Williams resigns post in student activities office

by Lily Chun

Assistant director of student affairs Holly Williams resigns post in student activities office. Williams said her decision to leave Rice, academia, was a viable future and career after graduating from Rice. She has been an active member of the Office of Student Affairs and Leadership Rice. Williams has been involved in various leadership roles, including the Rice Retreat and Beer-Bike events. She has advised students and faculty on various leadership topics. Williams said she enjoyed participating in the activities she advised and organized.

McMurtrys break 10th college ground

by Lily Chun

Amid months of preparatory work, many days have been rare. But Wednesday, the rain let up enough to let about 120 people attend the groundbreaking of McMurtry College on the field in front of the Ralph S. O'Connor House. The ceremony took place from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. A separate groundbreaking for Duncan College will be held Sept. 27. Those in attendance included residential college masters, college presidents, students, Burt McMurtry (76), Board of Trustees Chair Jim Crowover, Presidents David Leebron, Deans of Undergraduates Dean Forman and Charles (47) and Ann Duncan. Vice President for Resource Development Darrow Zeidenstein said the Duncan's presence is a nice gesture since Duncan served as the board of trustees chair at the same time McMurtry served. Leebron and Lavene spoke at the ceremony, making remarks about how the residential college system is unique to Rice. The McMurtrys also made remarks during the ceremony, stressing the importance of philanthropy. "Each of the gifts were symbolic of the residential college system and residential college life," Zeidenstein said. "I think it was a nice gesture since Duncan served as the board of trustees chair at the same time McMurtry served. Leebron and Lavene spoke at the ceremony, making remarks about how the residential college system is unique to Rice. The McMurtrys also made remarks during the ceremony, stressing the importance of philanthropy." ZEIDENSTEIN said the Duncan's' presence is a nice gesture since Duncan served as the board of trustees chair at the same time McMurtry served. Leebron and Lavene spoke at the ceremony, making remarks about how the residential college system is unique to Rice. The McMurtrys also made remarks during the ceremony, stressing the importance of philanthropy. ZEIDENSTEIN said the Duncan's presence is a nice gesture since Duncan served as the board of trustees chair at the same time McMurtry served. Leebron and Lavene spoke at the ceremony, making remarks about how the residential college system is unique to Rice. The McMurtrys also made remarks during the ceremony, stressing the importance of philanthropy.
Thresher misjudges management Ph.D.

To the editor:
The Thresher's recent editorial was based on a misunderstanding of graduate admissions standards across campus ("Management Ph.D. management standards," Aug. 20). The editorial falsely asserted that "the Jones School standard ... is markedly lower than the university's." The Jones School admissions standards for MBA students are highly competitive but not directly comparable with other programs at Rice. Contrary to the editorial's assumption that it is possible to talk about graduate admissions standards across programs, closer analysis reveals that the admissions criteria are tied to the unique goals of each program: stipend cutoff criteria for English, engineering, MBA and management Ph.D. programs are each uniquely tailored to the demands and career goals of each program. Most literary scholars would struggle with an engineer's manuscript, and vice versa.

Although the management and graduate programs at Rice are ranked higher than those at Rice, the quality of students and faculty are not rated higher. The standards for our management program meet or exceed those of other top MBA programs and are aggressively imitated elsewhere. The quality of our students is reflected in the global ranking of our faculty, the joint success of our graduates, and the growing international reputation of the relatively new Ph.D. program.

Our common goal is the pursuit of excellence for the Rice community. In this spirit, we are proposing a Ph.D. program that will compete directly with doctoral programs in other top-tier business schools. The proposed management Ph.D. will recruit and develop a reasonably small number of research-oriented faculty to fill faculty positions at other universities other than returning to industry. Thus, the admissions decisions for the proposed Ph.D. program will emphasize scholarly research potential. The admissions decisions will be made by our faculty using a different process and criteria than those applied by our MBA admissions office. We expect students to apply to our faculty, to be capable of competing for journal space with faculty in economics, statistics, psychology and management. We will therefore admit Ph.D. students that are likely to excel, not just survive, in related doctoral programs.

Management Ph.D. students will enhance rather than diminish the educational experience of Rice graduate students of other disciplines. Rice is embarked on bringing new perspectives and broader interests to courses in economics, statistics, psychology and management. We will also welcome graduate students from other programs to our proposed doctoral courses. Together we are committed to "pathbreaking research, unsurpassed teaching, and an unyielding commitment to the betterment of our world."
Third-wave feminism needs a hero

Alberto Gonzales learned at Rice, but changed into what? Some women claiming to be feminists today? When Rice students were quite made a name for him—back in 2004, I heard many different bisexuality and transgender leaders are so many different people saying discrimination — but I shouldn't and do, deal with worse gender that women are equal citizens in this our presence.

Our Third Wave movement is warded with women that they are asserting their independence and autonomy by objectifying themselves for the pleasure of men.

How much longer can we pretend that women are equal citizens in this nation? Women must not continue to ignore even the smallest injustices we endure—we must rise up.

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advancement of theater studies and increased interest in theater during her time at Rice. There are currently 90 students enrolled in theater classes this semester.

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Theater Director, Fall 2000 - 2007

After receiving numerous offers in the housing and dining department for 10 years, Director of Residential Dining Angela Riggs is leaving Rice to run the Memorial Student Center and catering services at Texas A&M University David McDonnell from California State University, Sacramento, will replace her Oct. 1 as Director of Residential Dining. Catering manager Irma Dorantes and Residential Dining Manager Joyce Myles will oversee the duties during the interim month.

