demonstrated the most devotion to the needs and interests of the economically and culturally disadvantaged. The recipient must be a current Rice University undergraduate, but does not have to be continuing (can be a graduating senior).

You may nominate a student for one or more of the above awards at http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~stact/awards.html. The deadline for nominations is 5 pm Friday, March 30th, 2007.
A group of student volunteers has a new reason to visit Fondren Library, and their visits will soon help another group of students access textbook material. Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, a national organization with a mission to provide textbook recordings to students with print disabilities, has set up shop on the fourth floor of Fondren Library.

About 35 prospective volunteers attended an information session Monday to learn more about Rice's unique involvement with RFBD.

The satellite operation in Fondren is RFBD's first on-campus recording site in the organization's 59-year history. The University of Tennessee-Knoxville also sponsors a satellite recording site, but it is located about 25 miles from campus.

Graduate Student Association President Jordan Miller led the initiative to get RFBD on Rice's campus. He said the idea came from a fall GSA retreat. One of the GSA's goals this year was to get more involved in service activities, and Miller said this program will provide a unique service opportunity that will also benefit students.

"The greatest mutual benefit for both the Rice community and RFBD is how convenient it will be for people to volunteer," he said. "The recording equipment is located right in the center of campus. Additionally, RFBD will soon be able to capitalize on the intellect of the Rice community by sending us specialty books such as French textbooks, or even physics or math books."

RFBD volunteers complete a training process and then spend at least four hours per month reading from textbooks and recording their voices on digital software. The recordings are assembled into full books and published at RFBD's national headquarters in Princeton, NJ. Six students have already been trained in Austin as core volunteers and will lead new volunteers in training sessions.

"It might be that [volunteers] are reading from a book that will be in the hands and ears of a Rice student," Serafine said.

Miller said he is especially pleased with the program's location in the library, because it is in a central location on campus and quiet, and Fondren staff manage the recording studio's security — a key to the room is on reserve at the library's information desk, and volunteers who are on the access list can check it out like a key to a study room.

The studio, which consists of a laptop and RFBD's portable digital recording equipment, will be stored over the summer and during finals to free up the study room space in the library.

In addition to being portable, the equipment is high-tech and fun for electronics fans to play with, RFBD Gulf Coast Outreach Coordinator Rheaa Arscott said at the information session Monday. Volunteers will plug in and edit their own tracks, which will make the service a more engaging activity and allow volunteers to take ownership of their work, she said.

"These aren't your old cassette tapes," Serafine said. "Students volunteers are in charge of quality control, corrections, edits, everything. This is their show."

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Rice fourth best value private university

Rice is fourth best value private university in the country, according to The Kiplinger Letter.

Only CalTech, Yale and Harvard top Rice on the list. Duke, Princeton, MIT, Emory, Columbia and Pennsylvania also made the top 10.

Two thirds of Kiplinger's formula is based on academic quality, using factors such as student faculty ratio and SAT scores. The remaining third is based on affordability, which incorporates costs after need-based aid, aid from grants, non-need-based aid and average debt at graduation.

The average debt of Rice graduates is $14,680. The lowest university in that category is Princeton University, at $14,750, and the school in Kiplinger's top 50 with the highest average debt is New York University, at $29,480.

In Kiplinger's top 25, only Trinity University has a lower total yearly cost than Rice, at $30,797. Rice's cost is $37,364, and the most expensive school on the list is the University of Chicago, at $47,472.

Nine schools in the top 50 have lower costs after need-based aid. An average Rice student, according to Kiplinger, pays $20,475 after need-based aid.

This year is the sixth time Kiplinger has published the report. In 2004, Rice made second place on the list, and in 1999, it ranked first.

— David Brown

Campanile needs editor in chief

The 2007-08 Campanile will not have an elected editor in chief.

No students petitioned to run for the position in the Student Association's February general election or in next week's Spring Elections. That leaves the position to be filled with an appointment by the Student Association sometime before the end of the summer, when the editor in chief traditionally begins working.

Current Campanile Editor in Chief Joseph Ramirez said some students have expressed interest in the position, including some not currently on staff, as well as five current Campanile editors interested in coming on staff. But no one signed up to be on the ballot.

"We have people who haven't worked in the Campanile yet who want the job, who are into InDesign and Photoshop, but they have to work on the Campanile before they can be eligible."

Ramirez himself was appointed as editor in chief when the elected editor stepped down last summer. Ramirez volunteered for the job, was appointed and started working mid-summer.

Ramirez said he is confident the Campanile staff can find a consensus candidate. If they cannot, he said, the decision will be up to the SA.

