Asian Studies gets major boost
Chao Foundation pledges $15 million for new center
by Diane Lee

The Ting-Tsong and Wei-Fong Chao Foundation pledged $15 million to build a new Asian Studies Center at Rice. The foundation will donate $10 million immediately and is asking the community to contribute another $10 million to the Asian Studies cause. If that goal is reached, the foundation will donate $5 million more.

The center [will enable us to] transform the Asian Studies program into a world-class center for Asian Studies," History Professor Richard Smith said. "The funding of the center will bring Asian Studies at Rice to a new level."

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The new center, to be modeled after the Transnational China Project, which is led by Professor Shih-Shan I luang and Political Science Professor Flora Shehabuddin.

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Correction: Course evals feature contained errors

Last week the Thresher ran a news feature on the spring '07 course evaluation ("The Votes Are In," Sept. 21). This included students' numerical ratings, which have been available for several semesters, and written evaluations, which were first made available last semester on ESTHER. The point of the feature was to make the evaluation results easily available to students and display the more insightful or entertaining written comments. It was not intended as an attack on professors. Unfortunately, due to copy errors and poor oversight, there were several mistakes in the feature, and we would like to thank David Tenney and the registrar's office for helping identify and fix the errors. The corrected results are printed in this week's issue (see story, page 8).

Due to an error in our original spreadsheet, the numbers were checked with our original spreadsheet, but due to the initial error we did not find any disconnect and attributed the problem to students' misunderstanding of the initial evaluation question.

We left the Sociology department and Material Sciences department out of last week's evaluations because space was limited and the two departments had very few classes last semester. We did not intend to demean or leave out the departments in any way and are including them in this week's addition to the course evaluation feature. We also left out Music and Architecture classes as we felt those courses were part of a separate, pre-established path.

Due to sizing and scaling errors, the positions of several of the graphs for class quality were disproportionate in comparison to the overall scale. However, the numbers themselves and the ratios within each department were accurate.

The Thresher apologizes for the errors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thresher evaluations exclude department

To the editor:

Our department supports the posting of course evaluations in the Thresher — but only if the reporting is fair and accurate, and if all departments are included ("The Votes Are In," Sept. 21). Addressing just this last point, we were surprised to see that sociology was inexplicably missing from your feature. This does a disservice to our department — especially given our record of campus-wide teaching awards (S6 since the founding of our department in 1971). With an average course quality score of 4.68, the sociology department ranked 4th among all departments during the Spring 2007 semester. We are proud of our commitment to teaching excellence, and we were very disappointed by this oversight in the Thresher last week.

Bridget Gorman Sociology Professor
Nadine Kimbro Sociology Professor

Thresher evaluations exclude department

To the editor:

Thanks for the entertaining and enlightening article. Unfortunately, all the Materials Science (MSC) courses and instructors were omitted. Why? Please include MSC next time?

Peter Loo Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science Professor
Sid Richardson '77

Critique of ’80s Party harsh, unrealistic

To the editor:

In response to Julia Lakomnik's column, I don't think it's fair to say that the Rice Richardson College socials were disrespecting the Jewish students on campus. "Israel Socials were extremely offensive to Jewish students," Sept. 20.

I'm all for religious education and acceptance, especially on a college campus; however, it is not truly possible to schedule parties around all religious events. Ramadan, a very holy time for Muslims, last an entire month — should parties stop during this month? Bacchuslands has been held the night before Easter every year I've been here, leaving the Christian students to decide whether or not they want to suffer through a hangover in church on Easter Sunday. I've celebrated holidays of both Christianity and Judaism in the past, and I understand the inclusion of others who don't choose to participate in these holidays.

That being said, there are times when one has to weigh the importance of a party versus a cultural and religious event. It's hardly black and white, but decisions about faith and beliefs are never going to be easy and we're at a time in our lives where there are so many decisions help define who we are and who we will be. Going to social functions and observing religious holidays don't have to be mutually exclusive, but the fact is that sometimes in order to practice your religion of choice, sacrifices have to be made along the way.

Besides, Margaritaville is only a week later, and isn't that a better party anyway?

Anna van Osdonker Brown senior

PARTIES must yield to all religions

To the editor:

I wholeheartedly agree with Julia Lakomnik in her article as well as the unsigned editorial ("Socials Party on Purim," Sept. 21, 2007). However, I don't think this responsibility of religions tolerance should be limited to college socials, but to the entire university. First, it wouldn't matter if 80's Party was on Sep. 14th instead of Oct. 21st; socially shouldn't be putting parties on the Sabbath in the first place. Similarly, the Athletics department should cancel all football games played on Saturday, as well as the annual purgation of Jews and other Subbotarians. Also, Housing and Dining should be considerate of those not by not serving any food in any of the services during the day in the month of Ramadan. Accordingly, health rules should not distribute condoms during this period. The recent blood drive, as well, is extremely incongruent to Jehovah's Witnesses. Finally, in deference to vegetarian Hindus, no alcohol could be allowed on campus — that's simply offensive.

Mikhari Manning
Marti Jaffee

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The quick way to fix this problem is to remember to only put paper recyclables in the blue recycling bins. But this only fixes a small case's worth of empty beer cans into a small bin in the corner than are inconveniently far away. After all, it is much easier to throw a plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these containers are often mysteriously missing from glass, plastic and aluminum. However, these contain...
Red Cross blood drives homophbic

University must embrace new media to grow

This semester, I am taking a class as a lecture series and some graduate students with iTunes and access to the Internet. Dreyfus is one of America’s foremost experts on a good man. He has been to Houston, let alone Berkeley. He participates in the university’s "America’s foremost expert" part. He also has a member of the faculty at Berkeley. I am not sure that he has ever been to Houston, let alone Berkeley.

The Red Cross is apparently still stuck in the mid-20th century. The Red Cross seems to believe that sexually active gay people are disease carriers, and not worth the slightest consideration even when they are trying to help save lives. Go for someone who is giving blood anywhere from one month to a year. But a man who has sexual contact with another man, or for six months, or seven years, or unless tested negative for HIV and other diseases, the Red Cross apparently still sticks to this bad blood bullshit.

Julia Bursten

University must embrace new media to grow

BBrett Snider

Professor David Lebron’s vision for the Second Century strongly emphasizes Rice’s need to make itself a household name outside of the Houston area. Rice has recently been on the cutting edge of a new market that has emerged in recent years. The Red Cross has hypothesized that all blood donors have a little presumptuous to think that people could make or break our school’s reputation.

Julia Bursten

Guest column

SA, college governments should adapt federal model

When the United States gained independence from Britain following the Revolutionary War, the future of the nation was unclear. Although the founders of the United States knew that they had an abysmally low amount of autonomy within their newly formed republic, they have not had an abysmally low amount of autonomy on the university level. The Student Association has shown its potential to step into this power vacuum and address the needs of the students on campus.

