BitTorrent sites banned by Rice IT

by Lily Chen

January 2007, Rice received a staggering 84 Technology Kamran Khan said BitTorrent lawyers, Scarborough said IT had to resolve complaints — more than fifteen times the number of complaints in November.

Information Security Officer Marc Scarborough said these sites weren’t banned because the content of the sites were almost entirely pirated. The illegal and malicious content on the site could get the university in trouble, Scarborough said.

“What students are saying is they can no longer use BitTorrent applications to access some of the sites that really have nothing other than malicious or illegal content,” Scarborough said. “But BitTorrent itself has a lot of very legitimate uses for it.”

Brown College senior Chris Jackson said the change came as an unwelcome surprise. “I used it during O-Week, and once school started, it was restricted all of a sudden,” Jackson said. “I was thinking, ‘Why would they do this?’ They didn’t post anything about it, and they didn’t tell us why they did it.”

Jackson said IT blocked major torrent sites like Pirate Bay, Iso-Hunt and Torrent Spy.

Scarborough said IT has also reduced bandwidth for BitTorrent even more at the beginning of last semester because of the increased intensity with which entertainment industries were pursuing of illegal file sharing.

“Before the semester, Rice received a subpoena from the Recording Industry Association of America for the first time,” Additionally, Khan said there was a nation-wide spike December in the number of infringement notices that entertainment industries sent to universities. In November, Rice received five complaints. In December 2006, the number increased to 28 complaints. In January 2007, Rice received a staggering 84 complaints — more than fifteen times the number of complaints in November.

“We received these complaints and subpoenas, and we were legally required to respond to them,” Scarborough said.

In addition to having to deal with industry lawyers, Scarborough said IT had to resolve the channel line-up until much later in the semester. Student Association Technology are currently working out a year-long trial period.

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mtvU to be added to campus TV listings

New channel will provide alternative to MTV by catering to collegiate viewers and focusing on upstart artists, but will it compete with Rice’s own student-run RTV5?

by Caroline May

mtvU, an MTV owned 24-hour television channel that focuses on the college-age demographic, will soon become part of Rice’s standard cable lineup.

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the Rice Thresher
Face Scan: Vote for longer winter break
On the agenda for the Faculty Senate this Wednesday is a vote to set the academic calendar for upcoming years. We encourage you to undo the current calendar and return Rice to a longer winter break. The motion was introduced in Sept. 2006, when faculty cut winter break and extended summer break with the intention of helping students with summer internships. Unfortunately, the gain of one week during the summer was nowhere near as worth the loss of one week during the winter.

Winter break is supposed to be a time of relaxation after the stress of finals. While an extra week of summer fades into the rest of summer's warm embrace, the time during the winter is precious recovery time, and that extra week can do wonders.

For students who want to travel, two weeks may be too short a time to truly settle and explore before having to come back to campus — especially for those who want to travel abroad. Rome was not built in a day, and Europe cannot be explored in two weeks.

Furthermore, a required two-week stall in resolutions could have been a time for students to gain a job during the break. For students who want to travel, two weeks may be too short a time to truly settle and explore before having to come back to campus. Additionally, the week back would help students who work gain some extra cash for the upcoming semester.

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SA: Vote no on by-law change
At Monday’s Student Association meeting, Brown College Sena- tor Patrick McNamara proposed an amendment to the by-laws of the SA requiring two weeks prior notice on all resolutions (see SA box, page 11). Given the haste with which the SA passed the amendment, it is quite understandable. However, an amendment is not the way to mend the situation.

Socials: Party on Purim
Even the original argument for extending summer break — job opportunities — can be applied to why it should be undone. While an extra week during summer may help with summer internships, cutting down winter break makes getting a job during the break all the more impossible. Adding a required two-week stall back would help students who work gain some extra cash for the upcoming semester.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bush leaves legacy fit for conservatives
To the editor: Despite Carollas’ May’s poor prediction, President Bush will most definitely leave behind a strong conservative legacy ("Bush leaves no great conservative legacy," Sept. 14). In Mr. Bush’s wake, conservatism will be the most characteristic of American conser- vatives—hardcore greed, hypocrisy and moral and political corruption; money and sexual scandals; no contracts to political cronies and $72 billion dollars unaccounted for in Iraq.

R.T. Cathey
Rice Staff, Purchasing Agent

Common reading rebuff unproductive
To the editor: I was deeply disturbed to read Karen Gerken’s earlier editorial remarks on the first choice for the Rice common reading ("Give students choice in common reading," Sept. 14). She offers no substantive critique of the content or style of Elizabeth Kolbert’s "Field Notes from a Cata- strophe". Instead, she calls the book "boring, " and says that Gerken will not read it. We need a professor to show us what would classify in today’s college students.

A common reading is not meant to serve as the final word on a subject. Rather, it is intended as a jumping-off point for precisely what Gerken advocates: "various avenues" for students to "research and exchange ideas about [their] personal knowledge." Had Gerken sought out additional information on global warming through podcasts or YouTube clips, she might have been able to enumerate more clearly why, in her estimation, Kolbert’s book was so inadequate.

The Rice students I have known and respected are set apart from the peers by a minimum of duties, maturity and seriousness. They are "academic" to bring. How disappointing, then, to see Gerken proudly proclaim that the class of 2011 has bonded through the idea of a book, if imperfect, that would interest Rice students. Rich,

Ann Zibet
Junior

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Student action earns parental gratitude
To the editor: We are the parents of a junior student at Rice College. Our daughter Kaelin Willis recently suffered severe panic in a library and called the "clerk-on-campus." She was then persuaded to pursue help at St. Luke’s emergency room. She was
Guest column

Sid socials overlook Jewish students

Tonight in Sid Richardson College. The people coming in are having a party as Yom Kippur, the most important day of the year for observant Jews. That these two events coincide is, to me, an embarrassing and blatant lack of respect for Jewish students.

