Jose Hernandez is excited was their first choice. Will Rice College sophomore, prices to get people to come,” not settled yet. Figuring out prices for Minute Maid, so the ticket prices are.

Kerkstra said: “We’re very positive about the climate change commitment.” Leblun said: “We do welcome student counter-programming.”

Fall formal Esperanza booked at Minute Maid by Liz Mallett

This year’s Esperanza, the Rice Program Council’s annual fall formal dance, will return to Minute Maid Park, which it was their first choice. In 2002, the dance, scheduled for Nov. 3 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., will take place in the back park’s Champion’s Ballroom.

Appetizers will be offered, but Kerkstra said they considered a number of venues before deciding to order to make the dance affordable for students.

RPC Formal Committee Co-chair Michelle Kerkstra said they had to consider factors such as price, location, and size.

Although Minute Maid previously served as the venue for Esperanza, Kerkstra said it differs from recent years’ hotel ballroom venues.

“Everyone’s really excited about Minute Maid,” Kerkstra said. “I think it’s a really cool venue not just for girls to get excited about but for boys to get excited about too.”

RPC plans to leave part of the stands open so that people can walk around. Kerkstra said the venue overlooks the field and downtown Houston.

Amenities provided by the venue include free parking, security, and first aid. Kerkstra said she hopes for a similar turnout to last year’s. Originally, the committee had booked a room with a capacity of 350 people, but moved to a 600-person room given the 580-person attendance last year.

Kerkstra said RPC will offer somber champagne flutes to those who buy advance tickets. Last year, shot glasses were handed out at the door and not even the 580-person tickets easily received one, she said.

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Endowment grows 21.6 percent in past year by Catherine Bratic

Despite recent economic troubles in the hedge fund and sub-prime loan markets, the Rice endowment, the money with which the university was founded, proved in December. The commitment in the hedge fund and sub-prime loan markets, the Rice endowment, grew 21.6 percent this past fiscal year now clocking in at $4.96 billion. Vice President for Investments and Treasurer Scott Wise (Will Rice ’71) attributed the growth to the success of its equity investments. The endowment, the money with which the university was founded, provides funding for faculty chairs, graduate fellowships and undergraduate scholarships.

Wise attributed the endowment’s growth to the success of stocks, private equity, real estate and natural resources.

Although this year’s budget has not yet been finalized, Wise said the growth of the endowment will allow the university to continue its trend of increasing financial aid payments every year. “I’m very pleased with the results,” Wise said. “Any time you can do revenue in excess of 20 percent for a year, you have to be happy with it.”

The last time the endowment had returns higher than 20 percent was in 1998, Wise said. Wise attributed the endowment’s growth to the success of stocks, private equity, real estate and natural resources.

Over the years, the university has been shifting investments from public stock to private partnerships. Wise said these are more difficult to maintain but produce greater returns.

ENDOWMENT OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS

Classy musicians

The Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra and the Shepherd School Chamber Orchestra will present romantic masterpieces by Dvorak, Strauss, and Beethoven at 8:00 p.m. today and tomorrow in the Stude Concert Hall. Tickets are $8.00 for students. If you prefer a more diverse performance, the Shepherd School Chamber Orchestra will play pieces by Mendelssohn, and Lizu at the same time Sunday night in the Stude Concert Hall. Admission is free for students.

What about indie? KTRU will sponsor a concert tomorrow from 3:00 p.m. at Valhalla. The concert features bands such as The Punks and the Fables.

SpoCo v. Phils

Improv comedy and a capella face off in a battle royale this Friday, and it’s all going down in the Louvtell Undergrounds tonight at 9 p.m. Come and check out Spontaneous combustion and the Rice Philharmonic in their first performance of the year.

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While construction on the Brochstein Pavilion is steadily progressing — currently at the dust pit stage — plans for what will be inside the $30 million, 63,000 square-foot addition are not overly complex: It is essentially a big glass box with couches, restrooms and a food kiosk. But the kiosk, which will draw students campus-wide with its alluring late-night food and beverages, should be the diamond in that big glass box. A successful pavilion will rely on a successful kiosk, which will require two key qualities: 24-hour service and a student vibe. And these two qualities can come together in the form of student-run institutions.

Admittedly, a 24-hour food kiosk would be economically difficult — only a few people seek food in the wee hours of the morning, and even fewer want to work. However, Rice students, well known for keeping odd hours, would be the perfect candidates to run a late-night kiosk. And as Coffeehouse has proven, everyone loves student-run institutions (see graph, page 5).

13th Street has tried to hire students, but faced trouble because food preparation requires significant training and long, constant hours, both of which students are understandably reluctant to embrace given Rice’s course schedules. The benefits of machines are not a pipe dream — there are already plans to install one in the essentially-ignored underground 24-hour access area of the Rice Memorial Center. However, students utilizing these delicious offers out of the dark and into the big glass box.