Riggs made the decision to leave Aug. 10. A&M had offered her a position earlier, and she turned them down, but when they reapproached her, she decided to take the job. "This is the next step I need to make in my career," she said. "I've had a wonderful 10 years here.

Riggs started working at Rice in September 1997. Riggs said when she was hired, she had no clue what her duties would be. "Director of College Food Service Mark Dimitt] created a position for me," she said. "He called me and offered me a job, and I asked what it was, and he got quiet and said, I don't want you to have the faintest idea what I'll be doing, do you?"

Riggs said when she began, she dealt with everything related to food. "I was the food chic," she said.

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Joyce Myles, Residential Dining Manager

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FACULTY SENATE

- French studies professor Deborah Harter was appointed speaker of the faculty senate, replacing physics professor Maj Corcoran.
- The senate announced this year’s executive committee. It comprises Earth Science Professor Dale Sawyer, Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor James Young, Political Science Professor Randy Stevensen and English Professor Meredith Skura.
- The Working Group on Evaluations presented an update on making course evaluation information available to students on ESTHER. Administrative Systems Liaison Randy Castiglioni is currently working on implementing graphs displaying student responses to course evaluations. Course comments and summaries are already viewable under the student services tab on the ESTHER homepage. A new feature also allows a user to post a one-time response to a course comment immediately after the response is made viewable. Evaluations for cross-listed courses have been combined.
- The senate discussed whether to censor course evaluations containing profanity. No decision was made.
- The senate discussed possible avenues of response to the report from the Committee on the Rice Undergraduate Program. Options considered include a task force and a conversation or forum.
- The senate proposed discussions with the Office of Admission about the criteria admission decisions are based on and faculty input on the establishment of these criteria.
- The American Association of University Professors recommended the establishment of standard review procedures for the reappointment of key administrators.

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Sociology Chair Gordon remembered for candor

by Sarah Mitchell

Former sociology department chair Chad Gordon, who was with the sociology department since its inception in the 1970s, passed away in late May after fighting cancer. When the sociology department branched off from anthropology in 1970, Gordon served as the first sociology chair. He was an assistant professor of sociology at Harvard before he came to Rice in 1970. Sociology Professor William Martin said Gordon was well-known for his courses on human sexuality and television called “Sex with Chad” and “TV with Chad,” respectively.

“He taught courses that were quite popular and a little different from the other offerings in our department,” Martin said. Gordon had a creative teaching style and would take students to cemeteries and funeral home museums when he taught a course on death, Martin said. He said Gordon also integrated progressive media into his course about television, often using TV clips, which were not considered a teaching tool at the time he began teaching it.

First sociology chair Chad Gordon

Martin said the last course Gordon taught on death and dying resonated on a very personal level.

“He taught his death and dying course when he was quite aware, and his students were aware, that he had a fatal disease,” Martin said. “He was very candid about that, and I’m sure that was significant for the students as well.”

Gordon was also known for the band he formed during his early years at Rice and his strikingly colored motorcycle that he could be seen driving around the campus, Martin said. Additionally, Gordon was known for the pool parties he threw at his house, and for being a “free spirit.” He loved spicy food, and his friends would engage in contests with him to see who could eat the greatest amount of spicy food in one sitting, Martin said.

“Gordon seemed always to be in a good mood,” Martin said. “He always had a twinkle in his eye.”

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Brown College fellows present Huge Fucking Book Sale
Brown College junior Alex Smith browses books at the first annual HFB, held Wednesday in the Brown Commons.

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Contemporary Worship: 8:30 AM
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Traditional Worship: 11:00 AM
Freshman perspectives on Rice, classes, life

Wiess freshman Michael Zao

With the first week coming to an end, we sought the story of freshmen and their reactions to the beginning of their Rice experience. The lesson we learned: Freshmen look an awful lot like everyone else.

How was your first week of classes? It's definitely a huge change from high school, I have to be a lot more concentrated in classes. And now I can't put off my homework to the last minute. I soon as I get my work, I gotta go back to my dorm and do it.

What class? All my classes. I just realized college is not like high school. I could cram and procrastinate and still ace my tests. Here, you can't do that because the work piles up and you never want to get behind.

Are you going to the first public party this weekend? It's gonna be fun. I like dancing a lot. I'm probably gonna go there and put on a couple of moves.

Are you thinking about joining any clubs? Definitely. I'm a pre-med student, so I want to join the pre-med club and possibly debate and poetry clubs, too.

Jones freshman Becky Helstein

How was your first week of classes? It's been pretty good, mostly. I've already met people in my classes.

What about it was good? The teachers are nice, I like the classes.

Jones freshman Zach Henderson

Really? A lot of people say Rice has small classes. Yeah, but in my classes, I'm in, three of my classes are in lecture halls.

What's your favorite class so far? I have no idea.

Are you going to the first public party this weekend? Never heard of it.

Are you thinking about joining any clubs? Spontaneous combustion, maybe doing some of the college plays.

Michael Zao, Wiess

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Are you really thinking about joining any clubs? I'm going to the first public party this weekend.

Senior Calendar of Events

Fall 2007

RECRUITING ORIEN TATIONS
August 29th or August 30th 4PM or 7PM Farnsworth Pavilion-RMC
(One session attendance required for students participating in employment recruiting.)