From what I have heard, and lack the knowledge to confirm, Sid Socials had originally intended the party to be the weekend of the Holiday; however, for some reason the party was moved up to Saturday. Many of us lack cars. For of us are too socially awkward to or cheap. This is Rice University. It is true. But is not consistent, time-efficient spend a Saturday evening as well, dinner? Reasonable, logical proposition lunch on Saturday, if not Friday's time of their employees in efforts evening. It was new, it was reliable, and cruel. My stomach's uncertain to me. Life seems harsh at all major events, and goes, but glass boxes are here to say. And here is my problem: If you are going to stick a business inside the glass box, it should be a 24-hour establishment rooted in the very culture of the American South. This establishment should offer a variety of delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner items at all hours of the day for reasonable prices. It should be a haven for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Take a look around the current facilities. It is a guessing game enough for both the chefs and the students as to what will be on the menu and whether there is enough for the evening alone forcing students to stock up servery gourmets the process even worse. I find it difficult to guess what will be the main course, side dish or desert. The Saturday experiment was a meeting point for those on campus who were not venturing outside just that evening. No one who was reasonable, not major events, for the university chose to use its money and the time of its employees in efforts elsewhere.

Where in years prior there had been a variety of restaurants to choose from in the afternoon, last year the students were left with only Waffle House. For the experiment began early on in the fall, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. four to six. A modest yet hearty delight offering hamburgers, sandwiches and assured their hit, the Saturday experiment was a meeting point for those on campus who were not venturing outside just that evening. No one who was reasonable, not major events, for the university chose to use its money and the time of its employees in efforts elsewhere.

In other words, this other point is this a grand opportunity to venture bebeyond the bridges with friends. Why not just take a break, hop off the bus and pick up a bite to eat. Explore new places, try new things. This is Rice University. We are here for fun! Even though we are too much to spend our Saturday evening at home doing homework. Many of us are too socially awkward to find a consistent movie date each Saturday. The time is right, the chemistry of the evening is right, it is the perfect time to do something fun. Rice socials change this.
Brinkley lectures on new book about Hurricane Katrina

by Joyce Yao

History Professor Douglas Brinkley spoke on his latest book Tuesday at the Baker Institute for Public Policy.

Having evacuated New Orleans during the Hurricane Katrina crisis, Brinkley combined his experiences and in-depth reporting in The Great Deluge, which won the 2007 Pulitzer Book Award.

Brinkley said he initially held no biases regarding the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Bush administration. This changed when he revisited New Orleans after the hurricane.

"If I was a category three storm, and this was New Orleans. The above-sea-level government has yet to effectively deal with the problems from the below-sea-level regions of the city and the below-sea-level New Orleans. The above-sea-level New Orleans and the below-sea-level New Orleans. The above-sea-level New Orleans is relatively well in the wake of the hurricane, but the government has yet to effectively deal with the problems from the below-sea-level areas of the city."

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Brinkley cited several reasons for the breakdown at every level.

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"This is a federal problem," he said. "Almost of fifty or sixty billion dollars could easily mushroom, it would be the biggest public works project in U.S. history. It will require huge engineering and will need to be sold as a national mission."

Brinkley also said the United States was probably not prepared to deal with such budget-spending projects especially in light of its current foreign policies fighting terrorism around the globe.

"The good news is nothing's too late in the big historical sense," Brinkley said. "We're in the middle of Katrina now. People will be looking back at how we responded and it won't be determined by what we did in 2005, what we did in 2006, what we did in 2007. The big question is how did America deal with the sinking of New Orleans?"

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Hanzsen College junior Mike Rowntree said hearing Brinkley speak about his personal encounters with Katrina shed light on the sheer magnitude of the destruction at Katrina. "I didn't know there was such a lack of interest in the pursuing of policies," Rowntree said. "I am also surprised at the level of inaction among the presidential candidates concerning this issue."

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Measles scare**

Two Rice students developed measles over Labor Day weekend after coming in contact with a salesperson with the disease. Director of Health Services Mark Jenkins said the students have fully recovered, and the case is being investigated by Public Health Authorities of Houston. Jenkins would not comment further on the situation.

Although measles and rubella vaccinations are required to attend Rice, approximately 1 percent of those vaccinated do not develop the correct antibody response, Jenkins said. He said this likely accounts for the two measles cases. There have been no further suspected or confirmed cases at Rice, he said. In 2005, 66 cases of measles were reported in the U.S., and of these cases, 50 did not receive vaccinations.

—Sarah Rutledge

**Wiess College Coordinator leaves**

Lorie Zepeda resigned from her post as Wiess College Coordinator Sept. 12. Beth Rivera, who worked as a temp at Rice, will act as college coordinator until a replacement is found in October.

Zepeda was unavailable for comment.

Wiess senior Sarah Wulf is chairing the Wiess College Coordinator Search Committee, which will consist of students, Resident Associates and possibly a college coordinator from another residential college. The committee will consider internal candidates as well as applicants from outside Rice. Wiess Master Michael Gustin said they expect to find a new college coordinator by mid-to late October.

—Jocelyn Wright

**WIESS COORDINATOR SEARCH**

The College Coordinator Search Committee will consist of:

- Sarah Wulf, Chair '08
- Karina Radulescu '08
- Charlie Foscar '09
- Allison Elliott '10
- Max Otter '11
- Brent Houchers, RA
- Mike Gustin & Denise Kihn, Masters
- Jon Harris Maurer '08
- Greg Davis '02
- Alex Moran '09
- Dina Venkatarman '10
- Matt Sorenson '11
- Doward & Christie Hudson, RAs
- Joyce Bald, Hanszen CC

**SITES**

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the over 250 notices received last semester. Khan said his office spends somewhere from 1 - 1.5 hours on each complaint, tracking the user and speaking with them privately.

"It really does take a lot of our time and effort to track people down," Scarborough said. "We could be putting that time into doing other things. Disaster recovery planning takes a backseat to some of these things."

"Let's face the facts of life: There are things you can do and can't do."

Kamran Khan, Vice Provost of IT

Scarborough said another reason bandwidth was reduced was to ensure that students, faculty and staff could easily access the internet for important functions such as e-mail and Web browsing.