Patrick McAnaney

I hope we students here at Rice could learn well from the lessons of the Founding Fathers. Student government on campus is robust and effective, with the college governments providing a level of autonomy that most college students could only dream of. Students are enthusiastic about getting involved in their colleges and respected of college authority. This is why the college government system has always been on my favorite aspects of Rice. It is needed to help government right now, international relations, and it is a form of ignorance. Thus, the Constitution was written in the Federalism. It is why the college government system has worked remarkably well.

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The SA can fix this communication issue by voicing the students in effective change across campuses. The real question that arises is whether or not students and college governments are willing to give the SA a chance. The interests of the SA and the college governments are the same. We all want to win the best bands of Rice. There is no need to think that the SA and college governments cannot work together. There is need to think that the SA and college governments cannot work together to address these needs.

The SA and college governments have one another’s interests in mind. Both forms of government can exist without one impeding the other. It is the same goal that our Founding Fathers wanted to accomplish. Together, the SA and college governments have the best interest of the students at heart.
In his masterful docuseries "The Price," Mark Davis and_dataset are the perfect vehicle for engaging viewers in the complex and often frustrating reality of the American health care system. The series tells the stories of patients, doctors, and hospital administrators in a way that is both informative and emotionally resonant. It is not just about the physical aspects of healthcare, but also the emotional and financial toll it takes on those who are caring for the sick.

The series explores the challenges faced by healthcare professionals, the struggles of patients and their families, and the bureaucracy that often stands in the way of effective care. Through a series of compelling vignettes, "The Price" sheds light on the systemic issues that plague the American healthcare system, from rising costs to lack of access to quality care.

"The Price" is not only a documentary, but a call to action. It challenges viewers to think critically about the healthcare system and to consider the importance of policy changes that could make a meaningful difference for those who rely on the system for their health. The series is a powerful reminder of the human costs of a broken healthcare system and a stark warning of what the future may hold if we do not address these issues.

Overall, "The Price" is a must-watch for anyone interested in healthcare reform, as well as for those who simply want to better understand the complexities of the American healthcare system. It is a powerful reminder of the importance of policy changes that can make a real difference in the lives of patients and their families.
Grob leaves behind legacy of inspired students

by Jocelyn Wright

English professor Alan Grob passed away last Friday. Those who spoke of him called him a beloved teacher, friend and longtime Hanszen College associate.

"When I first got to Rice in 1963," Grob was already such a legend that they had a sign in Jones College that said "Grobliness is next to godliness," History Professor Allen Matusow said.

Grob won the George R. Brown Prize for Excellence in Teaching — Rice's most prestigious teaching award — so many times that he was no longer allowed to be nominated.

"He was just the kind of person that you hoped you would have a few of in your university at any given time and that is someone who cared deeply about teaching," English Professor Dennis Huston said. "It was his mission, and it was sacred with Alan. He just felt like that was what he was hired for, and perhaps what he was created for."

In his first years teaching, Grob inspired newly Rice students who went on to form and write for and edit The Thresher magazine. Among them was Bill Roukes, who in addition to being the first editor of Texas Monthly wrote for and edited The Thresher.

Grob's reputation for teaching made his classes very popular. "He immediately attracted students to his courses, especially his Shakespeare course," Sociology Professor Chandler Davidson said.

Grob's love of Shakespeare will live on through the Alan and Shirley Grob Shakespeare in Performance fund he and his wife established to bring Shakespeare's plays to the Rice campus.

"[Grob] was a scholar, and he published books," Matusow said. "But he was primarily dedicated to undergraduates, and he worked very hard on his teaching. He taught Literature and through literature, I think he tried to teach about life.

Forming relationships outside the classroom was just as important to Grob, who spent countless hours at Hanszen talking to students. "Alan's devotion to Hanszen was really standard-setting," History Professor John Zamudio said. "He was of the generation who really believed in undergraduates. There was nothing he cared about more than students."

Grob's concern for students made him a memorable associate. "Alan was a wonderful associate partly because he loved to talk to students so much," Huston said. "He had incredibly wise things to say about politics, particularly, which he could have easily taught as Shakespeare or poetry."

Grob, whose enthusiasm for politics was tireless for civil rights throughout his time at Rice. "He was ferociously interested in civil rights and activism here," Zamudio said. "It was a commitment he never relinquished."

Recently, Grob advocated that President David Leebron recruit minority faculty more aggressively in the hopes of making Rice a more appealing place for minority students.

Grob's commitment to civil rights was memorialized after his retirement in 2002 with the Alan Grob Prize, which is given annually to the Rice undergraduate who embodies the values Grob strove to teach and has demonstrated devotion to economically and culturally disadvantaged students.

Additionally, in 2003, the Recruitment into College Education through Minority Scholarships Board set up a scholarship in Grob's name for an incoming undergraduate minority student.

"[Grob] was just the kind of person that you hoped you would have a few of in your university at any given time ... someone who cared deeply about teaching." — Dennis Huston, English professor

Grob's strong convictions are something all his colleagues will remember. "Alan and I used to have screaming fights in the English Department halls and people would come outside of their rooms mostly in fascination or sometimes to shut us up and then we'd go back in our rooms and be friends again," Huston said.

Professor Emeritus Alan Grob

Grob leaves behind legacy of inspired students...
Welch Foundation donates $1.6 million for drug research

by Sarah Rutledge

The Welch Foundation donated $1.6 million to the University of Texas Medical Branch this August for research on drug discovery. The donation made on behalf of the Deep Gulf Coast Consortium for Chemical Genomics could lead to increased collaboration with Texas Medical Center in the future, Dean of Natural Sciences Kathleen Matthews said.

This donation was awarded to the GCC for its collaborative research efforts of the past seven years, Matthews said.

Since the Welch Foundation's donation was made to the GCC as a whole, Rice will work in tandem with researchers from the University of Texas Medical Branch, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Baylor College of Medicine, the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and the University of Houston.

"There are people in different pockets of Rice interested in this, but this is undertaken in the larger context of the medical center." Kathleen Matthews Dean of Natural Sciences

The GCC has several branches devoted to different areas of research, among them magnetic resonance and computational chemistry, the primary interest of the Welch Foundation, Matthews said. Thus, the donation will bring together faculty interested in Asian Studies and faculty members. They "enjoy thinking of something that is more than the sum of its parts," Weiss College junior Gina Cao said. The Chao Center will enhance the Asian Studies program.

"I think the expansion of the interdisciplinary Asian Studies program through the establishment of the Chao Center will attract an increasing number of serious scholars in all levels of university life to Rice," she said. "More people allows for more dialogue, which will make the current program more engaging."