— David Brown

Graduate student attacked Wednesday

A graduate student was assaulted with pepper spray on his way home from campus around 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The student was on his bicycle a few blocks from the Rice Graduate apartments when an unidentified assailant maced him from the window of a passing pick-up truck, according to an e-mail that was sent to all graduate students shortly after the attack.

The e-mail, forwarded by Graduate Student Association President Jordan Miller to protect the victim's privacy, said that the attacker then got out of the truck, sprayed the victim again and attempted unsuccessfully to take his backpack.

"It's crazy that people are getting attacked with pepper spray," he said.

Miller said he thanks graduate students have been properly notified.

He also forwarded the message to Student Association President Althea Tupper and Assistant College Senior Vice President to spread the word to undergraduates.

— Julia Buxton
Student Association Spring Elections

Voting begins online March 22 at noon and ends at 1 p.m. March 23.

To vote, go to sa.rice.edu or follow the Rice homepage link.

RSVP CHAIR
Linda (Lynn) Quon

Hi! I'm Lynn Quon and I want to be your next Rice Student Volunteer Program (RSVP) Chair. I have been very involved with RSVP, serving as webmaster this past year, through which I gained invaluable experience as an officer in the organization, helping with Project Pumpkin, a fair organized by RSVP for area schoolchildren, and working as a coordinator for Outreach Day.

I believe that the mission of RSVP is twofold. Not only is RSVP an organization dedicated to service and volunteering, but it is also one dedicated to raising awareness. RSVP offers many different avenues through which students can volunteer through its committees: Children, Education, Environment, Health, and Hunger & Homelessness, each of which also holds its own Awareness Week devoted to spreading the word about current issues and volunteerism in that field.

As RSVP Chair, I want to continue to increase the participation in these volunteer efforts and activities. Many students are unaware of what RSVP is or even that it exists and I am determined to change that. It is my goal to make RSVP more visible to the Rice community and around campus.

I look forward to continuing the efforts of the past officers in the coming year and building upon their foundation to make RSVP even better than before.

HONOR COUNCIL AT-LARGE REP.
John Sanders

My name is John Sanders, and I am currently the Lovett Honor Council Representative. It has been my responsibility to serve on hearings and participate in investigations, in addition to being the communication between Lovett and the Honor Council. This year has definitely had its challenging moments, particularly when I have found myself in the minority as the council tries to reach a verdict. As the panel debates the appropriate penalty, the two important factors to consider are both the corrective and the punitive nature of the sentence. While both are important, I believe that the corrective aspect, where the student learns from their error, is more important than the punitive one. This has been a challenging position for me, but it has also been a fulfilling one, and has given me confidence in the Honor Council's ability to resolve disputes. I would be honored to have one of the Roy at Large positions.

HONOR COUNCIL AT-LARGE REP.
(continued)
Vickie Trinh

My name is Vickie Trinh, and I am a sophomore majoring in biochemistry and history. I love my friends and family, chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream, and being involved on campus. I want to run for Honor Council At-Large Rep because I think that the Honor Council plays a very important role in student life & academics. There are aspects of the Honor Council that I approve of, and aspects that I want to change. I am an optimistic, and I care about people. Vote for me and I will do the best possible job I can to make changes where necessary and represent students as best as possible. Thank you.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL REP.
Jasdeep Mangat

As University Council representative, I would keep an open mind and be committed to representing the voice of the undergraduates. University Council serves as an advisory body to the President on policy decisions regarding matters affecting the operation of the University. And as the undergraduate representative on this council, not only would I be assisting the President, but I would also be serving the student body. I want to make sure that the opinions of the students get heard when it comes to decisions affecting the Rice campus. I have gained much experience for this position from being involved in the Student government, attending SA meetings, and just plain talking to other students about their opinions on various matters. If elected, I would go straight to the student body to hear their thoughts and work with the SA on any relative matters. I would make sure to weigh the options and by doing all this, I plan on presenting President Leach with useful and productive advice, so that he can make even more effective decisions. So on March 22, when the spring election opens, I encourage everyone to vote at the SA website and to consider me for University Council Representative because I will work hard at serving the students and advising the President to make Rice University a home for us all.

Jasdeep Mangat for University Council Representative

PAVILION
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and energy consumption. She said the pavilion will incorporate many important sustainable systems, including operable window and door areas, daylighting through "lightscoops," shading devices for the glass areas and plaza and under-floor mechanical distribution.

"The incorporation of these elements and others should ensure that we are eligible for LEED certification," Bryant said.

Traffic during construction will be reduced to Alumni Drive. The construction trailers used during the Fondren's renovation will return during pavilion construction, but the material laydown yard will be located west of the exterior plaza site. Fondren's west entrance will be inaccessible at times.