September 4th: Strategies For An Effective Resume 4PM
September 5th & 6th: RESUMANIA 3PM-5PM RMC Grand Hall Lobby
September 7th: RESUMANIA 3PM-5PM RMC OR O'Connor House
September 10th: Marketing Yourself At A Career Fair 4PM
September 11th: Marketing Yourself At An Interview 4PM
September 13th & 14th: Rice Career Fair Expo 1PM-5PM RMC
September 18th: The Behavioral Interview 4PM
September 19th: The Case Study Interview 4PM
September 24th: Company Presentations Begin
September 26th: On Campus Interviews Begin
September 29th Business Etiquette Lunch 11:30AM-1:30PM The Baker Institute

October 9th - Good Works Fair 1PM-5PM RMC

Check RICElink (http://careers.rice.edu) for specific times & locations for company presentations & interview schedules

All workshops are held at the O'Connor House unless otherwise noted

Practice your skills by scheduling a mock interview session at the Career Services Center

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that was very light-hearted and essential to Rice.”

Martel College President Milash Denison said she was originally against the construction but changed her mind at the groundbreaking ceremony. “I was shocked at how moved I was by their donation,” Denison, a senior, said. “I was not aware of the contribution that both Deedee and Burt McMurry have made to Rice over the years.”

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Mikaela Dennison
Martel College President, ‘07

In addition to helping to start the residential college system, McMurry also helped to shape what is now Orientation Week. As undergraduates, McMurry served as student body president, and Deedee McMurry served as student body rice president.

“When I heard the impact that they had on Rice while they were students, I gained a lot of respect for these two individuals and their choice to donate money for a 10th college,” Denison said. “I couldn’t think of better people for a college to be named after than two people that helped shape two of the things that Rice prides itself on—O-Week and the college system.”

Zeidenstein said he goes to many campus events but the hour-and-20-minute-long ceremony was especially memorable.

“I thought this one was especially nice because it raised some really profound and deeply moving sentiments from the part of the donors [speaking] to a light-hearted and quirky presentation of students, and that’s what you want in an event — something quirky and light-hearted, something people will remember,” Zeidenstein said. “And most importantly, the weather held up for us.”
POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period August 23-August 29.

Residential Colleges
Brown College
Lovett College
Wiess College

Academic Buildings
Shepherd School
Shepherd School

Other Buildings
Valhalla
Facilities & Engineering
Cohen House

Parking Lots
Facilities and Engineering Lot

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A smooth welcome
Martel College junior Rohan Balak and Baker College junior Sahum Mora make mango smoothies at the South Asian Society's Mango Social held Wednesday in Wiess 334.

Research Opportunities in the Mathematical Sciences

Academic year credit and summer stipends are available through the Rice VIGRE™ program. Here VI connotes Vertical Integration and means that mathematically inclined Undergrads join like-minded Grad students, Postdocs, and Faculty in the pursuit of a host of fascinating research questions. To learn more about these research directions, and how you might lend your voice to a PFUG please drop by the

VIGRE Info/Poster Session
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Another season, another coach, more unknowns

Eight months removed from their first bowl appearance since the Kennedy administration, the Owls will take the field with a new look and a new attitude. As the season opens tomorrow at 7 p.m. against Division I-AA opponent Nicholls State University, the team hopes to continue last year’s resurgence and build on the successes achieved under former head coach Todd Graham.

But tomorrow is more than just another opening night. The game marks the opening of the David Bailiff era in Rice football. The new head coach, who compiled a 25-35 record at Texas State University in three seasons, maintains a genuine personality and laid-back demeanor, which has struck an immediate chord with the players. Bailiff and his staff have fostered a palpable connection with their players, doing the little things to build a caring and trusting relationship.

The team hopes to start this season a little differently than it began its 2006 campaign, when it started 0-4 before finishing with a 7-5 winning record. While last year’s late comebacks by margins greater than six points. Of those seven wins, only two were against I-AA opponent in over 10 years. If the team wants to improve their record at Texas State University in 1993, when they edged Sam Houston State 14-13.

While much of Bailiff’s staff is new, the team did maintain a few key players from the previous staff, including nose tackle Brian Raines, the assistant athletic director, head coach David Bailiff, and assistant strength and conditioning coach Adam Beavers, who run the summer training program, which has been credited as the driving force to last season’s success.

“Having [Coach McKnight] and Coach Beavers around the entire summer has been a great experience,” senior offensive lineman Rohby Rice said. “Being a senior, a lot of leadership has come out of this summer — not only among the seniors, but also the underclassmen.”

“This summer program is not unique to Rice — in fact most Division I programs have maintained one for years. However, the Owls have maintained full participation in the program for the past two seasons, which allowed the entire team to spend the summer working and living together. McKnight has quickly developed a reputation for running a top shelf program.

“The summer program is phenomenal — everybody comes out stronger, healthier,” junior linebacker Brian Baines said. “You’re conditioned when you come into camp and you’re ready to go.”

However, many question remain as the season begins, starting with the kicking corp. Senior Lake Jurj, a kicker until this season, will handle the punting duties. Freshman, Chris Joseph, assuming two-a-days, but both players showed some inconsistencies.

Rice’s 2007 football schedule

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<td>vs. Texas Tech</td>
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<td>Back to Rice Stadium for a must-win against the Tigers.</td>
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<td>Oct. 27</td>
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<td>The Owls downed the Herd in dramatic fashion last year. Is more magic in store?</td>
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Rice football 2007

the Rice Thresher

Jarett Dillard and junior quarterback Jarrett Dillard and junior quarter- back Chase Clement to win week in and week out.