Matthews said this donation will promote a specific brand of drug research concerned with computational chemistry and reactions. The GCC's current research uses screening techniques to track how small molecules and small RNA interfere with various cell processes. It tests different compounds and whether they enhance or impede cell pathways. Viewing these interactions enables researchers to better predict drug interactions, Matthews said.

"It would be related to drug discovery in terms of finding compounds that would be useful in certain kinds of diseases," she said.

Current research at Rice involves the observation of small molecules and biological processes and protein interaction, so this research is similar to the GCC's project, Matthews said. This may lead to further collaborative research ventures, she said.

"I think in terms of results we just have to see what emerges from the projects," Matthews said. "There are people in different pockets of Rice interested in this, but this context of collaboration with the medical center." Bacalao said the possibility of collaborative research will allow Rice access to more resources.

"I think it's a really great opportunity if the money is used wisely," Bacalao said. "(The Texas Medical Center) is an epicenter of drug research in the world, and lots of really important work is going on here. Hopefully undergrads who are interested in research can get involved, too."

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STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed.

- President Laura Kelley mentioned a way to standardize the minutes and agenda by having one e-mail per week on the SA listserv.
- External Vice President Sarah Baker announced that the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Committee of the Campus Culture Council needs an undergraduate representative. Applications are currently up on the SA website, and they are due in the SA office by 5 p.m. Friday. The first GLBT meeting will be Monday at 4 p.m.
- A representative proposed the creation of the American Institute Aeronautics Club. He said this would be an opportunity for aerospace engineers and would provide a network for engineering students, as well as scholarship opportunities. The SA approved the club.
- Webmaster J.D. Leonard announced his plans for a Rice Web Design and Development club, to discuss web design and development. The club was approved.
- Kelley, a Brown College senior, said she met with Kevin Kirby to discuss construction issues. Most issues have been taken care of, but for students wishing to voice construction concerns, they should send an e-mail to construction@rice.edu or visit the Welcome Center near Weiss College.
- Kelley said the Art Committee will be formed by Oct. 8. The committee will paint on sections of the construction fences. Students will apply to paint on a zone of the fence to be used for colleges, or announcements.
- Vice President for Administration Kevin Kirby presented the plans for Rice's future, which centers on the Vision of the Second Century. Students interested in the plans can view the slides at sa.rice.edu or e-mail Kirby at kevin.kirby@rice.edu.
- Ecology graduate student Scott Chamberlain presented his plan for a bike shop on campus which would promote the bike community. RUPD would provide free or inexpensive bike rentals to interested students. Temporarily, Chamberlain plans to put the bike shop in one of the colleges, and the Rec Center when complete.
- Brown College senator Patrick McAnaney re-drafted and proposed by-law Amendment 1 which requires two weeks prior notice before the passing of resolutions. He also stated that senators should be allowed time to talk to members of their college during this time. In cases of urgency, a two-thirds vote can suspend special rules of order.
- Kelley announced that this amendment would ensure that senators need to do their job, and that, with a special motion, a resolution could pass in one night with a senate motion.
- The SA will vote on the amendment in the next few weeks.

The next Student Association meeting will be Monday at 10 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion.
EDITOR'S NOTE:

Due to an error in the organization of data last week, many of the statistics published in the Course Evaluations feature were incorrect — namely, those numbers that reflected the workloads of the courses listed. As of current inspection, all numbers relevant to the quality rankings are correct per the information published by the Registrar's Office (except for the BIOE department, which had some idiosyncratic errors). We apologize for any inconvenience we may have inadvertently caused through this error. This section contains the recalculated figures for coursework, listed by department as before, compiled from a new list we received from the Registrar. Additionally, rankings for both quality and workload for the SOCI and MSCI departments, not published previously, are included. Keep in mind that a 1 still corresponds to the easiest or best course, and a 5 to the most difficult.

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**MSCI**

- AVERAGE WORKLOAD: 3.09
- AVERAGE QUALITY: 2.61

**SOCI**

- AVERAGE WORKLOAD: 3.44
- AVERAGE QUALITY: 1.66

**BIOE**

- AVERAGE WORKLOAD: 3.53
- AVERAGE QUALITY: 1.96
### Easiest Courses

- **ESCI 103**, CASSELL, 1.54
- **ESCI 102**, DAVIES, 1.54
- **MATH 340**, WRIGHT, 1.97
- **MATH 341**, WEYER, 1.97
- **MATH 342**, KLEIN, 1.97
- **MATH 343**, HUBBARD, 1.97
- **MATH 344**, KELLY, 1.97

### Hardest Courses

- **ARCH 404**, COX, 4.59
- **ARCH 403**, WOOD, 4.59
- **ARCH 402**, HANCOCK, 4.59
- **ARCH 401**, WILKENS, 4.59
- **ARCH 400**, STONE, 4.59

### Top Ten

- **ESCI 103**, CASSELL, 1.54
- **ESCI 102**, DAVIES, 1.54
- **MATH 340**, WRIGHT, 1.97
- **MATH 341**, WEYER, 1.97
- **MATH 342**, KLEIN, 1.97
- **MATH 343**, HUBBARD, 1.97
- **MATH 344**, KELLY, 1.97
- **MATH 345**, STONE, 1.97

### Ordered Departments

- **ARCH 404**, COX, 4.59
- **ARCH 403**, WOOD, 4.59
- **ARCH 402**, HANCOCK, 4.59
- **ARCH 401**, WILKENS, 4.59
- **ARCH 400**, STONE, 4.59

### Legend

- **1** represents the easiest possible course and a **5** the most difficult possible course.

As such, the easiest courses available in a department will be listed at the top of that department's chart.
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Bush speaks on basics of democracy

Former Florida governor Jeb Bush spoke at the Baker Institute for Public Policy Tuesday about the effect of globalization on Latin America, and its implications for the overall economic future of the Western Hemisphere.

His speech was part of the Robert A. Mosbacher Global Issues Series, which is devoted to initiating discourse regarding the impact of international trade on the economic and social development of countries throughout the world.

Bush said the Latin American economy is falling behind while emerging economies in Asia are growing at increasingly rapid rates.

"The trend is clear and the implications to our standard of living are far reaching," Bush said.

He said America should reverse the present course and move to an economically beneficial arms race, building new relationships with its neighboring countries based on mutual respect, confidence and teamwork.

To strengthen the Western economies, Bush advocated a solid adherence to three basic principles: commitment to entrepreneurial capitalism, advocacy of a narrower definition of democracy and a solid dedication to the education of the populace.

"If we can get education right in our country and the rest of the region, all problems from socialills to economic challenges will become far easier to solve," he said.

Bush pointed to institutional corruption and poor public policy as the cause of stagnant economies in many Latin American countries. He said these countries must now seek to fulfill the core values of entrepreneurial capitalism: steadfast and transparent economic regulations, an independent judiciary; labor laws that do not impede the creation of jobs, extension of credit, lower taxes and sound fiscal policies.