"We want to make sure that somebody is not taking all of the bandwidth away from them so they can't do their job," Scarborough said. "Some of the applications would take up 80 - 85 percent of the bandwidth, so e-mail and Web browsing suffered greatly."

Scarborough said it was important that people realize some things were simply illegal.

"Let's face the facts: There are things you can and can't do," Khan said. "We don't want students to get into trouble, but we have no choice but to take seriously infringement of copyrights."

**Giving life**

Baker College sophomore Kathy Deng waits as a nurse takes blood from her arm. The annual blood drive was held in the Rice Memorial Center Monday.
Last semester, Rice began a new system of course evaluations that would allow students to see their peer's own comments. And the course evaluations that would allow students responses are in - en masse.

"We patterned a lot of this after Stanford and Yale," Registrar David Tenney (Sid '87) said. "And we actually did a little better."

Undergraduates responded with a 96 percent response rate, with 14,151 responses out of a potential 14,808. Only 4 percent of the responses were blank submissions, as students were just allowed to click through the surveys on the way to seeing their grades. And 50 percent of the responses had written comments, which are now viewable through ESTHER.

"That beats our written evals," Tenney said. "We did a scan for certain bad words, and some of them are out there, but we did not block those," Tenney said. "We do not want to be in the business of taking comments off."

Overall, Tenney said he was very pleased with the results. However, that does not mean there are not little flaws. Extensive specification often occurred within the individual responses to a course. For example, several students would write that a class was great, while another distinct group would write that it was terrible. This issue often arose in courses that were crosslisted.

"Sometimes you see that the people that are coming from the engineering department, they love it. But the people coming from the natural sciences bast didn't like it as much," Tenney said. "It's funny where there's such extremes."

Another notable oddity was that courses with praiseworthy written evaluations had received poor ratings in the rest o the evaluation. For example, CHEM 340 received a 4.29 for Workload, ranking it between somewhat heavier and much heavier than workload in other classes-Rice offers. However, students' written responses claim that it was a very easy and fun course. These discrepancies could be due to a misunderstanding of the ranking system, which has low numbers as good — assuming an easy workload is good — and high numbers as bad. Nevertheless, the data displayed are the results as students filled them out, flaws and all.

STUDENT COMMENTS

HUMA 201 (HUSTON): "This is a course that is seen as legendary when taught by Dr. Huston and it is true. The course was definitely worth the effort to get into."

MUSI 117 (WAYNE): "One the final day for pass/fail designation, I went to the registrar to p/f the class, because I would risk damaging my GPA from this elective, and 4 other students were also p/f the class, claiming they were scared of their potential grades. As a 400 level elective and distribution, that should not be a concern, especially when you are completing assignments on time and showing up for class.

CHEM 215 (MCHALE): "I am not exaggerating when I say that this course is by far the worst course I have taken in my years at Rice. The due dates were not clear, the assignments were given somewhat haphazardly and randomly and there was virtually no helpful guidance. Additionally, the assignments were pretty pathetic excuses for learning.

Courses were ranked on a scale of one to five on two different scales: one scale measured the workload of the course, the other the quality of the instruction. A vote of one indicates an easier course or better instruction. A vote of five indicates a difficult course or poor instruction.

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### ASTR

**Avg Quality:** 2.29  
**Avg Courseload:** 2.76

### BIOS

**Avg Quality:** 1.86  
**Avg Courseload:** 2.50

- **BIOS 202 (Prof. Meffert):**
  - This class is the Terry Schiavo of the Biology Department. It's patently obvious to any observer that there's nothing going on in there, but it's kept alive through some misguided sense of pity and the fear that it might be us that goes crazy next. Oh, and there's a lot of drool and blank stares too.

- **BIOS 302 (Prof. Saterbak):**
  - This course is a well-kept secret among Bio majors. It's the best lab I've had at Rice.

- **BIOS 311 (Prof. Beason):**
  - This course is far too much work to count for only 1 hour of credit.

### CHEM

**Avg Quality:** 2.52  
**Avg Courseload:** 2.65

- **CHEM 212 (Prof. Zubarev):**
  - What is there to say about Organic Chemistry? It is orgo, it is a bitch and everyone knows it.

- **CHEM 252 (Prof. Billups):**
  - Felt that this material was interesting and important, but its really a class that you could take alone and still not have enough time for.

### ESCI

**Avg Quality:** 1.85  
**Avg Courseload:** 2.84

- **ESCI 324 (Profs. Niu/Sawyer):**
  - Am astounded that this class is taught at Rice University. Not only is the organization extremely poor, but so is the teaching.

### MATH

**Avg Quality:** 2.03  
**Avg Courseload:** 2.63

- **MATH 222 (Prof. Jones):**
  - I can't think of a better course that I have taken at rice. Period. I'd take it again if they'd let me.

### PHYS

**Avg Quality:** 2.17  
**Avg Courseload:** 2.51
and waste my time in this class with language."

people learning English as a second

ENGL 103 (Prof. Garcia):
"I "FAILED" the writing exam at the begining of the year solely due to "incorrect citation of sources". So one day, we went over citation in English 103. Wow. The course is basically a high-school English course except less stimulating."

ENGL 103 (Prof. Heckelman):
"I rather would have been continu- owes me more and I would highly reccomend it for people who are looking for something low stress and creative."

ENGL 103 (HIST 468 (Prof. Sneider):
"There are not any men in the class currently because I've received the impression that they are afraid that the class is just an erudite men-bashing session. This is NOT the case."

HIST 370 (Prof. Zammito):
"This course is amazing, the professor's lectures are like little performances; you'll want to clap at the end."

ENGL 103 (HUMA 102 (Prof. Harter):
"really fun class and good break from engineering."

KINE 310 (Prof. Eliot):
"If there had been a different teacher, it could have been an amazing course."