"The contractor is currently finalizing the site utilization plan showing freezing, pedestrian access, materials laydown, etc.," she said. "The project team is focused on minimizing inconvenience to the students, faculty and staff that cross through this area and work adjacent to it. At the same time, we also want to complete the project quickly to minimize the time we are interrupting life in the center of our campus."

Baker College President Sara Zampierin said she thinks the pavilion will act as a good central meeting place for students from different colleges to gather.

"It's great to have an area where people can congregate because a lot of people are saying the colleges are too exclusive. Zampierin, a senior, said, "If we could have a central place where you could see a lot of people walking by and just hang out."

"I love the idea of having a bright and lively place to study and socialize," she said. "I like that I'll be able to study in the sun and air-conditioning. The library during the day seems dark and closed off."

Graduate student Jacob Kolman said he likes the idea of having somewhere to sit down and hang out 24 hours a day, as there is currently no such place available on campus.

"It would be nice to have a gathering spot for graduate students," he said. "A place with a cafe or a diner atmosphere would be great — just some place where we could sit down, have coffee, and talk. Some place where you can just be."

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Construction on the new pavilion located in the courtyard between the student center and the back exit of Fondren Library to start in April. The single-level pavilion will span 6,000 square feet.
TRAVEL DIARY: SPRING BREAK 2007

Students hit the road, beach and trails last week for an escape from the hedges and homework. When it comes to their memories of the vacation, their pictures are worth a thousand words.

LAYOUT BY JULIA BURSTEN AND TAYLOR JOHNSON

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK IN NEW ORLEANS
Derrick Huang

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK IN NICARAGUA
Jason Cook

2007 MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

2007 marks the 50th anniversary of the Residential College System. Between March 22 and 31, the university will kick off a yearlong celebration in recognition of this important Rice tradition. Events will include special presentations on the past, present and future of the colleges as well as a look at design plans for McMurtry College and a variety of college-based activities.

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For more information about the anniversary and the college system, please visit www.rice.edu/50th.

Anniversary events are free and open to all Rice community members unless otherwise indicated.
WATERFALL IN GRAND CANYON
Marshall Robinson

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Anna Kilgore

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CRUISE
Anna Kilgore
**What 300 lacks in style, it makes up for with Spartan heart**

by Tasha Chempillil

**EDITORIAL STAFF**

Bodies, bodies, bodies: Soldiers impaled on spear points, nymphal female forms swathed in diaphanous chiffon and chintz back, muscle-ripped physiques — these are the images that haunt the mind after a viewing of Snyder's (The Phantom of the Opera's Gerard Butler) ambitious ode to the Battle of Thermopylae in which Spartan king Leonidas (The Phantom of the Opera's Gerard Butler) attempts to save his Greek city-state from the tyranny of Persian Xerxes (Love Actually's Rodrigo Santoro). Despite the Spartans' decided machismo, they treat the women of their city-state as equals. Leonidas (Gerard Butler) seeks an alliance with Queen Gorgo (Julianna M & Tea Leoni Healey). The merger is rejected by the Spartan council on her husband's behalf. In the end, Gorgo takes matters into her own hands. The novelty of Spartans' historically accurate engagement with the nearly patricularian Greeks is brought to light early in the film. According to Gorgo, women in sparta are allowed to participate in supposedly male matters because "only Spartan women give birth to real men." Admittedly, some of the pleasure derived from seeing a woman taken seriously in a mal-targeted action movie is lost when viewers see Gorgo's wardrobe. As someone who has attempted to create a toga-like garment out of all Bacchannalia can attest, it is hard to make a rake's gaudy. Fortunately for the men, costume designer Michael Wilkinson (Garden State) accomplishes the difficult feat.

Gorgo is not the only nearly male protagonist. The Persian king, who was always a little woman in the film, is now a hard man. "If I should ever hear an orchestra, Xerxes would be their love child," the queen said.

Just when the battle scenes begin to get monotonous and the novelty of the Spartans' impaled bodies starts to wear, the film's editing comes up in pace with that seen from being a part of a movie. These final scenes infuse the audience with a new respect for Leonidas and Gorgo and give the film a much needed surge of gusto. 300 is obviously a movie for a guy's guy. The women are scanty clad — when they are clad at all. The men are appropriately gauged in the mostly ordinary 300.

Snyder on 300's battle scenes:

"When I first saw that figure in the graphic novel, I was literally salivating, I really wanted to play that. It's just very exciting, very stimulating for an actor to put yourself in that spot."

"The idea of getting into my whole body. We started with waging. I have a lot of respect for women, I was crying and lathering a towel. The massage process was great. I found it very interesting because it was my time to get into the character's skin and feel the sweat."