Player health and conditioning are paramount to the success of any mid-major program, and that has been a huge priority for this season’s campaign.

“My favorite thing about the new staff is that they understand when you’re tired or hurt,” Dillard said. “They make you sit out, they make you wait.”

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While many question remain as the season begins, starting with the kicking corp. Senior Lake Jurj, a kicker until this season, will handle the punting duties. Freshman, Chris Joseph, assuming two-a-days, but both players showed some inconsistencies.

Steve Fangmeyer, following a stellar freshman campaign, will maintain duties as place-kicker.

Redshirts for the 2007 season have not yet been decided, as the staff still must sort through all the newcomers and assess team needs. Forty players who did not participate in spring workouts took part in preseason two-a-days, including 28 incoming freshmen and 12 players that were injured or not with the team during the spring semester.

The Rice Thresher
Prolific spread offense returns this season

Owls fans dreading a drastic change from last year's prolific offense have nothing to fear. The spread offense Major Applewhite used to perfection in 2006 will remain intact under new offensive coordinator Tom Herman in 2007. The only difference, according to players, in the nomenclature.

"The biggest change has really just been the terminology," junior quarterback Chase Clement said. "Because their responsibilities have not changed much, offensive players have been able to focus on the minor details.

DID YOU KNOW?
The 350 points Rice put up in 2006 is a school record for points scored in a season, but the highest single-game point total may never be surpassed. On Nov. 17, 1916, the Owls beat SMU by a mind-boggling score of 146-3!

"We've learned more of the fundamental basics through repetition," senior offensive lineman Bobby Heos said. "While we did run the spread last year, a lot of times we didn't know why." No Owl received more accolades last year than junior wide receiver Jarrett Dillard, and the recognition has spilled over into this pre-season as well. Dillard has been named to several pre-season watch lists. The successes make Dillard the focal point of most opponents' game plans, a fact that Dillard hopes will make room for Rice's other receivers, arguably the most talented unit the Owls have.

"I'm going to draw coverage my way and that's my job," Dillard said. "I've got other great receivers that are going to make the plays, but by the time the third or fourth quarter comes, things should pretty much level out." If things go according to plan, look for Dillard to have most of his successes late in the game. Senior receiver Joel Armstrong had high hopes going into this season but will have to start the year sidelined with an ankle injury. However, sophomore Toreen Dixon and senior wide receiver Pierre Beasley, who transitioned from quarterback, look to have breakout seasons, and junior Tommy Henderson looks to improve on last season's success, when he caught 29 passes for 235 yards and a touchdown.

Two other areas to pay attention to this year are the offensive line and running back. While the Owls lost three senior starters, including Hoes, a member of the first team pre-season CUSA. depth on the line is a major concern for the Owls. This is particularly true at the tackle positions. Sophomore right tackle Preston Thompson is a first-year starter, and senior left tackle Lute Barber moves to the blind side for the first time this year. For Clement to stay healthy, Barber and Hoes must have a big season protecting the signal-caller's blind side.

The ground game will have to improve on last year's production. With the graduation of rusher Quentin Smith, who is second all-time in Rice's history in yards gained, sophomore Marcus Knox and junior C.J. Upshaw will start the season splitting time in the backfield.

An interesting aspect of the pre-season was the emergence of James Casey, the 22-year-old freshman that spent several years playing minor league baseball before joining the Owls in the spring. Casey, at 6' 4" and 245 lbs, worked as a defensive end in spring ball, but played quarterback at Aledo High School near Dallas. He moved back to quarterback during two-a-days, where the Owls plan to showcase his arm strength, speed, and size.

With Clement's reckless style of play and relatively slight stature, having a second quarterback to take some of the hits in certain situations should be a major positive for this year's team.

While playing healthy is the primary concern, Herman must find creative ways to showcase some of the unique skills of offensive playmakers. The spread is an ideal system to showcase players like Clement and Dillard, who make up for their lack of size with innovative techniques, precision and finding open space on the field.

The Spread Offense

Wide receivers: Everyone not wearing #81 can expect a lot of one-on-one coverage.

Inside receivers/tight ends: To open up space for the talented wideouts, these guys need to have consistent gains vertically over the middle of the field.

Quarterbacks: Chase Clement, if you're reading this, think twice about running. The big plays are spectacular, but Rice needs you healthy.

Running backs: Whoever ends up carrying the ball for the Owls this year must gain tough yards between the tackles to fill Quentin Smith's shoes.
Owls look to strengthen line with 4-2-5 scheme

If defense wins championships, the football team had better be smart. The Owls must adapt to their third defensive system in three years when they open play running the 4-2-5. Last year, running the 3-3-5 "stack" defense, the Owls typically had only three down linemen on the field, so shifting to a more traditional four down linemen front puts pressure on the depth of the defensive line.

Even though the more traditional front is better suited to defending the run, having only two linebackers and five defensive backs allows for very flexible pass coverage and blitz packages.

This will not be the first time the Owls run a four-man front. Last season, the team employed a four-man front in key situations, such as the second half of the game against University of Central Florida (UTC). Against modern passing offenses, committing seven men to the defensive front, as in a traditional 4-3, often puts a defense in a weak position against the pass. However, the 4-2-5 adds an extra safety with multiple responsibilities - sometimes playing with linebacker-type technique and other times playing as a true defensive back.