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# School of Humanities

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Avg Courseload: 2.66  

BIOE 303 (Prof. West):  
"Great course! I can only hope it will be offered every year, as this is a valuable course for those who do not have the bio pre-reqs to take the bio version of cell biology. In addition to filling an important niche, this was a great class because the prof was really good at explaining concepts in an easy to understand and interesting way, and the essay projects were really interesting and pushed us to think about new areas and really learn a lot."

BIOE 332 (Prof. Raphael):  
"Thermodynamics for bioengineers is a very challenging course. It has a relatively heavy homework load due to the difficulty of the material. Lectures were generally useful, however, the majority of the learning came from reading the book and working through the homework problems."

**CEVE**

Avg Quality: 2.14  
Avg Courseload: 2.87  

CEVE 211 (Prof. Wang):  
"This is the engineering class that defines an engineer."

**CHBE**

Avg Quality: 2.27  
Avg Courseload: 2.64  

**COMP**

Avg Quality: 2.15  
Avg Courseload: 2.12  

COMP 280 (Prof. Greiner):  
"This course should not be required for Comp BA majors."

**ELEC**

Avg Quality: 2.18  
Avg Courseload: 2.31  

ELEC 302 (Prof. Antoulas):  
"For goodness sake, let the students use calculators."

**MECH**

Avg Quality: 2.17  
Avg Courseload: 2.67  

MECH 340 (Prof. Gesenhues):  
"Excellent class, the professor is extraordinary and is very funny. It is an easy A+."

**STAT**

Avg Quality: 2.43  
Avg Courseload: 2.37
An audience member listens as White debunks common views of leadership.

Houston Mayor Bill White speaks about leadership Wednesday at the Baker Institute for Public Policy.

by Sarah Rutledge
STAFF WRITER

Contrary to the popular notion that a leader must be charismatic, loud and wealthy, true leadership comes in less obvious forms, Houston Mayor Bill White said in his speech Wednesday.

Speaking as part of the International Leadership Competency Forum at the Baker Institute for Public Policy, White began by dispelling societal misconceptions about what it takes to be a leader.

"Pop culture often confuses leadership with celebrity or wealth, or where you stand in a hierarchy," White said.

In fact, he said the qualities that make a person well known will not make them a leader. The most important qualities for leadership are not necessarily the most publicized and most appreciated ones, he said: Intelligence and academic proficiency, while valuable assets, are overrated leadership qualities, he said. Reliability, while a valuable asset, is not always the most intelligent ones, either. They're well-rounded in the sense that they have these features that will help them. They're competent, and that's the main point.

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explicitly required that institutions that increased carbon emissions. Scientists have observed in the air pollutants have many more edges to which water droplets can attach themselves, resulting in a greater number of small water droplets that make rain clouds. The high quantity of water droplets diffuses the light and reflects more of the sun's energy, which keeps the earth cooler. Some scientists now question the existence of global warming and global dimming keeps the earth cooler and masks global warming's full effects. As countries take more steps to reduce air pollution, we might see a spike in global temperatures as global dimming lessens and we feel the full effects of global warming. In the question-and-answer session following the document-
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The documentary raises questions of global dimming

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Marvels from Ethiopia and China on view at HMNS

by Rachel Carlsson

For The Thresher

Unless you belong to that rare breed of museum-goers, it's unlikely that the Human Museum of Natural Science ever crosses your radar screen. Rice students live in a city that contains more weekend opportunities than can fill even the most ambitious of admissions brochures. So when we do peck over the hedges, it is not usually to look for a "wild" exhibit or collection of ancient wine pitchers.

Yet, there are certain grand dump Saturday afternoons when whispered at a time when mini-Dwls begged their mothers to take them to the giant T-Rex skeleton. On those days, it is time to give in to one's inner-child — or artist, or wine pitcher enthusiasm. It is time to visit the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

Two exhibits currently showing at the HMNS are well worth the five-minute walk from campus. Because rice students can enter the exhibits for discounted prices, the showings are doubly worthwhile. "Lucy's Legacy" and "Treasures from Shanghai," in particular, offer a concise display of Chinese artifacts that aren't pornographic.

Lucy's Legacy: The Hidden Treasures of Ethiopia

Opening Saturday at the MFL, this exhibit presents a selection of more than 50 photographs of the Houston area and wilderness regions around the city. It is difficult, at least there are pictures to help see what is out there.

The exhibit is remarkable not only for Lucy, but for the transitions that it describes. When visitors enter the exhibit, they see spiritual relics that reflect a hope to be more than human. But by the end, viewers realize their spiritual relics are just as meaningful. Lucy's Legacy" is, in fact, the reminder that each human may be a person or soul, but also a remarkable animal.

Treasures from Shanghai

For an attempt to condense 5,000 years of art and culture into a one-room display, "Treasures from Shanghai," on view until Jan. 6, is impressive. HMNS cooperated with the Shanghai Museum to bring over 70 artifacts from the dynasties of ancient China. The exhibit focuses on the development of the Bronze Age and ceramics, but also includes oracle bones, lustrous jade carvings, Neolithic jade and both hanging and hand scrolls.

A piece from the Qing Dynasty called "Jade Mountain" is particularly captivating. This piece looks like one of the stones from the museum's Lone Vault, seamlessly flowing from base rock into beautiful carving. As viewers stare at the green stone, intricate scenes of children playing and men herding cattle begin to emerge. The jade's surface, at once apparently smooth and rigid, gradually seems to move before the viewer's eyes.

Many other artifacts are just as remarkable. The exhibit presents them well, as dramatic lighting enhances the artifacts and sometimes orientation character of each work. Informative text panels summarize the historical and cultural contexts of different artifacts, describing the influences of trade or government mandates. Nonetheless, the remarkable exhibition is in the inherent artistry of its objects. It does not bombard viewers with too much information, but lets them react to each piece personally.

The exhibit is remarkable for the way it is organized. HMNS are "things we should go see sometimes" for a reason. They are, quite simply, worth seeing. To spend a moment in these exhibits is to find history at its most tangible and art at its most original. From the bare fragments of Lucy to dusty vessels of the Bronze Age, visitors recall what it is to be simultaneously an animal and an artist, an organism and a person.