They sprayed my whole body with mixed concoctions to try and achieve that golden look. And piercings — it took 15-20 minutes for every single detail."
New director gives Bakershake something to ado about

by Julia Bursten

Several months between The Importance of Being Earnest and Monty Python's Flying Circus lies Baker Shakespeare Company's 38th troupe of players, who strut and fret a few hours on stage, making Much Ado About Nothing. The cast is under new direction this year from Actors from the London Stage's Matthew Radford, and the change is very good, indeed. Radford's greatest influence on the Baker College Shakespeare tradition can be summed up in one word: professionalism. From dance and comedic choreography to character chemistry, costumes, lighting and props, the show has raised the stakes for future Bakershake productions.

"much ado about nothing"

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Which is not to say the lowbrow, laugh-out-loud slapstick and suggestiveness have gone by the wayside, thank goodness. This is still Shakespeare the Bawd, as Bakershake has historically brought to campus. But the humor this year is that of an upscale restaurant's toilet, not a county fairgrounds'. And it all starts with the cast's comedic timing. Wiesse College junior Haley Richardson and Brown College senior Phillip Hodge have the show's first real chance to flaunt these skills as Beatrice and Benedick, respectively. The two begin as bitter enemies, mounting insults that are only funnier when veiled in iambic pentameter. Most of the credit there goes to Shakespeare, although the pair delivers lines with enthusiasm. What Richardson and Hodge really bring to their roles is a physical stage presence that is nothing short of captivating. Individually, both actors eat up their lime lights and use stage space and props with flippant charm — don't take your eyes off Richardson when she gets a parasol in her hands — but they make better use of each other than any other piece of the set.

While showy Richardson and Hodge are Much Ado's divas, mature, complex and engaging co-stars surround them. Bakershake veterans Joseph Lockett (Hanszen '93) as Leonato, Cameron Cooper (Brown '02) as Don Pedro and Baker senior Phil Redman as Antonio make appearances in character types that, while not novel to each actor, have aged like fine wines on each of them. And Hanszen senior Tatum Clinton Sellin as Hero, set off by her counterpart

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Presents the NEH Distinguished Visiting Scholar Program

Dr. Paul Gilroy

Paul Gilroy, the Anthony Giddens Professor of Social Theory at the London School of Economics and previously the Chair of the African American Studies Department at Yale University, is a scholar of African diasporic cultures and the politics of race, nation, and identity in the U.K. Dr. Gilroy is the author of "Ain't no Black in the Union Jack" (1987), "Small Acts" (1993), "The Black Atlantic" (1993), "Against Race" (2000) and "Postcolonial Melancholia" (2004), among other works. His current projects include studies on the moral economy of blackness in the twentieth century, the social and technological dynamics of popular music, and the comparative and historical consideration of colonial government.

Public Lecture
Wednesday, March 28, 4:00pm
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"Race and the Right to be Human"

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Faculty & Student Seminars
Tuesday March 27, 4:30pm
Humanities Bldg. 117
"Beyond Double Consciousness"

Friday, March 30, 4:30pm
Humanities Bldg. 117
"Sacred, Secular, and Profane in African-American Vernacular"
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Candice (Brown sophomore Will Hochstetler), surprises audiences with a meek manner that later proves much ado about nothing. The humor this brings out belies wholehearted cunning. Each other's backs and plot to trick community with too much free time long story short, people talk behind fairgrounds'.

Much Ado is a comedy about a four-year's ing and prop placement. The crew make the cast's efforts feasible with none of the multi-level blocks opening than it has been in the past, with chairs on either side. It is more be fair, it is the green dye in our beer.

Much Ado is Ireland's patron saint, and on the Emerald Isle his day is a celebration of that nation's freedom. The most famous stories about him start with his being taken captive at 16 and sold into slavery, praying a lot and eventually ridding Ireland of snakes. What they don't say is that the capture was from his homeland of Scotland, the slavery was consignment to tend sheep in a field and that Ireland has not actually had snakes since the last Ice Age. That last facts, packed from the annals of natural science, has always been particularly interesting to me. Why memorize a fact for something he could not have known?

A glance through Fondren's reference copy of The Book of Saints provides the first inkings of an answer. The "snakes" in the famous story are--just like many serpents in Christian mythologies--merely symbolic elements that refer to his power and more interesting story. Here's what really happened:

Theravada-ESCE, Patrick is a student of and wandering around Ireland. Coaching Christianity, St. Patrick rids Ireland of its snakes. What they don't say is that the capture was from his homeland of Scotland, the slavery was consignment to tend sheep in a field and that Ireland has not actually had snakes since the last Ice Age. That last fact, packed from the annals of natural science, has always been particularly interesting to me. Why memorize a fact for something he could not have known?