"Advocating for freedom and democracy is more than the morally correct action," Bush said. "It is the economically justifiable one as well."

Bush pointed to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez as another problem in the Americas, stating that Western nations have not dealt harshly with him largely because he was democratically elected. But, he added, elections should not be the primary indicator of democracy.

"Elections and liberal acts of economic reform are not sufficient unless they are accompanied by effectively, honest government; the protection of liberties; respect for private property and adherence to the rule of law," Bush said.

Bush also discussed America's current energy policy, which he claimed is unsustainable. He emphasized the need for alternative and reliable energy sources and stressed prompt action, pointing to President George W. Bush's desire to replace 20 percent of the nation's fossil fuel usage by the year 2032. He said Latin American countries are strong in the development and proliferation of oil fields.

"Our vision should be a flourishing hemisphere where the benefits of economic growth are shared by all," he said.

Will Rice senior Nick Hambley said he was concerned that low-wage workers would be exploited at the hands of large corporate interests, but was impressed with Bush's vision of holding a stronger relationship with Latin America.

"He seemed a lot more knowledgeable than his older brother, George," Hambley said.

During the event, President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela was booed by a handful of students.

Ribar voted for President Hugo Chavez the year Bush was inaugurated in 2001. Three years later, he was re-elected as the president of Venezuela, despite a number of international disagreements.

Bush also addressed the need to increase educational exchanges with Latin American countries.

"We should be spending a much higher amount of money on education," he said.

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$850 million to be spent on future campus construction projects

by Lily Chun

At the Student Association meeting Monday, Vice President for Administration Kevin Kirby unveiled updates of the master plan of construction for the next 50 years. A total of $850 million will be used to fulfill the Vision for the Second Century with 29 percent being allocated to student housing, 27 percent for academic buildings, 7 percent for outdoor facilities and 8 percent for infrastructure. The remaining 16 percent will be comprised of projects completely dependent on philanthropy.

Student housing

In addition to the construction of Duncan and McNair Colleges, the south colleges and nearby facilities will be renovated. Kirby said he does not know yet which colleges will be renovated. In the next six months, colleges will be evaluated to determine which ones will receive renovation and, if renovated, construction will begin another five or six months after that. Some remodeling on campus has already been done. At Baker College, $2 million was allocated to put a roof over the pavilion so that it can be used for other purposes.

"We plan on doing this across campus," Kirby said. "We're going to make sure campuses are" concerned about the housing disparity between the older and newer colleges.

The south colleges will be brought up to the same level of housing as in Duncans." Kirby said. "The money they are prototyping is going to a university that isn't even helping out Baker, and the money to Baker is minimal. One of the strongest aspects of the original college system is how we structure the college, so everyone's supposed to be equal ... it's kind of a scary prospect that there's such little regard to the undergraduate experience in regards to housing."

Graduate student housing is also receiving upgrades. New graduate apartments are currently being built on Shaker Road.

Academic buildings

The Collaborative Research Center will be a medical research center located on Main Street and will be used by Rice as well as M.D. Anderson, Baylor College of Medicine, Methodist Hospital, Texas Children's Hospital and University of Texas Health Science Center.

Kirby said the CRC will have three levels of housing, a restaurant and a 300-guest-occupancy hotel. He said construction on the CRC has been completed and is expected to be completed by February 2009.

A new pavilion to house the School for Social Sciences, currently in Sewell Hall, will also be built within the next five years. Kirby said a pro-design study will be conducted next year to look at possible locations for the building.

"The building will be somewhere in the center of campus, but it's not going to be out of the main academic area," Kirby said.

Sewell Hall will be renovated and the School of Social Sciences relocated to its new location in the building. The new building will be built and is currently receiving a pro-design study, as well. Kirby said five sites are being considered.

"They're mostly clustered up in the science and engineering area of campus, just north of the Lab Road. Kirby said. "The nice thing is that it may be going down the new North-South spine of campus."

The Rice Academic Center, which used to be the site in which all library food was prepared, will become a laboratory and design studio for the "Second Century".

The Continuing Studies building, which is the Rice Media Center, will also be updated, although Kirby said he does not know when this will happen.

"It's not really adequate for the classes that they offer," he said. "Currently, it's in a temporary building and has to operate there for decades, and with their growth plans, it's not really sufficient for the future."

The Shepherd School of Music also has plans for growth within their discipline.

"They were going to build a world-class opera house, so that's an important goal," Kirby said. "But it's dependent upon philanthropy. We can get an appropriate gift to build it, we will."

A more vibrant campus

The Brochstein Pavilion, scheduled to be finished by April 2009, is an enclosed, outdoor pavilion that will house the Rice Gamut, Kirby said. There will be a central kitchen open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. that will serve food, although a company has not yet been found to operate it. There will be plasma screens around the pavilion, as well as couches and chairs.

"It will be open around 18 hours," Brown College junior Matt Young said. "They're not set on any hours," he said. "I feel like they don't want to do 24 hours a day because they don't think it's going to be a very efficient thing. Hopefully we can convince them to go into two o'clock or something." The Brochstein Pavilion will be open in time for the RMC. Kirby said there have been discussions about putting an underground parking garage in the West Lot area. He said many universities are moving their parking lots from surface-covered lots to parking garages on the perimeter of campus, and Rice will follow suit.

"Over the next thirty years, all parking lots near the stadium are going to move into garages on the perimeter of campus," Kirby said. Five miles from the main Rice campus is a smaller, 36-acre campus that houses the Library Storage Center, which houses books. A total of $24 million was spent upgrading networks, and another $16 million was spent to build a new data center.

Plummer said he liked the presentation overall, and he appreciated administration's efforts to communicate.

"I certainly don't mind seeing Rice expanding," Plummer said. "It's a really big positive that Kevin Kirby took time out of his schedule to give this presentation because more than anything we need better dialogue between large administrative decisions that affect the students themselves."

Jocelyn Wright contributed to this article.

The Collaborative Research Center will be a medical center used by Rice as well as M.D. Anderson, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital and University of Texas Health Science Center.

The new Recreational Center will be two stories tall and feature a 25-meter outdoor pool. The building's date of completion Kirby took time out of his schedule to give this presentation because more than anything we need better dialogue between large administrative decisions that affect the students themselves.
Movies and books: Try not to overread the differences

I am guilty of a lofty English major's crime: overanalyzing a movie I've just watched. No, I don't watch movies first because I have nothing else to do or want to get away from a book I'm reading. I do it because I can and how they can often enrich one's appreciation of both the novel and the general popularity of their source material. Many films are staples of English classes, and it is fascinating to see how Hollywood studios have interpreted books so popular in the written form. I always enjoy reading the comments on Wikipedia after watching a film based on a novel—for the most part, they are right. Most books are better than the movies, but they can also inspire and expand the reader's understanding of the story.