Optimally, the 4-2-5 package has as much of an upside as the 3-3-5 stack without as much liability against the run. Head coach David Bailiff is the pioneer of this defense, which he popularized during his stint as defensive coordinator at Texas Christian University. The defense is a modification to the 4-4 defense once popular at the collegiate level and still commonly found in high school defenses.

From a coaching perspective, the experience runs deep. The two most experienced members of the staff, Bailiff and assistant head coach/co-defensive coordinator Chuck Driesbach, who has coached collegiately for 30 years, are on the defensive side of the ball. Driesbach has also been the defensive coordinator at multiple BCS-conference schools and several different schemes.

While the defense is faced with a much larger scheme adjustment than the offense, the coaching staff should be well-equipped to facilitate the transition.

Schemes aside, the team's defensive keys to success are the same as those for the offense: staying healthy and forcing turnovers. The Owls hope to get out of the gate quickly and make a statement against tomorrow's opponent, Nicholls State University.

DID YOU KNOW?

Last season defensive end Brian Raines led the team with 118 total tackles, including a season high 17 in the contest with Houston. Although this was an Owl's highest total since 1995, it does not come close to matching Rice's all-time record for tackles in a season. That honor is held by Robert Williamson (Baker '81) who, in 1980, tackled 196 opponents.

The most important game in Nicholls State's junior linebacker Brian Raines said, "We need to get out to a good start, prove that we can do this, prove that the season works."

Raines, named to the Butkus Award watch list August 29, looks to improve on a spectacular sophomore campaign in which he garnered all-conference honors and led the team in tackles. After offseason shoulder surgery kept him out of spring drills, Raines impressed coaches in two-a-days. Playing next to Raines will be either sophomore Terrance Garmon or sophomore Robert Callou.

Both players have above-average speed, but neither has filled the starting spot.

In the defensive backfield, the Owls have a pair of very talented playmakers. Sophomore strong safety Andrew Sendel and junior cornerback Ja'Corey Shepherd are amongst the best in the conference. Sendel, a freshmen all-conference selection last season, quickly developed a reputation for his relentless pursuit and big-play ability. Shepherd is the best coverage defensive back on Rice's roster, and has also been one of the primary punt returners during summer workouts.
Moralistic Nanny Diaries avoids children’s plot

by Jackie Ammons
THESSON STAFF

In the recently-released The Nanny Diaries, Scarlett Johansson (Scarlet’s Nicholas Art) plays the sassy nanny who both selfishly neglect and ignore the crazy X family: Annie (played by Anne Hathaway), the narcissistic roommate of the watered-down narcissist Mr. X (played by Chris Evans). The Nanny Diaries is a series of bizarre family scenes at the beginning of the film. It is a funny, slow-motion opening sequence. Annie imagines herself in different careers and lifestyles, notably as a Pimp. The ultimate nanny — flying along the New York skyline and searching for an oversized, red umbrella.

The movie reads like a chick flick, while presenting a practical moral, The Nanny Diaries manages to stay above the superficial, female, manic Nordstroms of other chick flicks.

The fun begins at 8 p.m. and after the first listen it becomes apparent that this is Ritter’s album yet. The lone Rocker’s previous work is from a couple of minor shifts in his body from the shoulders down to his completely unlikable character. His un-GQ appearance is fitting for his completely unlikable character. The film plays up Gannett’s awkwardness towards his son, and unlikeliness to the male chauvinist who Babysits and is roughly unrumpled for a second stringer off 59.

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Ritter breaks old habits with successful new mix

by Nikki Metzag

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Looking for Funding for a Community Service Project?

The Community Service Grant, administered by the Community Involvement Center, was designed by a group of student representatives from the student service organizations at Rice to help community service organizations establish and develop their programs and to help other student organizations initiate community service projects.

Examples of Organizations and Projects Funded in 2006-2007:
- Amnesty International, American Civil Liberties Union, and ESL Tutoring - The Community Service Grant, administered by the Community Involvement Center goes on to support these organizations with an application deadline of September 14.
- Muslim Student Association - A day of games and activities with the Vietnamese Student Association - College Leadership Workshop to expose socio-economically disadvantaged Vietnamese high school students to community service.

$12,000 will be available for the 2007-2008 academic year and applications are due on Friday, September 14. A committee of representatives from student service organizations will make allocation decisions later September.

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Morbid Funeral presents stiff characters, unoriginal comedy

by Sean McBeath

Unfortunately, Death at a Funeral is one of those comedies which almost all the secrets and funny moments are disclosed during the trailers. Here, only one surprise is left. It is a shame, because the premise of the story leaves so much promise and opportunity for a brilliant tale. However, British writer Dean Craig (Caffine) fails to explore nearly every available creative avenue and instead settles for a predictable set of cliche plot devices.

Following a delightful introductory credit sequence, the story's setting is laid out: Daniel's (Robbie Coltrane) father is recently deceased, and the funeral is set to take place the afternoon of the plot's beginning. Viewers receive a brief introduction to Daniel, his wife Jane (Tomb Raider: Legend's Keeley Harvey) and his mother Sandra (A for Andromeda's Jane Asher). The story follows various guests to the funeral without any particular creativity or humor to break up an otherwise meaningless and mostly irrelevant sequence.

With the introduction of each new character, the audience is treated to another moronic and predictable character of Death at a Funeral's collection of misfits — there do not appear to be any stable people in the family. As the film goes on, it seems as if Craig relied on acid for the entire film, Tudyk playing a character who is tripping on acid for the entire film. Tudyk is one of Daniel's cousins. Despite playing a character who is tripping on acid for the entire film, Tudyk certainly rescues Death at a Funeral from the grave its otherwise flat delivery dug for itself.