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Urinetown floods Wiess Tabletop with talent

by Matthew McKee

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Never underestimate the po-
tency behind potty jokes — espe-
cially those with a poignant social
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cially commentary.

'Urinetown'

A severe drought has forced
lawmakers to closely regulate
water use. Trips to the toilet are
now taxed, making holding it in
a matter of economic necessity. The
floor fell over backwards to pay
taxes, and the rich profit from
their efforts. Bobby Strong (Sid
Richardson College senior Drew
McClure) is one of the swankier public
amenities, meets a toilet (Mary's dau-
ghter Hope). A skilled ensemble
is still a rare college theater treat
in its near perfection. The ambi-
sion is prepared at a few
rough edges show in some
numbers for the whole cast make
forms and considerably difficult
deriving. Rodin admitted that
she suffers from small creative in-
consistencies. Urinetown is a deep,
dark comedy with a terrifyingly
relevant warning about resource
overconsumption, a core Rodin
wanted to emphasize. The appre-
cently light-hearted show subtly
contrasts characters and ideas to give the audience FOOD
FOR THOUGHT about resources and population growth.

The ensemble uses all new chro-
nography and takes on a lot of dif-
ficult dancing. Rodin admitted that
this was hard for the actors, yet
they dance expertly for great num-
bers including "Smart That Fool"
and "Don't Be the Bunny".

Many wonderful individual per-
formances and an overall difficult
cast gavc a controlled, laughable
performance. They pull off difficult
dance moves across a good-looking
stage singing difficult harmonies
supported by a solid pit. College
theater rarely looks this good.

Although other characters draw
from stock archetypes, the actors
add interest to their predictable
parts above the crafted develop-
ment and depth written. As Hope,
Turner turns from a naive young
girl into the leader of the rebellion
while skillfully delivering ironic
nudges. College theater veteran
McClure portrays his literal-mind-
ful and idealistic character with a
good sense of the self-conscious
musical he works in. He fits the
hero mold but enhances the role
through implied sarcasm in his de-
livery and body language.

If done well, the villains
Cladwell is one of the more inept
characters in Urinetown, and
Loew's College sophomore Paul
Lovett draws delicious evil from
the tycoon character. He hams up
his role through thoughtfully ex-
aggerated facial expressions and
movements but at times, slips into
a strange Sean Connery accent.

Despite this, he comes off as one of
the show's strongest personalities.

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wanted to emphasize. The appre-
cently light-hearted show subtly
contrasts characters and ideas to give the audience food
for thought about resources and population growth. In the Wiess
production, these techniques ar-
not hidden. The message of mod-
eration comes across, but the cast
reveals a bit too much in the flashy
wit and fancy choreography. It feels
like the musical's inherent social
consciousness is prepared at a few
degrees short of fully cooked.

Some of the weaker voices lose en-
thusiasm throughout the show and
grate on difficult harmonies.

Nonetheless, Wiess' pro-
duction is still a rare college theater treat
in its near perfection. The aud-
ior's project would kill many en-
wrengles, but these actors deserve
applause all around for the hilari-
ous and coordinated effort. Don't
miss this great show, but leave the
potty jokes at the door, please.

Men's basketball falls short in C-USA semifinals

by Chris Pasich

With a 77-62 defeat at the hands of cross-town rival University of Houston Friday, the men's basketball team's season came to an end in the semifinals of the Conference USA tournament. The Cougars did an excellent job of defending senior guard Morris Almond. Named the conference's Player of the Year 2006-2007, Almond was held to 11 points on only 3-8 shooting from the field. Senior guard Lorenzo Williams led the Owls with 16 points in the second half. Rice (15-16, 7-11 C-USA) managed only one point at halftime. In the second half, however, Rice faced the fatigue from their third game in three days. Although UH guard Marcus Malone kept Almond from the field, the Owls simply could not mount another comeback.

Rice cut the lead to 53-51 thanks to a three-pointer from Almond with 2:48 seconds left in the game. Consequently, only a pair of screens, Almond received the ball and created a little space, said sophomore guard Cory Pflieger said. "Everybody is on the right page, we ran our stuff better; we executed better; we're more intense on defense.

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"After an early deficit, the Owls' defense held off a six-run first inning in the Friday game. They held the Miners to only .344 shooting in the second half while the offense exploded for a 62 percent mark of their own. UTSA's leading scorer, Stefan Jacobi, picked up his fourth assist of the game with the Owls. He led the Owls to 30 points and 6 rebounds. He just gave a little jab step and a hoarse and a step back and created a lot of space," Wilson said. "It was a deep shot, but his legs were under him and his rhythm was good and it just looked like a shot that he was going to make.