Two Shepherd orchestras prepare engaging concerts

by Jocelyn Wright

The Shepherd School's Chamber Orchestra and the University Orchestra will be performing throughout the fall season.

The Shepherd School's Chamber Orchestra will feature a program of works by Vivaldi, Haydn, and Beethoven.

The University Orchestra will perform a program of works by Mozart, Beethoven, and Brahms.

Both concerts will be held in the fourth floor of the University Center.

Proof

Opens theater season with (out) formulas

by Julie Burton

Performance TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 8:00 p.m.

Student tickets are $5

Student tickets are $10

The beginning of the play's beauty is geometric: Before the house lights dim, the audience catches a glimpse of a simple blackboard. Then, they realize, they may have missed the moment when the projected curves cut between walls and windowpanes are impressions of sine waves, just as the set designer, Andrew Sinclair, did. A rich, red backdrop with variegated lights and a smattering of scattered, black-colored objects are all that could be mistaken for fractals.

The play's action is as confusing as the fractal patterns that appear on the walls. As the audience begins to realize that the play is an inquisition, it is shown fantastically off and Catherine. Catherine, absurdly, is both — like many students. And when they move from loving to hating, they fight about subjectively enough to appeal to SFs and "academics" alike — logic, math and evidence-gathering. Hal is analyzing Catherine's notebook, written while she was hallucinating. He is searching for mathematical value, Catherine, who is not helpful, throughout her insanity and left her own academic pursuit of math for her father, assures Hal that no such value exists. They argue over a great deal, and Hal finds in one of the notebooks, and Catherine's sister Claire (Brown senior Natalie Nava) tries unsuccessfully to help.

The sisters fight often about the implications of Catherine's insanity that Claire's behavior evolves, and Nona's belief of having a twin and a profession is an inquisition to sympathetic audience members and to Catherine. Claire will not be able to have her attentions and topics of proof.

Catherine (Wesley College senior Haley Richardson) and Hal (Baker College sophomore Bradley Houston) study math in Proof.

Jackie Ammons

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However, I have never before seen actual college students playing the student characters. And I have not seen simulataneous character analysis as a means to further the plot.

The Rice Haydn Rehearsal with unique variable, toeing the line between genius and insanity with calculating elegance.
Human-trafficking story

Trade challenge audiences

by Claire Newman

The film follows the girls' journey

reminiscent of

behind.

The film relies on

shock the audience into believing the

the United States, with Ray and Jorge

not exactly a date night

with the script. The film relies on

Kreuzpaintner's stylistic choice comes across as forced

Frontline of battle against such

not only against sex trafficking, but
do so — but to make a statement,

Kreuzpaintner's ultimate shock

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Ramos), Adriana's brother, takes up

Bachleda-Curus brings to her sup-

could have made more appropriate

tendee due to the shorter move-

in one style.

Prairie

brown to her suit, are

Maria, Full of Grace,

The recurring juxtaposition of the sex

virtue-driven Catholicism, further-

Children, a Polish young mother who

Also inspired, ready to be on the

and puppy-dog eyes

nurturing role is something rare.

see their muscles as they execute

extensions and pirouettes.

Dancers make these moves seem

so effortless — despite the obviously necessary strength and

athleticism — that it makes one appreciate the skill needed in other performances where light or skits hide such procudural showmanship.

The dance technique is likewise

and not without comic relief in

nights. However, the dancers occasionally struggle
to synchronize their movements,

stilt with rolling dresses. However, the dancers occasionally struggle
to synchronize their movements,

choreographed by Stanton Welch,

rare.

choreographer William Forsythe's

background to focus attention on the

the aged woman's husband in the

resources.

The Houston Ballet's Fall 2007

program is innovative American

choreography

athleticism — that it makes one

to see and hear when someone is

loosely fitted. But overall, the atten-
dons of the dancers combined with the company makes this dance

unique visual opportunity.

Unfortunately, the remaining

dances do not match the standard set by Petit Mort. The centerpieces of the program is the world premiere of The Four Seasons, choreographed by Stanton Welch, artistic director of the Houston Ballet.

The Four Seasons follows a woman through the "four seasons" of her life, begin-

nificantly easier to concentrate on

in the action on stage while merely

Ballet's three-part repertory show hits once, misses twice

Melody Herrera and Connor Walsh do an elegant maneuver in the title section of the Houston Ballet's The Four Seasons. Welish's concept accompanied the performance.

Ballet

by Tina Gordon

Anyone who thinks of ballerinas

later seasons. "Summer" and "Fall"

first on the pro-

汽車

Ballet's

with dancing is a downfall in the

The Four Seasons.

from German director Marco

Summer Storm), a Polish young mother who

Kreuzpaintner (La Sombra del Sahuaro's Maria, Full of Grace,

While the cast is exceptional

Maria, Full of Grace,

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Macabre Promises delivers by Carina Chang

Promoters of "Eastern Promises" is much more than a series of killings and dubious dealings. The film plays out like a gothic psychological chess game — nested, intense and simply jaw-dropping. Proudly sporting an excellent cast, the film succeeds in humanizing the "crime thriller" genre.

Nikolai, a golden-haired angel of the London ward of Constantine (Vincent Cassel), plays chauffeur to charismatic Semyon (Viggo Mortensen) and simply jaw-dropping. Proudly sporting an excellent cast caught in the crucible of murder and criminal brotherhood that seems to follow no rules. Although bound by only one law; Backstabbing, Intrigue and nail-biting suspense.

Shinya Osaka's back at the dock. Uma, once a great and enigmatic Nikolai with an impenchant for killing. If only.

Late summer's shining at the dock. At least, it is in a good heart for a few good hours beforehand. The "strong, brutal and bloody violence" rating really does not do the movie justice. Expect a no-holds-barred bloodbath, execrated in typical Russian accents and sharp dialog.

The documentary plays itself together as an assortment of sequences of varying media, including interviews with boxed ones who had long survived Crowhurst, grainy video clips taken directly from the original voyage and radio recordings and telegrams. Herein lies an unfortunate flaw. The juxtaposition of unfolding ocean waves with rough, gritty scuttling footage is potentially nauseating and aesthetically unsettling. Whether done for stylistic reasons or not, the result fails to engage. Rather, the viewer is left feeling slightly seasick.

Fortunately, Deep Water is a documentary that details Crowhurst's participation in the 1968 boat race around the world. It uses photographs and video footage from the race and tells of Crowhurst's descent into madness during the lonely voyage.

"Deep Water" promises nothing remotely ureterable. All in a day's work — in the Russian math, that is.