The whole film seems rushed, as if Craig and Oz had no time to explore the myriad connections between cast members. The only truly interesting relationship in the tale is that between Daniel, an unsuccessful writer, and Robert, a successful novelist who lives in New York. Their interplay is the main focus of the story, but rather than using their unspoken tension as a way to drive the story, it is left on the back burner and merely distracts the audience. Other characters' interactions are no better, mostly to small talk and a few petty inquests.

Daniel's character is the only one which shows any growth throughout the film. The remainder of the cast merely carries out the roles they took on in depressing regularity. And even Daniel's dynamic occurs only with the final few moments of the credit roll, leaving no room to explore the effect or even the full substance of his transformation.

Death at a Funeral ends up feeling like a short episode of a 90 minute comedy as oversized takes. While Craig does not offer the audience anything profound, he gives them just enough comedy to make the film worth seeing once.

Robert (V for Vendetta's Rupert Graves) and Daniel (Pride & Prejudice's Matthew Macfadyen) argue in the new comedy Death at a Funeral.
Two summer documentaries make hard, sound arguments

by Matthew McKee
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Even the open mind can drown in information. A few clicks of a mouse opens up facts from sources of sources. Flicking the receiver with millions of stories and reports on any number of subjects. With such an abundance, it often proves difficult to keep track of one information stream. This makes concentrated, well-researched arguments worth a hundred days on the beach.

For that reason, two documentaries released this summer are as vital to every American as bottled water. Michael Moore's Sicko and Charles Ferguson's No End in Sight call for censure of failed US policies and push forward, employing refreshingly deep wells of evidence where many individuals have only handfuls. Their points, detailing disastrous shortcomings, are vital for everyone, for even the close-minded cannot ignore a cool eye on truths.

Because they are based so much on strong, well-developed arguments, they are not "liberal" films seeking to destroy America. Moore and Ferguson have made two films that every American citizen needs to see even without knowing about whether that viewing leads to agreement or not. The documentaries condense and present myriad indisputable facts that the flood of information that hits everyone every day. See Sicko and No End in Sight to not become anti-American but to learn about how to improve this country lost by us.

The Truth About Health Care

Sicko, released on the heels of Moore's highly controversial Fahrenheit 9/11, tells of America's failing health care system and suggests the adoption of universal health care. Having learned from the mistakes of past films, Moore keeps the polarizing sight of his person out of the movie. See Sicko and No End in Sight to not become anti-American but to learn about how to improve this country lost by us.

Sicko begins with stories of Americans struggling with health care, employing Moore's signature wit and irony. One opening sequence details a man who lost two fingers in an accident. Finger replacement costs exorbitant amounts, which he has to pay for himself. Similarly poignant anecdotes fill Sicko, making its evidence with a new kind of Moore-span objectivity, and it is his best film yet.

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Throughout the film, one tends to become more and more frustrated with the situation. Ferguson makes a compelling and effective case for the failure that will, by his estimates, cost Americans over $1.5 trillion. Ferguson neglects analyzing his convincing analysis into more recent years. He argues forcefully for the failure of 2003 and 2004. If he had showed why this created an insurgency and civil war only six years after the Iraq to make his point: The United States failed post-war Iraq. Ferguson points much of the blame at Bremer's decision to hand the Iraqi militia in 2003. Using interviews and first-hand evidence, No End in Sight paints a diabolical picture of the resulting mobs of unemployed and disgruntled Iraqis that armed with unguarded weapons, caches, formed the basis for a persistent insurgency.

Even more than that, one directive, the documentary shows how unplanned the entire post-war era really was. Bremer made his decisions with little to no consultation from important officials, and the Pentagon set up a post-war planning group only 30 days before American troops invaded Iraq. The movie points out that too many important decisions went into effect without advice from important officials working extensively on the ground.

Ferguson mocks the confidence of former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld by juxtaposing his statements with footage and interviews with officials who lived and worked in Iraq, and, in Sicko, this derision strengthens his argument.

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American soldiers beside an exploding building in Iraq. Charles Ferguson lampoons the invasion in No End in Sight.

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the mix. Balanced by his broken
heart lyrics, their presence may not make Ritter the kind of man mobile girls will slip backstage for.
But he still retains his own brand of sexy.

How many layers make: The
Historical Composites of Josh Ritter
a complex and worthwhile experi-
ence. Some loyal Josh Ritter fans
will be disappointed by the obvious
change of style. In fact, Ritter’s song
writing processes changed during the
creation of this album — he chose
to write without the guitar, coming
up with the melodies and words
separately, at times aided by a piano
he did not know how to play.

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RACER
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view, a clothes-free rendition of Romeo
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But not too much.

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Volleyball loses two of three to christen new home

Owls fall to Louisiana Tech and Oral Roberts but notch first win of the season against Lamar

by Natalie Chevrazo

Opening the season in a new home with the Minnow Institutional Tournament, the volleyball team earned its first win of the season, although they were not as successful in their other two contests last weekend.

Rice (2-5) hosted the first two contests at its new home, the Minnow Institutional Tournament. The Owls defeated Oral Roberts and Texas A&M Corpus Christi to start the season with two wins. However, they were not so successful in their other two contests, falling to Lamar University and Oral Roberts University.

The Owls will have plenty of opportunities to redeem themselves this weekend at the Mizuno Invitational II tournament. The Owls are off to a 2-0 start and hope to continue their success.