Environmentalism does not end at carbon

At Monday’s Student Association meeting, Environmental Concerns Committee Chair Lauren Lawstreet and Brown College senator Patrick McNamara proposed a resolution requiring President David Leebron to sign the “American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment.” (See story, page 1)

Rice has been on this path since March 2004, when it adopted a policy to reduce its ecological footprint, improve sustainability and foster environmental consciousness. Before this, the SA proposed its current resolution. Rice took major steps along the environmental and educational path, LEED rated construction and water conservation policies, to mention a few.

So, given the progress Rice has already made, we cannot help but voice some reservations over the resolution’s seeming simplicity. The focus on carbon emissions. Global warming activism is a noble cause against a veritable environmental threat, but it is not the entirety of environmentalism.

It is true that anything crystal clear — or smoggly opaque — is that water and air pollution are still problems and should not be shoved aside for the trendy issue of carbon emissions. Rice has been on this path since 2004, but we are still a long way from tackling climate change.

We are sure some of our friends may argue that Rice did not ignore the conflict and did not discuss it. We continue to try to accommodate all students’ schedules when we plan some events, but we cannot have responsibility for peoples’ thoughts when they cannot focus on these issues.

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Campus must unite against homophobia

To the editor:
Most people probably know someone who is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. That includes our friends, family and neighbors and us. Every day we live in a world where we can enjoy the freedom we enjoy here at Rice. Most of us probably also realize that GLBT rights are not a reality in nearly every facet of society.

It is true that GLBT students, faculty and staff often experience religious intolerance, workplace discrimination, “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” and more. These are all oppressions suffered by these brave individuals simply because they had the strength to come out and be true to themselves. While we may see these as grievances, it is easier for the straight community to let the GLBT community handle it while they turn a blind eye to the inequality that they clearly witness. However, I hope there will come a time when we will no longer be content to remain silent.

That is why I am involved in Seven Straight Nights for Equal Rights. Seven Straight Nights is a coordinated nationwide series of overnight vigils led by straight allies over 7 days. I am organizing a version of Seven Straight Nights for Rice to take place in the Montrose Counseling Center on Oct. 11 through Oct. 12. This is our chance to have all the students shoulder to shoulder with GLBT Americans sending a clear message to our city, state and nation — Equality matters to everyone.

Feel free to come and stay for as long as you would like. For further details visit sevenstraightnights.org and click Houston or check out the Face- book event. On Oct. 11, let’small our the bravery of the members GLBT community that has worked so hard to make their voices heard despite overwhelming opposition.

Caitele Machtke
Senior Associate
Baker 13 must clean up its own droppings

Guest column

Barry Manilow versus freedom of speech

The free and open exchange of ideas is a celebrated value and goal of Liberty-honoring universities. Americans treasure the ability to hear and be heard. All citizens are entitled to free speech, and the right to be heard is as essential as the right to silence those with whom they disagree.

However, recently noted Barry Manilow has announced plans to refuse to come on campus because of what he considers to be a violation of his free speech rights. Manilow provided an official memo to the administration explaining what he considered to be a violation of his free speech rights.

In the memo, Manilow cited a past incident where he was asked to perform on ABC's "The View" last week. The singer refused to appear because he believed he was forbidden from discussing his views on The View. Because of this refusal, Manilow stated that he would not perform on the show.

This type of arrogance is disturbing. I am interested in a time for student activists to receive the support of the show, but I cannot agree to a request that I be interviewed by the show. I had made a long-scheduled interview memo. Manilow provided a response which I found to be offensive and disrespectful. Let's not pre-judge what Barry Manilow may or may not do in the future.

As a result of this decision, Barry Manilow's tunes are no longer popular. In fact, his overall popularity has declined significantly. Many people are upset with Barry Manilow because of his recent actions.

I must reiterate that Barry Manilow is an American citizen and he has the same freedom of speech rights as any other American. However, he seems to be unwilling to use his free speech rights in a responsible manner.

In conclusion, I believe that Barry Manilow's actions are inappropriate and damaging to the institution. It is time for Baker 13 to clean up its own droppings. This is not something that can be hidden away or swept under the rug.

Caroline May

A Will Rice College junior

Guest column

Bottled water on campus

Bottled water has also come under scrutiny by the Environmental Protection Agency. The agency has proposed new regulations that would ban the sale of single-use bottles, which is estimated to reduce carbon emissions—especially when we are shipping water from Fiji.

Beyond the economic and environmental reasons, there is a deeper, more fundamental problem with bottled water. Water is a public good that is necessary for life. It is being commodified and privatized for no other reason than to make a profit. Corporations like Poland Spring, Fiji, and Aquafina are already making profits on the bottled water market. Bottled water is not only a luxury, but a necessity for many.

At one dollar per liter, bottled water is even more expensive than gasoline. If bottled water were healthier and more accessible, it would likely be the choice for many people.