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Girard's Silk stuns with visual beauty, disappoints with plot

by Brian Reinhardt

For The Thresher

Silk is a visually beautiful film, taking viewers on breathtaking tours of quaint French villages, Russian mountains and placid rivers. It is a pity that, due to poor acting and a dull story, the movie is too boring.

This leads to another problem: Herve is obsessed with the servant girl (Sei Ashida of "Kamen Rider Hibiki"). The problem with this is that he is already married to a Frenchwoman named Helene (Frieda of Carribbean's Keira Knightley). However, rather than exploring the consequences of this emotional dilemma the film leaves the audience with more problems to solve.

Both romances in the film are horribly unconvincing. Pitt and Knightley came off like indignant high school students, as if they are in it only for the smooches. Their deeper love is always just a little fake, although it is at least better than Herve's fling with the Japanese girl. Apparently, all Herve has to do in Japan is look at a girl and she will be up in his room that night to sleep with him. Then he never sees her again.

In the end, Silk would have been better as a SILENT film. In fact, it would have been better without any actors or plot. Despite the terrible plot, Silk's visual beauty is somewhat worthwhile. In every single scene, director Francois Girard (The Red Violin) has carefully calculated where sunlight and shadow will fall and how they will interact. The result is more interesting than the dialogue in some scenes, and the cinematography by Alain Dostie (February 16, 1839), set design by Francois Seguin (Lady Chatterly's Lover) and costumes from Kazuko Kuratsune (Kurato) and Carlo Poggioli (Argo) are wonderful.

Indeed, nearly every frame of Silk is a visual marvel filled with equal amounts of snowfall seen through windows sometimes treated to enhance contrast between the landscape and the landscape. It is not a simple matter of the photography, but the cinematography. The subtle appearance of impressionist washes and the almost invisible train cars, Egyptian sand dunes and Russia's Lake Baikal have a wonderful, exotic beauty.

In the end, Silk would have been better as a silent film. As a matter of fact, it would have been better without any actors or plot. It is simply not compelling, and when a movie's scenery is more interesting than the characters, something is wrong.
Remembering the fun and music of Austin City Limits

As I walked to class the Monday after Austin City Limits, I rehearsed a dreadlocked male speaking rather descendently about the festival's set list. I had no appetite from his mendicant manner and his little hemp hat that he was the type of Attendees to whom music festivals are often wandering arid wasteland smoking bad. But for me, ACL was a first experience that made me hope that people would see my sunburn and identify my source. Although this particular hemp-headed concert told Pampered my prideful glow, I still felt the event was indispensable. A hedonistic expression of youth, ACL allowed me to realize the full potential of my twenty-somethings before my collapse into aged obscurity.

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Who knew that a campus surrounded by hedges would have no boundaries?

We are Rice, a curious community of passionate game changers who believe that the betterment of our world demands boldness of thought and boundless determination. So invite the impossible. Push through every barrier. Act counterintuitively. And remember that there are no limits to what we can accomplish. The hedges are just for show.

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The Rice Thresher

Friday, September 21, 2007

Women's cross dominates opener

by Justin Hilborn

The women's cross country team opened up their 2007 campaign in the best way possible last Saturday as they narrowly escaped Orlando with a 1-2 finish at 6 p.m. The Owls, who finished out their days in a horrid finish, scored 329 points in the 12,000-meter race. Not surprisingly, senior Marissa Daniels led the Owls, completing the 3.64-kilometer course in 22 minutes, 49 seconds and led the race from beginning to end. And unlike last year, when Daniels maintained a large lead over the rest of the team, the other Rice runners were close in following. In her first collegiate race, freshman Allison Pyke challenged Daniels towards the end of the race, finishing second with 12:56. Senior Lauren White and freshman Becky Wade also battled for top spots, with Wade finishing third at 13:01 and White finishing fourth at 13:10.

Combined with senior Callie Wells, who finished fifth at 13:14 as an unattached runner, the core of the Owl team finished within 25 seconds of each other, a fact that has head coach Jim Bevan especially excited.

"That's the difference between having a bunch of good individuals and having a good team," Bevan said. "The tighter we can be, the better our team is."

This weekend

Texas A&M Invitational

When: Tomorrow, 7:45 a.m. 

Where: College Station

History: The last time the Owls ran in College Station was for the 2005 Texas A&M Women's Cross Country Opener. Anna Reeves (Will Rice '05) and Sarah Yoder (Baker '05) teamed up to capture the 12,000-meter course title with a time of 44:01.

OWLOOK — THE WEEK IN SPORTS

Friday, Sept. 21

Soccer vs. Texas State

7 p.m. — Rice Track/Soccer Stadium

Women's Tennis at Rice Classic

All Day — Jake Hess Tennis Stadium

Saturday, Sept. 22

Football vs. Texas

6 p.m. — Austin, Texas

Women's Cross Country at Texas A&M Invitational

7:30 a.m. — College Station, Texas

Women's Tennis at Rice Classic

All Day — Jake Hess Tennis Stadium
Men’s tennis struggles to keep pace in season opener

The Owls will continue honing their skills this week at the Baylor Invitational in Waco. Rice performed well in last year’s tournament, winning two consolation draws against stiff competition, including Texas Tech University and the University of Miami. But the team could not keep pace with their opponents last Friday. Dropping five of six singles matches, the Owls were unable to shed the obvious rust that had seeped over the summer. Making his Rice debut, sophomore Chong Wang gave an early lead to the University of Tulsa’s Ron Cunningham, falling 64, 75, 64. Senior Henry Shin also pushed his match the distance, succumbing to Andy Couty of Tulsa, 74, 46, 62. The lone win of the day came from sophomore Dennis Polyakov. The only sophomore who was on the squad last year, Polyakov edged Southern Methodist University’s Alan El-Effendi, 63, 76. 36.