Deep Water explores a documentary that details Don Crowhurst's participation in the 1968 boat race around the world. It uses photographs and video footage from the race and tells of Crowhurst's descent into madness during the lonely voyage.

The Symphony Orchestra closes the season with a majestic and intricate concert. Organists and harpsichords, soloists and choruses, all come together to present a most enigmatic character.

The orchestra will also play Ravel's "Bolero," an orchestral piece composed in 1928 and composed in 1928. The piece is renowned for its hypnotic effect on the audience and its use of just six instruments. The orchestra is conducted by the renowned composer and conductor, Jean-Pierre Rampal.

The concert features a variety of works, including excerpts from Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7," Handel's "Water Music," and Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." The performers are highly skilled and have years of experience in their respective fields.

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The road woes of the past few weeks are all but forgotten for the volleyball team. Rice faced together a pair of wins against conference opponents this past weekend to gear up for this week’s rematch against cross-town rival University of Houston. Both the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Central Florida were unable to counter Rice’s strong play on both sides of the ball, resulting in two key conference wins for the Owls.

**IN FOCUS: VOLLEYBALL**

**Record:** 7-8  
**C-USA record:** 2-1 (4-6)

Last week: Rice returned to its winning ways, taking consecutive conference matches against Southern Miss and UCF.

What made the difference: Freshman Caroline Gill’s all-around performance, including 7.5 total blocks, earned her the C-USA defensive player of the week honors.

Last night at 7 p.m. Rice (7-8, 2-1 C-USA) continued their conference schedule playing UH (8-6, 3-0 C-USA) at Fox Gym, Nisce. The Owls are ready to take a break. They will not play another match until next Friday.

Last week’s conference play started with Rice taking a win from Southern Miss in Harrisonburg, Miss. The Golden Eagles came in with a six-match winning streak, but Rice came out strong, bouncing back from a first-point error to score five straight points. The Owls dominated the rest of the game, and, with the help of five kills from sophomore outside hitter Jennifer McClean, Rice won the game 30-15.

Southern Miss buckled down in the second game, coming back from a 40 deficit to even the score. The Eagles took the lead in the 10th set and won by a 30-28 margin. Three early kills from junior outside hitter Jessica Holder helped the Owls begin the third game with a quick 6-1 lead before the Golden Eagles regained their footing. After a tie at 19-19, Rice began to pull away, taking advantage of four Southern Miss errors to take the game.

But the Golden Eagles refused to concede the fourth game to the Owls, never allowing a gap larger than three points before McClean’s ace moved Rice ahead 14-10. The two teams went back and forth, with Rice maintaining the slight edge over Southern Miss. At the end of the match, two kills by McClean sealed the match for Rice.

Head coach Genny Volpe said she liked the Owls’ performance against Southern Miss.

“It was really good to get a win on the road against a team with such a strong winning streak,” Volpe said. “It was nice to see the defense do such a good job around and with confidence this time around.”

On Sunday, Rice finally returned home from a seven-game road trip in face of UCF. The game was marked by strong offensive and defensive play from both freshmen middle blockers Caroline Gill, who had kills and blocks, and McClean, who had 8 kills and 14 digs.

Gill’s play was strong enough to earn her the C-USA defensive player of the week award, the first such honor for any Owl this season.

The Owls won the game with three straight kills from Hanley and an early spike point for Rice. Ultimately, Rice won 30-15. See GILL, page 22

Freshman defensive back Joseph Leroy attempts to gather a fumble as Texas quarterback Colt McCoy stands idle. The Owls fell to the Longhorns 58-14.

**Owls find Texas comes as advertised**

by Natalie Clericuzio  
THRESHER STAFF

JFK High—playing the University of Texas in football is a difficult task for Rice. The Owls struggled in last weekend’s visit to Austin, Texas, falling 34-14 to the Longhorns.

Rice (6-4, 6 C-USA) will now host conference play against the University of Southern Mississippi (8-4, 2-3 C-USA) at 7 p.m. at Rice Stadium. A traditional rivalry in C-USA, Southern Miss is the only team in the conference not to have played a game against another team at the conference title. The Golden Eagles’ lone loss came Sept. 8 to the University of Tennessee, and they have already defeated East Carolina 28-21 Sept. 15 to open conference play.

Southern Miss runs a very balanced defense, which means the Owls must be ready to defend both the run and the pass on Wednesday. Statistically, Rice ranks near the bottom of the conference in every major category, but no team has played a tougher non-conference schedule than the Owls.

While Rice’s defense has struggled throughout the season thus far, junior quarterback Chase Clement believes the defense and mental errors that have hurt the team can be fixed.

“You look at the past four games, we’ve been able to move the ball on anybody,” he said. “We’ve just kind of shot ourselves in the foot. We need to not allow penalties or bad throws or dropped balls to kill those drives.”

Last year, the C-USA was a conference marked by its parity and competitive balance, and the Owls are hoping that this is again the case in 2007. From an athletic point of view, the Owls step onto a more level playing field as conference play opens, which should help the defense to play a style more suited to their talents.

The Owls suffered through a bruising 4-1 start last year as well before rebounding to finish the season with a bowl berth and finishing near the top of the country.

And just like last year, one of those four losses came at the hands of the 2007 College Football Playoff runner-up 30 to 62.

Rice track/soccer stadium  
9:30 a.m.—   
Rice Track/Soccer Stadium

Friday, Sept. 28  

**Women’s cross wins at Texas A&M Invitational**

**by Justin Hudson  
THRESHER STAFF**

After an impressive season-opening performance at the Rice Invitational, the women’s cross country team once again won impressively at last Saturday’s Texas A&M Invitational in College Station, Texas. Rice thoroughly defeated the 12-team field of sub-10,000-meter race, which included five-time national champion University of Texas and host Texas A&M University. The Owls held a wide margin over Texas, defeating the runners-up 30 to 62.

Head coach Jim Breen said his team was not only more cohesive, but also faster overall compared to the Rice Invitational.

“We ran very well (at the Rice Invitational) but we ran really good (at the Texas A&M Invitational),” the Owls defeated No. 22 ranked University in three meet of the season.

This week, the Owls will have their toughest test of the season thus far as they travel to South Bend, Ind. to compete in the Notre Dame Invitational. The race will feature nine ranked teams, including second-ranked University of Michigan. Rice will be one of three teams that have received votes for the national top 30 poll. The Owls were also rewarded for their strong start, being ranked third in the Southeast Region Poll.

The Texas A&M meet, senior Marissa Daniels’ time of 17 minutes. 19 seconds was good enough to take the individual title, beating Lamar University’s Brian Graham by 15 seconds. This performance earned her the Conference USA female cross country athlete of the week honors.