Almond led the Owls with 30 points and 6 rebounds. Rice overcame a terrible night from the field with stout defensive play — one of the team's few consistent strengths this season. Sophomore guard Rodney Foster started all three games in the tournament, as the Owls desperately needed his defensive presence against opponents with solid perimeter games.

Baseball sweeps Corpus Christi Classic

By Ben Jedlovec

The baseball team took a vacation of its own last week, winning four of seven games in California and Corpus Christi. After dropping two of three to California State University-Fullerton and hosting St. John's University's eight victory, Rice recovered and won three of its games in the Whataburger College Classic, defeating Texas Christian University, Texas Tech University, and host Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.

The two-week stretch saw the Owls (18-7) fall to eighth in June 12's rankings, as North Carolina lost its way to the College World Series. With Vanderhill winning the only two spots, East Carolina (11-7) moved into the rankings at No. 25, joining Rice as the only other representative from Conference USA.

Enjoying a break from midweek play for the only time this season, the Owls are rested and looking ahead to extend their streak of 22 consecutive home series victories with this weekend's matchup against California Polytechnic State University. The series marks the final weekend of non-conference play, as the Owls kick off the CUSA schedule next weekend.

By Casey Michel

For most college students, Midterm Recess in California usually means fun in the sun. But for the men's tennis team, spending last week in the Golden State meant a grueling schedule that included a national doubles tournament and squaring off with three ranked opponents in four days.

The 174th ranked Owls continue their sun-drenched road trip today in Tallahassee, Fla. against No. 31 Florida State University and Sunday against 273rd ranked University of Miami. Their match against the Hurricanes will bring the team to a tough, tough trip, assistant coach Eddie Tavarez (laker '97) said. "[FSU is] good, and, in my opinion, they are a legitimate top-20 team. We definitely have our work cut out for us.

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Joe's University on March 18. The Owls manhandled the Hawks' first unassisted up-against in three weeks, sweeping all singles matches to win 6-1.

Moving north to Irvine, Calif., the Owls faced 75th-ranked University of California-Irvine two days later. Rice easily earned the doubles point, taking all three doubles matches. Capturing two of the singles matches in straight sets, the Owls made quick work of the Anteaters, winning 6-1 for their fourth victory in a row and a ranked challenger this season.

"We didn't give them the slightest chance of starting, but we were better overall, which is why I thought we were second to none in winning that match," Tavarez said. "In singles, they were strong in the Cotton Bowl, California, 1992-97.
History repeated itself last week. For the second straight year, the women's basketball team's run in the C-USA championship game ended with a nail-biting bid with a loss to East Carolina in the CUSA final. Last year, Rice made a similar run through the conference tournament, thrilling-in-state rivals Southern Methodist University and University of Houston before falling to top-seeded University of Tulsa in the championship game.

For the third time in four seasons, the Owls (19-13, 12-7) in the title game of the C-USA quarterfinals, but after knocking off University of Miami and Baylor University in the second half, it was a tight matchup throughout the game.

The Owls' defense was a key factor in their success, holding the Lady Bears to just 25 percent shooting in the second half. Despite a strong first half from Rice, the Owls continued to play solid defense and put away any hope of a comeback from the defending champions. The Owls' defense was a key factor in their success, holding the Lady Bears to just 25 percent shooting in the second half. After the Owls continued their strong defense, the team pulled away late in the game, putting the game out of reach for the Lady Bears.
BASEBALL
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Chad Lembeck, Freshman infielder Diego Seastrunk and junior Joe Savery added three hits apiece, and Bobby Bramhall, also a junior, picked up his second victory on the year with 3.1 scoreless innings in relief of freshman starter Ryan Berry. However, the Owls clinched the series on Sunday with a complete-game one-hitter from 2.50-pound freshman starter Sean Urena.

"Urena did pitch well, but we did not do a good job of hitting," Graham said. "When you get a good pitch to hit, if you continually don't hit it, how in the world do you expect to succeed?"

Friday's three errors detracted from his four-hit game at the plate.

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The big plus for Joe over the weekend is that he didn't have command, but his arm strength was back almost to normal," Graham said. "So now we can start working on command. He's got to get the arm strength before he can get back the command."

"There are things that we can adjust to make the players' defense better," Graham said. "I think that they will continue to get better as the year goes on. Certainly Brian Friday is as talented as any player on any college field, and he's as motivated, but we've got to help him smooth out a little bit."