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The Owls were able to take the other two contests, but Louisiana Tech and Oral Roberts were not so successful.

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Rice is familiar with the strength of the Texas A&M Corpus Christi. The Owls defeated the Aggies in their first meeting, but Oral Roberts will be a tougher challenge.

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**THIS WEEKEND**

Mizuno Invitational II

**When:** Friday - Saturday

**Where:** Fox Gym

**History:** Friday's contest is the first time the teams have ever met. The Owls won their only match against University of Illinois in 2005, but have struggled against LSU, going 0-5 all-time.

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**OUTLOOK — THE WEEK IN SPORTS**

Casey Michel

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**FORGET ABOUT PREDICTIONS, LET'S FOCUS ON HOW MUCH WE REALLY KNOW**

Outside of coaches and books, there is little more interest in predicting outcomes than in predicting people's performance. The first month is too early to say anything about it.

Steve Whitfield

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A good friend of the staff, former New York Yankees catcher/manager Yogi Berra, dropped by the office the other day. Here are some of his more trenchant observations:

On the similarities between Rick’s South in the 2006 and 2007 College World Series — “It’s like deja vu all over again.”

On our golf team’s performance at last year’s Conference USA tournament — “90% of the puts that are short don’t go in.”

On why Rice’s offense struggled in the 2006 CWS (and our perception of maintaining preseason arrogance) — “Think! How the hell are you gonna think and hit at the same time?”

On C-USA opponents trying to duplicate Morris Almond’s sweet tournament tactics, ordering defensive players to take cheap shots at LSU’s star running back (a la Willis McGahee in the 2003 Rose Bowl): “It ain’t over till it’s over.”

On our golf team’s performance at last year’s Conference USA tournament — “You don’t hit with your face.”

On why it hasn’t happened since.”

On why Rice’s offensive line struggled in the 2006 CWS (or Alex Rodriguez’s shot at winning a jump stroke — it was broken.”

On advice he gave our Editor in Chief — “It’s like deja vu all over again.”

On supporting an effort for Rice to recruit ugly baseball players — “Never answer anony-
mous phone calls.”

On construction at Autry — “It ain’t over till it’s over.”

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On Minnesota Wild’s Heisman contender, Corwin指定 firing for 300 yards and 4 touchdowns close call coming at Hawaii iri the fa^t week Of the season  Colt Brennan, Hawaii's Heisman contender, Corwin指定 firing for 300 yards and 4 touchdowns in the first half, but LSU's defense stepped up in the second half, forcing Brennan to throw into the wind and limiting his opportunities. LSU's defense was dominant, holding Hawaii to just 250 yards of total offense and never allowing the Rainbow Warriors to get into scoring position.

Fiesta Bowl
Boise State def. Notre Dame 63-10

Sugar Bowl
Florida def. Texas A&M 52-17

Orange Bowl
Duke def. South Florida 79-78

National Championship
Big 10 champion Michigan escapes to face Ohio State in a thrilling rematch that no one saw coming. The game is a testament to the power of the Big 10 conference and the talent of the teams involved. Michigan, led by quarterback Denard Robinson, scored a late touchdown to secure the victory and advance to the College Football Playoff National Championship game.

Rice Bowl
LSU makes it through the regular season with only one loss to Florida, but after discovering that Gator QB Tim Tebow can only run one play in one direction, the defense adjusts, and the Tigers redeem themselves by blowing up the upsets in the SEC championship game. With the win, LSU takes the conference’s automatic bowl berth, and is also honored by NBC with 24-hour coverage for the duration of the season.

Rose Bowl
Ohio State def. LSU 31-24

Ohio State also gets a BCS berth, finishing 12-1 and losing to only Michigan in the regular season. After the game, the two teams stage a mock civil war, with citizens of each team burning effigies of the opposing team’s quarterback in public squares. The Buckeyes escape unharmed and ready to face LSU at the Rose Bowl, but, sadly, a group of pranksters from Ohio State upset the pregame festivities by stealing the iconic “The Script Ohio” letter formation from the stadium.

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Fiesta Bowl
Notre Dame pounds the lips of Air Force and Purdue in the regular season but loses by ridiculous margins to quality teams like Michigan and USC and finishes 7-5. Mysteriously, the coach ends up at No. 10 with the pick of the lot and lands the at-large Fiesta Bowl berth, and is also honored by NBC with 24-hour coverage for the duration of the season.

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**Volleyball**

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match points to take the contest. But Oral Roberts stymied Rice's attempts to capture the match and held on to win 18-16.

Despite the slow start, Volpe said she was pleased that her team stayed in every match.

“Our team's in really good shape and I think that [we] really came through watching the team this weekend — they didn't run out of gas,” Volpe said. “Last year our team kind of fizzled out at times. They're in much better shape this year.”

**Prediction**

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as last year, with the major exception of running back Quinton Smith, who is second on Rice's all-time rushing list and last year posted the fourth 1,000-yard season in school history. We can only hope that Dillard, the all-everything wideout who should have won the Heisman last year, will have another amazing season. But who are we kidding? He had 60 more catches and over 1,000 more yards than any receiver still on the roster.

In short, Dillard was the Owls receiving attack in 2006, and until another threat emerges, any defensive coordinator who doesn't double-cover him at all times is crazy. If another threat emerges, this offense could be pretty fun to watch in 2007. If not, it could be pretty frustrating.