Like the Rice Invitational, a host of Owls were once again at the top 10. Freshman Allison Pye continued her remarkable start by finishing third in 17:42. Senior Lennie White finished sixth with a time of 17:51, while freshman Becky Wade’s time of 17:09 was good for eighth. When combined with the time of Coates, the Owls compete in the Notre Dame Invitational.
No. 756 will not be food, nor will it ever be the same

Barry's 756th won't be eaten. Well, at least it won't be made infamous "Steve Bartman's Restaurant in Chicago" into spaghetti sauce. When Harry blow it into smithereens and make overpriced sauce.

The Cubs make it to the World Series. With the Apocalypse nearing, crime rates across the country soar. Men abandon their children and the leftfield wall for the series. Boston wins two of the first three games, throwing the ball to roll all the way to the backstop and Youkilis to reach first on a dropped-third-strike. Kerry Wood proceeds to walk Big Papi, and the Red Sox are again World Champs. The Cubs fail once more, and the fans speak, and they stand it will. That is, undoubtedly debate the merits of Barry Bonds' records for years to come. Why brand a ball that's already under such scrutiny?

As Barry himself said in an interview with the San Francisco Chronicle, "We spent $750,000 on the ball and that's what he's doing with it? What he's doing is stupid... In baseball, that number 13, Bill Buckner, and Steve Bartman from the city. Their 99th straight season without a World Series title.

Barry's historic ball is a symbol of his sham. To me, the ball already has an asterisk. To physically abuse a piece of baseball history does nothing in fact the problem. Were the Smithsonian to brand the Articles of Confederation, burn 19th century Pro-Slavery petitions or framing its reference source, anything completely different. While such a deflating gesture may put Ecko in some history books, his already tarnished record over the War tangents tape, the history wouldn't change. They would be meaningless statements, further tarnishing the already tarnished.

In brandishing the ball, Ecko himself will tarnish the books, transforming the ball into something completely different. While such a deflating gesture may put Ecko in some history books, his publicity stunt is transparent to any real baseball fan.

Baseball has always been a forum for debate. Fans argue over everything, from the storied status of Hoss Radbourn to Julio Franco's age, to whether or not Pete Rose belongs in the Hall of Fame. And they will undoubtedly debate the merits of Barry Bonds' records for years to come.

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Women head to California after impressive showing at home

by Rhodes Colley
FOR THE THREBSER

Home court advantage is not merely physical — it is also mental. Clearly, the women's tennis team realized this at last weekend's Rice Classic. The Owls could not have asked for better results, dominating their home court advantage is not by Rhodes Coffey

San Diego, so that adds in an extra element of excitement.

While the men's tennis team does not have an official slogan, it might as well be, "Two heads are better than one." Although singles play has not gone according to plan, Rice's doubles teams, namely the pairing of senior Ralph Knupfer and junior Christoph Müller, have benefited through consistency. The duo eventually ran out of steam, losing in both the quarterfinals of the B Doubles Draw, albeit without playing a single point—the pair advanced due to an open crack in the window. "It's definitely not going to be easy," Ustundag said. "Krupfer and Müller have the physical abilities needed to certainly win a shot at making the actual tournament, only Knupfer and Müller, who are ranked 85th and 86th in the country, respectively, will be able to make it to the main draw is fighting hard every point of every match, and not taking any point off." 

For the first collegiate match, Shiva-Shankar and Miiller continued their first road action of the year, the Owls encountered the top seed Jonas Berg and Filipp Tveit of the University of Louisville 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the first round. They then downed University of Texas at Austin's Brian Brown and Dennis Laldas in the second round, holding on for an 8-5 victory.

In doubles, the Owls showed just how much they have improved since last year. "We are more than capable of advancing to the main draw," Ustundag said. "I'd like to be able to help the other Owls either, as all three of us stepped into the spotlight."

Freshman Vishnu Rajam was the only Owl in the B Singles Draw, but he fared the same as his teammates in the early rounds. Across campus in Waco, Texas, Knupfer lost in the semi-finals. Trading points, the Owl duo continued to step up their performance, but Ustundag said, "I'm happy with where we are mentally and physically," head coach Roger White said. "It was a wonderful tournament. That's probably the strongest the tournament has been since I've been here."

Men's tennis displays doubles prowess
Ammons leads Brown to 12-7 win over Will Rice
by Kushagra Shrinath

The Owls’ starting quarterback, Alex Espinoza, and the team’s leading receiver, Jackie Ammons, were not able to pick up first downs against the Poowderpuff defense. Instead, Will Rice turned to running back Kristen Hild to carry the ball.

"Jackie had a really poor first half," Huston said. "But the high the Owls felt from this goal will fade away."

With every sunrise over the Serengeti, the struggle for survival renews. Every gazelle must beat the fastest lion, and every lion must deruff coach Bryan Hodge told Will Rice in the Powderpuff Game of Saturday. Fortunately for Hodge, his players were able to make sense of the poor analogy, racing their way to a 12-7 come-from-behind victory over Texas A&M (2-0) last Friday. The Owls took the tight match-2 on goal in the 89th minute.

Friends and family came to Coffeehouse for a special brunch on Saturday. The event featured a special menu and live music. The menu included a variety of dishes, such as French toast, pancakes, and eggs Benedict. The live music added to the festive atmosphere, with local musicians providing entertainment throughout the day.

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Edward's' late goal defeats Bobcats

Fortunately for the soccer team, known as the Texas A&M University Aggies, they had another chance to secure a victory over Texas State University with just over a minute left remaining.

Unfortunately, Rice had to face fourth-ranked Texas A&M University in a two-day event in College Station, Texas. The Aggies promptly knocked the Owls off.

Rice University was unable to respond to Texas A&M's offensive pressure, finding themselves down 13-6 in the first quarter. Rice was unable to sustain a drive that took more than 7 minutes, giving the Aggies a quick 3-0 lead.

The Owls were left to pick up a first down, a poor punt, and forced a quick three-and-out, allowing Texas A&M to capitalize, and on the second play of the drive, Texas A&M scored a touchdown to take a 7-0 lead.

But the Brown defense was not able to stop the Owls. Texas A&M scored two more touchdowns in the second half, one on a 25-yard touchdown run, and the other on a 30-yard touchdown pass. The Owls were unable to respond to either score, and Texas A&M won the game with a final score of 25-0. The Owls were unable to find the back of the net, giving Texas A&M the win in the first half.
POWDERPUFF PREDICTIONS: WEEK 3

Casey Michel, Sports Editor

Stephanie Whittington, E.I.C.

Anna Wilde, Sports Copy

Evans Miltz, Executive Editor

Sarah Mitchell, Classifieds

WRC vs. Sid

"But Bhawka won't come"  
"C'mon!"  
"I'm not an idiot!"  
"Cut it's tall"

Hanszen  
"Abbie Ryan will catch thirty-seven sacks!"

"Just so they won't complain"

"I've grown weary of my college"

Hanszen  
"VH3!"