Rice also failed to find its footing in doubles, winning only one of its matches. Freshman Yoshin Bajan and senior Jon Greenberg paired to defeat host Garrett and Irene Holub of Prairie View A&M University. 8-3. “A Flight” doubles, Chong and Polyakov, were overshadowed by Louisiana State University’s Jack Delaney and Sebastian Carlson. 8-1. Fixing the doubles action for Friday, Shin and Zivojinovic fought tooth and nail with the Tigers’ Julian Gaudette and Kevin Dessauer before succumbing 86.

The Owls came out with far more energy Saturday and it showed in the results. Singles still struggled, but Rice earned three doubles wins in their second day of competition. Greenberg and Shin defeated two early on, knocking off Lamar University’s tandem of Tyler Cobb and Devon Harley to advance to the “A Flight” doubles final. The other Rice pairs also won their consolation matches, setting up a face-off for the “A Flight” doubles consolation draw.

Unfortunately, the team was not quite able to go on after successfully claiming one win — Greenberger’s 62, 60 victory over Harley — their hopes for a win in any draw were dashed when Polyakov could not finish his match against Bajan, losing 34, 63, 62. Assistant coach Elle Untumdjic Baker ’98 said his team looked lachastically in their first day of action, but came out better on the following day. “It didn’t look like we were playing a collegiate tournament,” he said. “It looked like we were chilling in Galveston on the beach. But after the first day, the guys responded. Not necessarily production-wise, but by at least showing some more heart and character.”

The final day of the Invitational was more of the same for the Owls — a few wins interspersed with losses preventing them from achieving anything of note. Easing his first win of the season, dropping Harley with a 61, 63 defeat. Shin also produced the Owls’ only win of the season with his straight-set win over Andy Couty of Prairie View A&M. And for the first time all season, teammates faced each other, with former Midlander Darren Walsh getting the better of the Rice pairing, winning 6-4.

Making his Rice debut, Coach Jon Warren wanted to make sure that none of his incoming freshmen were left out of the game, allowing them to take on a few key big plays, including Texas Tech’s four kickoff returns, for10,000 yards, a Rice all-time record is not far behind. The all-time Owls record in the 4,000 meters was set in 1976 by Jeff Wells (Lovett ’76), the same year Mike Fulgham (Baker ’76) set the second-fastest time in the 1,600 meters, with the record in 110.10 for Rice with a time of 13.81.

Atlantic coastal teams were overwhelmed by Louisiana State University’s Adham el-Effendi, 6-3, 7-6. Senior Hoony Shin also pushed his number four starter, finishing in 17:24 and was the number one Rice runner for the first time in his career. Junior Austin Robson came sixth despite battling sickness all week. Sophomore John Back, senior Colby Kittleson, and sophomore Scott Zwicker claimed the eighth, ninth and tenth spots, respectively. Junior Justin Merrell rounded out the team by placing 15th.

The race on Saturday featured a new element in the team’s strategy. As Rice runners ran together for the first two miles of the race, the running behind the move is to better prepare the team for tough upcoming courses. Including a high-altitude 8,532 Pass for the Conference USA Championship and the 10,000-meter course at the NCAA Regionals in Fayetteville, Ark. By instituting the system, head coach Jon Warren hoped to “motivate his runners to run hard or we’d be left to make sure they were doing the right things.”

You want to take off at a rhythm you can handle,” Warren said. “You want to make it is through two miles or so and then try to race the rest of the race. You will start passing people in the second mile. Definitely within the third mile. But you will give up space to the frontrunners.”

Morris and Robson were able to capitalize off of this strategy, as both caught and passed failing TAMU-CC runners in the final stretch. Morris said there are still some kinks that need to be worked out in the new strategy. “We might have gone out a little too slow, but it’s hard to find the perfect pace,” said Morris. “It was a tricky course because it was very muddy and you couldn’t tell that going into it.”

DID YOU KNOW?

Shadrock Songon of TAMU-CC may hold the NCAA record for 10,000 meters, but a Rice alumni is not far behind. The all-time Owls record in the 5,000 meters was set in 1976 by Jeff Wells (Lovett ’76), the same year Mike Fulgham (Baker ’76) set the second-fastest time in the 1,600 meters, with the record in 110.10 for Rice with a time of 13.81.

**FOOTBALL**

Rice allowed a few key big plays, which ran up the score. Nearly half of Tech’s total yardage came on eight plays. This propensity to give up the big play concerns the coaching staff, and is something that the team has focused on correcting for the past two weeks.

Many of the long gains given up went to Texas Tech’s red-shirt freshman receiver Michael Crabtree. Crabtree finished with eleven receptions and 244 yards, a performance that earned him Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week honors.

A bright spot for the Owls was continued improvement on special teams, after posting a punt that continued to punt consistently, and with marked improvement in the kickoff coverage team. Of Texas Tech’s four kickoff returns, the longest went for only 25 yards.
Soccer loses first two games of the season, rebounds against HBU

by Bobby McFarlane
FOR THE THRESHER

The soccer team rebounded from a brutal weekend Tuesday night, dominating Houston Baptist University 2-0. The easy victory followed a 2-1 loss to Mississippi State University.

The Owls will head to College Station, Texas, for a huge matchup against a brutal weekend Tuesday night, with Mississippi State University.

The Owls once again exhibited their prowess on defense. The back-line performed well, not allowing a single shot in the first half and only one shot total in the second half.

For more information:
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Volleyball

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"They attacked us with their serve and that took us out of rhythm," she said. "We never get back on track."

The Owls came out strong in the third game of the match and led 1-0 with the score in the 19th minute. However, the Cougars would not be denied. Despite allowing a few kills from sophomore middle blocker Natalie Bagin and junior outside hitter Jessica Holderness could not save the match, as Rice fell 2-0.

Senior libero Yvette Kirk was surprised at herself. "We had some one- and two-touch passes like we wanted, but we didn't finish nearly as much as we should have," she said. "We did a little better second half, but we need to play that way for an entire game."
Injuries plague the Owls, but experience keeps morale high

by Rhodes Colley

Although their youth and lack of depth could present overwhelming challenges, the Owls’ tennis team has worked hard all summer and is looking forward to success this year.