The offense provided plenty of support with a 20-run outbreak against American Jake Arrieta and TCU in the Friday game of the Whataburger College Classic. Senior Chris Kelley and junior stroll scored run each.
Jimoh sets new Rice record in heptathlon

As the rest of the team recovered from its first-ever Conference USA Indoor title, senior Funmi Jimoh won the Rice record in the Huntsville, Tex. meet were recovered from its first-ever heptathlon and the indoor 60-meter hurdles and pentathlon.

In addition to qualifying for the heptathlon as a whole, Jimoh also qualified for the NCAA regional meet in both the 100-meter hurdles and the long jump, running 13.80 seconds in the first event and jumping 20 feet 7.75 inches in the second.

It was Jimoh's first appearance for the Owls this season — she exhausted her indoor eligibility last season but was running an independent prior to last weekend.

— Dalton Farmer

Solfares fifth at NCAA Championships

For the first time in five years, the men's track and field team earned an NCAA all-American. Senior Pablo Solares accomplished the feat in the mile at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, but March 10 at the Randal Tyson Track Center in Fayetteville, Ark. Solares, who ran in the mile in 4:04.24, was in third heading into the final lap but fell behind Stanford University runners Stephen Rieder and Garrett Ideals to finish fifth.

Laedan Mamani of the University of Texas won the event by running 3:59.08. The top eight runners qualified for all-American honors.

Solares, the only Owls to compete in the national meet, ran in a highly competitive field and needed a solid finish just to qualify for the finals. Competing in his preliminary heat, Solares ran the final lap in 27.3 seconds to finish in 3:59.08, grabbing the last spot in the finals by .04 seconds. He is the Rice's first-ever indoor all-American in the mile and the first Owl to reach all-American status in any event since Vaughnagahn Wabron (Brown '94) in the long jump in 2002.

Rice's outdoor schedule will not begin in earnest until the Victor Lopez Regional Classic March 30 — senior Owls will compete in the TSU Relays next weekend, but head coach Jon Warren '00 said the majority of the team will sit out that meet.

However, the outdoor season did begin for two Owls on the same day. Solares ran at nationals. Senior Luke Stawel won two events at the York Relays, throwing 173 feet, 1 inch and 177 feet, 4 inches in the shot put, qualifying for the NCAA Midwest Regional meet in both events.

Freshman Philip Adam finished second in his first-ever decathlon scoring 7,190 points. Adam's season total was the second-highest in Rice history for a freshman.

— Stephen Whitefield

BASKETBALL

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Although he scored just one point in a game in the tournament, Foster provided the Owls with the defensive process they needed to win.

DID YOU KNOW?

Senior guard Morris Al-

mold's eighth 3-pointer of the game was Rice's second-high-

est average in school history. In 1982, Almold scored 30 points against Nation.

Rocky Pierce (Will Rice '83) averaged 26.8 ppg. Pierce was drafted by the Detroit Pistons in the first round of the 1982 NBA Draft.

Wilson's defensive changes kept the Golden Knights on guard as the Owls rotated between man-to-man and zone defenses. UCF in particular fell prey to the 3-2 zone, with three of the players guarding the perimeter and two protecting the paint, effectively preventing them from getting any easy looks at the basket.

"It was an opportunity to show UCF something that they didn't even think of as a team, that they really didn't have much of an opportunity to scout it," Wilson said. "The defensive shift really made a very subtle difference and allowed us to maintain the tempo of the game."

Wilson's defensive changes helped the Owls to win their first game of the season. They will be tested again next weekend as they travel to San Francisco to play against the San Francisco Dons.

Unfortunately, the Owls' comeback ended with a loss. The loss marked the final game in a Rice uniform for seniors William and Almold. Senior center Greg Killings, whose injuries sidelined him for the rest of the season, is also finishing his career.

The Owls face the daunting task of rebuilding next season, but even in the current climate of uncertainty, they have confidence they can perform well.

"That's one of those things we've been talking about all year, and it's the thing with that is it's an opportunity for somebody new to step up and be prepared to step up," Foster said. "I think we'll come back next year and be prepared to step up and be productive on this level. For the most part, I think everybody has the ability to do that."

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CALIFORNIA

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trained the Owls — [Nos.] 3, 4, 5, 6 went very easily [for us]. We were much deeper, which was the difference in those matches.