The defense is even more of a crapshoot. Remember all those exciting, high-scoring affairs from a year ago? Well, a lot of that had to do with the fact that our defense was not so great at stopping teams. In 2006, Rice ranked dead last in C-USA in total defense and next-to-last in points allowed.

Now, losing to Florida State and Texas by a combined score of 107-14 certainly will not help that stat, but even during conference play the opposing teams moved the ball with ease against the Owls. This is the side of the ball where our head coach David Bailiff will make his mark. With offensive coordinator Tom Herman essentially keeping the same spread offense from a year ago, the only significant change in terms of strategy is the installation of the 4-2-5 defense, a slight shift from the 3-3-5 "stack" defense we ran in 2006.

Hopefully, everyone takes well to this formation change, but somehow I got the feeling that this alone will not be enough to start a radical change in the defense's performance. The personnel is virtually the same from last year, so by default someone will have to improve dramatically for Rice to have a solid season defensively. Junior linebacker Brian Santos should set up monster numbers again this year, but he's only one guy. If the Owls do not get production from other areas, whether it's the front four or the secondary, expect many more high-scoring affairs in 2007.

So, what am I saying here? I'm saying that, like most other football teams, the 2007 season is wide open for the Owls. We could finish 8-4 or 4-8 and I would not be surprised either way. I'm just going to tune out Dickie V, sit back, and enjoy the show.

Stephen Whitfield is a Sid Richardson college senior and managing editor.
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Aug. 24-Aug.29

VOLLEYBALL
ORAL ROBERTS vs RICE 2
Aug. 29, 2007 — Fox Gym
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Oral Roberts 30 20 15 18
Rice 28 20 15 18
Kills 52 36
Errors 6 3
Digs 23 18
Blocks 10 12
Individual Stats
Oral Roberts — Savo 12, Neve 14, Oliveira 14
Rice — Morgan 16, Hammonds 17, Rags 15, Schamun 19

LOUISIANA TECH vs RICE 3
Aug. 29, 2007 — The Gym
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Louisiana Tech 30 27 26 20
Rice 24 27 26 19
Kills 27 22
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Louisiana Tech — Hubbell 12, Brown 14, Mangum 14
Rice — Rieder 25, Backus 25, Wimmer 25, Schamun 25

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The Student Admission Council (SAC) adds the Rice Undergraduate Admission Office in recruitment and yield activities. The organization strives to ensure that each incoming freshman class is made up of students with diverse academic, cultural, and extracurricular interests.

TRUST
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the school, make sure we’re actually out there, that we’re not just secluded in our own little football society.”

The new coach is also making sure that those who now play under Gra- bham will be more integrated into the Rice community than previous classes, strengthening the student body and, subsequently, the fan base.

Trust, once lost, is never easy to recoup. It takes time, energy and dedication. But for all intents and purposes, Bailiff is off on the right foot—he has attended a student-organized production of Much Ado About Nothing and put residential college decals of the athletes’ respective colleges on their helmets. Bailiff even does the small stuff, like personally bringing a media guide to the ’Dekker office—which adds me to his growing list of fans. The trust lost in the Graham debacle is returning.

“Trust is doing what you say you’re going to do,” Bailiff said. “Trust has to be the number one word in any successful organization. I don’t care if it’s athletics, I don’t care if it’s business, those players have to trust us as coaches and we have to trust them as players.”

When the season starts tomorrow, the student section will undoubtedly be its raucous self. Bodies will be painted, signs will be held high, and pieces of paper with detrimental—although wholly justifiable—chants will be passed around. But will it be as turbulent as it would have been without the effort Bailiff has put into regaining trust? Probably not. We were hurt before, but after seeing everything the new coaching staff has done, we are waiting with open arms.

Casey Nickel is a Brown College sophomore and sports editor.

And he's digging for third...
FRIDAY

Say hello to your clubs
The Activities Fair is today from 12:30 - 4 p.m. in the BMC’s Grand Hall. Explore the clubs Rice has to offer you, and get some free stuff, too. Stop by the Thresher table while you’re there and learn how you can be cool like us — and get paid for it.

Meet your momma
Take a walk across Fannin and Main to check out the Houston Museum of Natural Science’s newest exhibit — Lucy’s Legacy: The Hidden Treasures of Ethiopia.” Tickets cost $12 with a valid student ID and $20 regular admission. Lucy’s exhibit will be in Houston until Apr. 20, 2008. For more info, visit www.hmns.org.

SATURDAY

Give a warm Owl welcome to ...
Head out to the football stadium for Rice’s 7 p.m. opener against Nicholls State University. They came all the way from Thibodaux, La., so let’s make sure they get a good sendoff.

First Party of the Year
Join your classmates at the most creatively-named party to grace our campus this year. Break in the new semester from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. at the Wiess College’s Acabowl.

SUNDAY

Shutter glory
Rice Village’s Photomarathon runs from 3 - 4 p.m. with a pre-event social from 2-3 p.m. Required: camera, $35 fee, creativity.

MONDAY

First day off of the year
The fates are on your side: Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 3. That means no classes for you. So if you were doing some extracurricular experiments your first Saturday night, you’ll have been graced with an extra day to analyze your results and get ready for your second week of class.

WEDNESDAY

Get your groove on
Rice Dance Theatre tryouts run Wednesday from 4 – 5:40 p.m. and Thursday from 6 – 7 p.m. Meet in the Haijo Dance Studio at the Recreation Center.

FRIDAY

Registrar Mega-Deadline
Listen up, kiddies, because today is Registrar Day 2007. About half of the deadlines don’t apply to you, but these probably do:

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