The team, which featured no seniors on last year’s roster, will be returning the majority of its roster, including three seniors.

The Owls season begins on the weekend in the Rice Classic, which will showcase many talented players from some highly ranked universities.

This is the first time in three years that the University of Texas will compete in the Rice Classic, alongside other returning squads, such as Baylor University and the University of Houston, which will establish the eight-team field.

Baylor was most recently ranked 12th nationally and boasts the sixth ranked women’s singles player, Zuzana Zemereová.

Equally dangerous are the 27th-ranked Longhorns, who boast three players ranked in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s Top 100. Doubles matches begin today at 8 a.m., followed by the singles matches.

Unlike the spring, the fall season will consist of individual-based tournaments. Fall tournaments offer the players the chance to excel and gain national rankings with the opportunity to compete in national championships, such as next weekend’s All-American Tournament, where sophomore Julie Chao earned a pre-qualifying draw.

The Owls are fortunate that the fall season is less stressful, because injuries have taken a heavy toll on the roster. For the fall season, the team will consist of only seven players, with five returning from last year.

Junior Emily Braid is abroad, and junior Dominique Karas is still dealing with a shoulder injury that has taken almost two years to overcome. Senior Kimberley Patenaude will also be trying to have her first fall season since 2005 after returning from a back injury.

But the team is looking past these injuries, and counting on certain members’ leadership to propel the team. Head coach Roger White said this year’s group is more mature than last year, which comes from the group’s plethora of experience.

“The maturity level as a whole has been really nice to see,” White said. “The women pretty much have a unified goal of being the best they can be and working hard and training towards that goal in kind of a selfless commitment.”

One person who has been working hard all summer in Chao. Last year, the sophomore impressed the coaches with significant wins in spring matches over ranked opponents and earned a selection to the All-Conference USA First-Team. Chao also took CUSA Freshman of the Year honors and recently became an academic All-American.

Two freshmen join the team with much praise from the coaches and returning players. Due to the lack of depth, freshmen Rebecka Haide and Vaisha Shaha Shankar will have an immediate impact this year.

Hanle has played in WTA tournaments throughout Europe. Shankar, from India, also competed in the WTA and earned an international ranking as one of the best players in her region before coming to Rice.

Hanle said she is looking forward to the opening of the season with optimism and a desire to achieve high goals set for herself and for the team.

“I think I have nothing to lose because I am new,” Hanle said. “I definitely want to be on the number one team in the conference this year.”

After finishing strong last spring, the team seeks continued success after falling to Marshall University in the semi-finals of the 2007 Conference USA championships. Last year, the team finished 8-15 in dual matches, with a large majority of those matches being against ranked teams.

2007-08 WOMEN’S TENNIS SCHEDULE

Date | Meet | Time | Location
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9/21-23 | Rice Classic | all day | TBA
9/28-30 | San Diego State Invitational | all day | TBA
9/29-30 | Riviera All-American (pre-qualifying) | all day | TBA
10/2-3 | Riviera All-American (Qualifying) | all day | TBA
10/4-7 | Riviera All-American (Main Draw) | all day | TBA
10/12-14 | Midland Racquet Club Invitational | all day | TBA
10/19-23 | ITA Southwest Regional Championships | all day | TBA
11/1-4 | ITA National Indoor Championships | all day | TBA
1/25 | Texas-San Antonio | 3 p.m. | TBA
1/26 | North Texas | 3 p.m. | TBA
1/27 | Lamar | 3 p.m. | TBA
2/1 | Florida State | 3 p.m. | TBA
2/3 | Jackson State | 11 a.m. | Cal State Northridge
2/6 | Texas A&M | 11:30 a.m. | Cal State Northridge
2/8 | Mississippi State | 1:30 p.m. | Cal State Northridge
2/10 | Alabama | 12 p.m. | Cal State Northridge
2/13 | Stephen F. Austin | 2 p.m. | Cal State Northridge
2/15 | Texas-Arlington | 9:30 a.m. | Cal State Northridge
2/16-17 | Northeastern State | 1:30 p.m. | Cal State Northridge
2/20 | LSU | 3 p.m. | Cal State Northridge
2/22 | Sam Houston State | 3 p.m. | Cal State Northridge
3/3 | Texas-Pan American | 10 a.m. | Cal State Northridge
3/4 | Abilene Christian | 3 p.m. | Cal State Northridge
3/11 | UCF | 10 a.m. | Cal State Northridge
3/14 | Abilene Christian | 3 p.m. | Cal State Northridge
3/21 | SMU | 12 p.m. | Cal State Northridge
4/4 | Conference USA Championships | TBA | Cal State Northridge
4/7-9 | Women’s All-American Tournament | TBA | Cal State Northridge

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One person who has been working hard all summer in Chao. Last year, the sophomore impressed the coaches with significant wins in spring matches over ranked opponents and earned a selection to the All-Conference USA First-Team. Chao also took CUSA Freshman of the Year honors and recently became an academic All-American.

Two freshmen join the team with much praise from the coaches and returning players. Due to the lack of depth, freshmen Rebecka Haide and Vaisha Shaha Shankar will have an immediate impact this year.

Hanle has played in WTA tournaments throughout Europe. Shankar, from India, also competed in the WTA and earned an international ranking as one of the best players in her region before coming to Rice.

Hanle said she is looking forward to the opening of the season with optimism and a desire to achieve high goals set for herself and for the team.

“I think I have nothing to lose because I am new,” Hanle said. “I definitely want to be on the number one team in the conference this year.”
Sid Rich throttles Baker 26-0 to start Powderpuff season

by Kishagna Skintah

Sid Powderpuff does not rebuild—it reloads. Behind a bend-don’t-break defense and a big-play offense, Sid Richardson (1-0) began its campaign for an unprecedented fifth straight Powderpuff championship with a 26-0 shutout victory over Baker (0-2) last Saturday in the Powderpuff Game of the Week. Sid dominated all facets of the game, scoring touchdowns on three of their four possessions and adding another touchdown via an interception return.