With their schedule providing them little rest, the Owls immediately hopped a plane to Los Angeles to challenge the University of Southern California. Rice came out slowly, unable to take the doubles point in the clinching match. They fell even further behind when No. 77 senior Jason Mok and sophomore Filip Paroci squeaked by the Toreros’ Jonas Mouly and Dusan Gajen, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Knupfer and junior Filip Zivojinovic pounded out wins in singles, enough to clinch the match. They defeated the Owls’ overall dual-match record panned out wins in singles, enough for the Toreros. Rice squeaked by the Toreros’ Jonas Mouly and Dusan Gajen, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Randomized brackets (see above)

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Singles

1. Torero Harvest (RU) def. #97 Jason Mok (Rice), 6-3, 6-2, 6-4

2. Raphael Elordi (BYU) def. Kris Mauler (Rice), 6-3, 6-3

3. Chris Coetzee (USD) def. Filip Paroci (RU), 6-1, 6-3

4. Christoph Muller (RU) def. Jason Mok (Rice), 6-1, 6-3

5. Matt Ozurovich (USD) def. #97 Jason Mok (RU), 6-3, 6-3

6. Dolly Chang (BYU) def. Emily Braid (RU), 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

1. Thomas Liversage (USD) def. #25 Ben Harknett (USC), 6-4, 6-3, 6-3

2. #97 Jason Mok and Filip Paroci (RU), 6-2, 6-2, 6-3

3. Christoph Muller (RU) def. Robert Rusin (USC), 6-3, 6-3

4. #97 Jason Mok and Filip Paroci (RU), 6-4, 6-4

5. Matt Ozurovich (USD) def. Kris Mauler (Rice), 6-2, 6-1

6. Matthew Johnson (Owls) and Sebi Sibay (RU), 6-3, 6-1

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FRIDAY 16

Worldly culture

Today in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center is Rice Culture Fair 2007. Cultural clubs and other groups will be providing music, information, performances and food from all over the world from 12 - 4 p.m. Representatives from lots of campus cultural organizations will be in attendance.

College culture

College plays are opening this week by the droves. The Weese Tabletop Players' O'Party is happening tonight — Sid Richardson College hosts its Spring Pub Night in Reckling Park and Autry Court is the "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" tailgate. Because of the event, and what it covers, closing for lunch today, and the tailgate runs until the baseball game against Cal Poly at 2 p.m. at Reckling Park. The tailgate features games and prizes, as well as live music. T-shirts will be given to students who stay for the game, and the event is free for Rice students.

O'Party

So maybe that's a really painful pun. Oh well. Hansen College is throwing a St. Patrick's Day party tonight, and they want you to be there. The beer will be green and the fun (mostly) clean, and you hopefully won't hear any rhymes or puns as painful as those in this party description. So put on your dry shirt and head to the Hansen Commons any time between 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

MONDAY 19

Pocket protectors

Just what is the scientific image, and what does it convey? Does this image affect what scientists accomplish or people's understanding and conception of the scientists are? The Rice School of Natural Scientists hosts Eric Heller, professor of chemistry and physics at Harvard University, as part of the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholars series. Heller will give a seminar at 4 p.m. at Butcher Hall, room 180 about the scientific image.

TUESDAY 20

Pomp and circumstance

Get ready for the most happenin' event of the year: GradFest 2007 is here. Today through Thursday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. each day, at the Rice University Campus Bookstore, students can order commencement regalia, announcements, diploma frames, class rings and yearbooks. Furthermore, you get to use words like "commencement" and "regalia" when you're ordering all this stuff, which is pretty neat. Those of you who are graduating really need to make sure you make it by this event.

 Aren't they dead?

Yes, Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry are, in fact, deceased. However, that doesn't stop them from throwing a sweet event at the Baker Institute. Join Bill Blair (Thomas Jefferson) and Richard Schuman (Patrick Henry) from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation as they debate the principles and ideals of the American Revolution, and more specifically how these ideals should be applied to the people of the United States. The event starts at 6 p.m. at the International Conference Facility of Baker Hall. The event will be followed by a brief reception. Please send an e-mail to bipprsvp@rice.edu with questions or to RSVP.

Death from below

The philic college makes its semi-annual journey to the depths of the Student Center tonight — Sid Richardson College hosts its Spring Pub Night in Willy's Pub from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. While there probably won't be any baby eating, you are

THURSDAY 22

Hooray college

The celebration of 50 years of the college system starts today and continues through Willy Week and Beer Bike. For complete listings of events planned for the celebration, go to the Web site, www.colleges50th.rice.edu. Events range from parties to panel discussions.

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GUIDE
have we elected a TRAITOR?

At this week’s Student Association meeting, SA president elect celebrates by wearing her Harvard t-shirt. Is this a Manchurian Candidate scenario? We always feared that administrators would try to turn Rice into some sort of Ivy League wanna-be, but should we have been looking out for our student leaders instead?

Action on the principle of “better safe than sorry” we probably should just impeach every elected candidate and re-do SA elections. All it takes is signatures from 30 percent of the student body. (295 signatures) to call for an election to kick out candidates. So fill out the sheet with signatures and turn it in to the SA office.

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