Jones vs. Lovett

Brown vs. Baker

Jones  
Wiese  
"Throw to Tracy!"

"But I'll be watching the Texas"  
"And Tim Duncan"

Wiese  
"They still have Natalie, right?"

Classifieds!

* denotes Thresher Game of the Week
** After much insistence from her schoolchildren, Terri McKee will return with her picks next week.
CALENDAR
sep. 28 - oct. 5

FRIDAY
11th Houston Grand Syrup Festival
Miller Outdoor Theatre presents their annual Taiko drumming and Japanese dancing show. This year's guest artist is Big Mountain Family. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. tonight and tomorrow.

Proof
The Rice Players' performance of Proof opens tonight in Hamman Hall at 8 p.m. Student tickets are $5.

Get Recited
Brown College presents "Get Recited." 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. I don't really understand what the theme is, but I know it's something about losing their saltshaker. So, bring one, perhaps, as a housewarming gift? Whatever.

SATURDAY
29
Screw Yer Roommate
Get funky and fresh and meet someone new. Make sure to drop by the afterparty at Willy's Pub at 10 p.m.

Re-Proofed
The Players' second showing of Proof shows tonight at 9 p.m. Tickets are still $5 for students.

MONDAY
1
The Barber of Seville
Rossini's opera will be showing all week at Miller Outdoor Theatre. The show will play Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in Hamman Hall.

Take Refuge
An exhibit ("A Refugees Camp in the Heart of the City") made with actual materials used by Doctors Without Borders around the world will be put up in Fish Plaza in front of the Northham Center in the Theater District. So next time you're heading to the Angelsea stop by and see the plaza or, if you're there during the day, aid workers will guide you through the camp.

PROOF by Proofwest
The Players' show closes this weekend with performances at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in Hamman Hall.

Houston Greek Festival
The 41st annual Houston Greek Festival opens today at 3111 Vudum Blvd., near the museum district. The festival runs four hours through Sunday. Admission is just $5. For more info, go to www.greektestival.org.

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FRIDAY
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Speak your mind
The President's Fall Town Hall meeting is today from 9:30-11 a.m. in Duncan Hall's McMurtry Auditorium. So come and speak your mind, let your voice be heard and all that jazz.

Arsonic and Old Lace
The classic comedy starring two murderous maidens and their eccentric nephews opens tonight at the Alley Theatre. The show will play through Nov. 4. Regular tickets start at $26. "Cheap Thrills" tickets, for Sunday and Tuesday evening performances, are available for $21.

Shepherd School plays for you
The Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra will be playing in Stude Hall tonight at 8 p.m. Ticketing by reservation only. Student tickets are $8. Call (713) 348-8000.

Don't forget your beads
Hanson College's Mardi Gras party is tonight from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

TUESDAY
2
Sounds of the Past
The Heritage Society opens a new exhibit ("The Heritage Society presents "Sounds of the Past") and hear their way through the cylinders and disc records in their collection of phonographs, radios, and other early recording devices. 

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WHO
Tudor, Pickering & Co., an investment & merchant banking boutique serving the energy industry. For more information, check out: www.tudorpickering.com

WHAT
Opportunity to join a world-class team for a 10-week summer internship.

WHY
Gain unique exposure to investment & merchant banking under one roof
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Raising of Debt and Equity
- Private Equity Investments

WHERE
Summer program at company headquarters in downtown Houston, Texas.
Name: Sarah Rutledge
Thresher position: News Assistant Editor (the sluttier one, second only to Sarah)
Favorite part of the Thresher: "The part where it's open. Also cookies."
Quote: "I want a guy who talks a lot so I don't have to contribute or listen. Also a nice car, like a limo. No trucks, ick. Compensating."

Name: Mistress Lily Chun
Thresher position: News Editor
Favorite part of the Thresher: "All the parts that have errors, because then she gets to punish people. Also when we get to play girls." 
Quote: "I'm just going to make up the quotes myself!"
Ideal date: "The last time I went only something that was close to a date was high school."

Name: Jocelyn "Scoop" Wright
Thresher position: News Assistant Editor (the slutty one, second only to Sarah)
Favorite part of the Thresher: "The Jocelyn part. Also, cookies."
Music: "Anything Heavenly Holoway has said.
Ideal date: "Getting the news scoop, and doing whatever it takes to get it."

The Backpage is satire and is written by Evan Mintz.

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CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

BUSH FAMILY IN Bellville looking for a Mother's Helper Mon. & Wed. afternoons (4-8, 750$/wk). Please let someone who can also work some evenings, including Saturday (1 or 2 a month). Must have own car, good driving record and local references. Serious inquiries only. Contact Laura at bellvilleдобелне.miss@ or (832) 877-8804.

WANTED: UNDERGRAD STUDENT to tutor 2nd grader 3 hrs/week (Tues, Thurs. 1 week hrs). West U. Email Jocelyn. jocelynrice.edu for more info.

NANNY WANTED FOR 2 school-aged children. Will coordinate and supervise after-school activities, some work, children's dinners 15-20 hours per week, competitive pay. Must be non-smoker, safe driver, responsible, early children, some experience, us references required. Call (281) 741-0332 or (713) 340000.

GALLERIA LAW FIRM seeking student for part-time office assistant position. Duties will include filing, typing and other clerical tasks. Previous experience in Word & Excel required. All info poissant@sbcglobal.net.

SPERM STUDY: HEALTHY male volunteers are needed by the Scott Department of Urology at Baylor College of Medicine. We are running this study to see whether or not Minocycline Extended-release Tablets, sold as Zin-Sin, affects sperm motility (the process of formation of mature sperm) in healthy males. We will look to see if your sperm count is the same or if it was before treatment. Some people in the study will receive Minocycline Extended-release Tablets, others a placebo. Minocycline is an antibiotic that has been used safely for many years to help treat acne and other infections. Subjects in the first minocycline approved to treat moderate or severe acne (it helps reduce the number of pimples). The total length of the study is about 6 months. Subjects and blood samples will be collected as some of the joys. Volunteers will be compensated $100/week for entire study participation. For more information and to find out if you are eligible to participate in this research study please call (713) 748-8517.


WANTED: NANNY TO work 3-5 days a week watching a 10 year old girl and a 7 year old boy. Need to pick up children from Poe Elementary, close to Rice. Provide care until between 5 and 8:30 pm. Can you do housework while working, you can use the internet and you can take them to Rice activities, offers a lot of flexibility, willing to work with your schedule. $800/4hr. Email touta.mcSTITRICE.edu.

RESEARCH INTERNSHIP: BAYLOR College of Medicine Dept. of Genetics, 1507 Jackson Heights, Experience with MS Excel. Contact Anne Porter (832) 522-3785 or email resume to: cht@bcm.tmc.edu.

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