**THIS WEEKEND**

**Game of the Week**
WRC (1-0) vs. Brown (1-0)

Where: Tomorrow at 1 p.m.
Where: Intramural Field 7

Last Year: On the last play of double-overtime, Amy Richter accounted for 35 of 39 yards, finishing with two sacks.

Following a quick three-and-out by Baker to start the game, Sid orchestrated a methodical 12-play, 64-yard scoring drive that took up the bulk of the first half and featured 32 rushing yards by starting running back junior Sabrina Loria. On the drive, senior quarterback Lindsay Balthrop converted two fourth-and-eight situations on its own 17. But Balthrop, after taking a pitch to the right to Loria, quickly tossed the ball to senior Andrea Dimmern on the left. Dimmern showed off her speed, sprinting 83 yards down the field for the touchdown.

"The counter play ... I just threw it at her," said Sid coach Brian Hunt.

Starting her first game at quarterback, Dimmern made her presence felt again—the touchdown.

"I feel like our offense was completely focused and had one goal in mind, and that was to pick up yards," she said.

Baker sophomore Kathy Robbins fed all receivers with six receptions for 82 yards with one touchdown and one interception. On the defensive side, junior Emily Prehn came up big with two sacks.

"I’m not too worried about it [the scoreboard indicated]." She said that she believes the Baker defense played much better than the scoreboard indicated.

"I feel like our offense was completely focused and had one goal in mind, and that was to pick up yards," she said.

Baker sophomore Jackie Ammons performed spectacularly, catching two touchdowns passes and returning an interception for another score.

Despite being shut out, Cantrick accounting for 35 of 39 passing yards with one touchdown and one interception. On the defensive side, sophomore quarterback Shelley Cantrick accounting for 35 of 39 passing yards, but was again forced to punt. On Sid’s next possession, Balthrop connected with junior Emily Mills for a 50-yard touchdown pass, pushing Sid’s lead to 13-0.

Sid junior Sabrina Loria runs the ball upfield as Sid freshman Esohe Igbinedion sets a block against Baker linemen. Sid beat Baker 26-0 to open the Powderpuff season last week.

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**Thrasher sports editor would like to apologize for not including last week's Hanszen vs. Baker contest.

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POWDERPUFF PREDICTIONS: WEEK 2

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Stephanie Whitfield
Sean McBeath
Mandy Melchor
Riagha Rice

WRC Brown vs. Brown
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"Go Jackie!"
WRC
Evan Mintz
Brown
"I like puppies"
Brown

Martiel vs. Brown
Brown
"Go BHo!"
Martiel
Martiel
Martiel
"I advised there"
Brown

Jones vs. Hanszen
Jones
Jones
Hanszen
Hanszen
Jones is no fun

Sid vs. Lovett
Sid
What do you think?
Toaster
Lovett
"Ewe lives there"
China

Wiese vs. Baker
Wiese
"Only if she's match"
Wiese
"Although Baker will have more fun"
Team Weiss
Baker
"OMG you're kidding," says Matt

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RICE — Mississippi State 3
Rice— Mississippi State 0
Final: Rice 3-1-1:

Men's Team Results
1. TAMU-CC
2. Rice
3. Prairie View-A&M
4. Meter
5. TAMU-K

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Stephen F. Austin — 0

Individual Stats

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Individual Stats

Rice — Holderness 17, Lam 15, McClean 11
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FOOTBALL

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Rice — Grigsby 59
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Individual Stats

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stood out, especially as the team readies itself for longer races that they are better prepared for. "I like better as the race went on and she actually closed a little bit of the gap on Marissa."

Bever said. "Wade hadn't run a race since November and that was a tremendous opening for her. And Kellerman had a very, very good race for her first college race and she closed at the end."
FRIDAY

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David Tenney says hello

More really important stuff from the Registrar.

Similarly, today is

• the last day to complete a late registration or add courses.
• the last day to drop courses without a fee.
• the last day to adjust variable credit for courses.

And now for the Main Event (Drum roll please)

Downtown Houston’s “Main Event” starts today and runs every Friday and Saturday through March 2008. Main Street between Congress and Capitol — by Minute Maid Park, at the Preston Light rail stop — will be closed off for pedestrian usage to make way for wandering musicians, outdoor bistros, vocalists and other entertainers. Parking will still be available on nearby streets.

“Wrapped in erotica and presented with the utmost elegance”

Those are the words Roger Ebert (of the Chicago Sun Times) used to describe Peter Greenaway’s The Draughtsman’s Contract, a double feature collection. The Draughtsman’s Contract is playing tonight, tomorrow and Sunday Sept. 23 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Rice Media Center. Student admission is $5.

Turn your clock back

The moment you’ve all been waiting for: Sid Richardson College’s 80s party is tonight. From 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. in the Sid Rich Commons. Don your disgustingly tight, neon period memorabilia and rock out.

TUESDAY

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Party in the PUB

Marxel College’s Pub Night is tonight from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. in the RMC’s Willy’s Pub.

Wasting away in...

Brown College’s annual Margaritaville party runs tonight, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

GOOD TO KNOW

Farmers Market

Every Tuesday from 3:30 – 7 p.m. the Houston Farmers Market sets up by the Football Stadium on University Blvd. They have a wide variety of seasonal, fresh foods for you.

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7 p.m.
Who fingered the snatches of every girl
Who studied World of Warcraft on
dragonfly sunglasses and gay friend
who drove decades here or just overall
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I'm with you at Sunset and Main where
and won't let us sleep
against the despotic campus Inconceiv-

Who were hidden from the light and
and green ripped their umbilicals and
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Who are just there to help you get high

July, 2007

Who read and made papers on space-
boot and towing machine

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Who reappeared after semesters abroad

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instead found themselves in men men

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Who got MlPed in pub, returning from
and listening to radio free Sid

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Who got Bummed out in pub, returning from
and wasting their time on Axe body spray

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Who were in love with you

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