The United States has one of the best public water supplies in the world. However, many people still prefer bottled water. This is due to the perception that bottled water is healthier and safer to drink. Bottled water on campus

Carolee Lee

A Rice University student
WHY WE LOVE THE RMC

The Student Center Advisory Council conducted a random survey in which 612 students were selected to participate in a survey concerning the RMC. Of the students selected, twenty-seven percent responded (a total of 163 responses). The following represent students' "Most two things you like most about the student center." Those responses which correspond to physical locations in the Student Center are represented graphically; the remainder of responses are listed below.

- Central location 13%
- Availability / variety of food 8%
- Meeting place 7%
- Events 4%
- Hours of operation 2%
- Staff 1%

"Sorry, there isn't anything in particular that I like. The Grand Hall is all but grand and the food is too expensive."

— Anonymous response

OTHER RESPONSES
Many students responded to more general aspects of the RMC. These results are listed here.

1. Coffeehouse 20%
2. 13th Street 9%
3. Outdoor seating 7%
4. Willy's Pub 5%
5. The lounges 5%
6. University Bookstore 5%
7. The Chase Bank ATM 4%
8. Smoothie King 3%
9. Sammy's 2%
10. Convenience store 1%

11. The Chapel 1%
12. Grand Hall 1%

"Other" responses include:
- Food 8%
- Events 4%
- Central location 2%
- Availability / variety of services 13%
- Food 8%
- Hours of operation 5%
- Staff 3%
- Hours of operation 3%
- Variety of services 3%

"Other" responses which are not listed:
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because the success of these things depends on student commitment.'

The climate commitment offers enough flexibility so that the un-

versity can take measures without significantly increasing the finan-

cial burden on students, Leebron said. Although the administration

would be unwilling to take environmental measures that would raise

funding by several thousand dollars, they would consider a plan which

would add a couple hundred dollars per student, Leebron said.

Some sustainability efforts, though they might be costly up

front, end up saving money in the long run, Director of Sustainability

Richard Johnson said. For many of these items, there are actual environmental paybacks, so it's possible that, viewed comprehensively, being carbon neutral could be net cost neutral,"

Leebron said he sees signing the climate commitment as fitting in with Rice's current environmental projects.

"Rice has already taken several green steps with construction, including with Duncan College. Duncan will achieve LEED Gold certification, making it one of the most environmentally-innovative campus residential projects in the United States, Johnson said.

By the end of 2009, roughly 20 percent of the total campus build-
ing square footage will meet LEED standards, Johnson said.

The Collaborative Research Center will serve as a model for sustain-
able laboratory design. The North Annex Parking Lot contains a section of water-permeable concrete. The three homes that will be transformed into the Child Care Center were deconstructed instead of demolished. And Ryan Labora-
tory will be renovated to include utility efficient restrooms.

Although it will be operated on gas, the South Power Plant will have many environmentally-friendly features. Photovoltaic solar arrays will recharge the bat-
tery systems for the standby and emergency generators and a geo-

thermal heating system, Project Manager for the South Plant Eric

Knezevich said. The plant's vegeta-
tive roofing will provide shade in the summer and insulation in the winter, slow the rate of runoff by absorbing rainfall and possibly extend the life of the roof.

"We see the South Plant as a location in which we can continue to add leading-edge energy-efficient technologies into our system, and the design of the facility actually enzymes such additions," Johnson said.

Johnson said he views the climate commitment as an oppor-
tunity to continue to build with environmental responsibility and

conservation in mind.

"If our experiences and suc-
cesses with LEED are any indica-
tion, we'll be reaping benefits and

rewards that we've not even begun to envision," he said.

Richard Johnson

Director of Sustainability
Arboreal rebirth

Construction workers plant a new 83,000 lb tree in the Jones College quad Monday. The two trees previously in the Jones quad were removed because they were rotting.

Energy contest to promote campus sustainability

by Joyce Yao

While students often show college pride under the lights of intramural fields, this month the competition is about turning the lights off in an energy contest between the north and south colleges.

The competition was organized by the Common Reading Group and the Environmental Club in an effort to raise awareness of sustainability on campus and to promote environmentally-friendly lifestyles. The competition started Monday and will last until the end of the month.

Energy consumption will be measured by the quantity of chilled water used to provide cooling and electricity per capita. The winners will receive a few thousand dollars courtesy of the Office of the Dean of Undergraduates, Housing and Dining, and Director of Sustainability Richard Johnson. The losers will fund a public party for the whole campus.

The idea was first generated by a sustainability competition between Weiss College and Martha College last fall. Advisor to the Dean of Undergraduates Matthew Taylor said. A campus-wide discussion on climate change during Orientation Week also contributed to the idea of a campus-wide energy competition.

The competition pits the north and south colleges against each other instead of a college free-for-all because Weiss and Martha are the only colleges with individual energy meters. Taylor said. The Sustainability Office can monitor the energy consumption of all the south colleges and all the north colleges, so this was the only way the Energy Office can monitor the energy consumption of all the south colleges and all the north colleges, so this was the only way.

The competition is turning the lights off in dormitories.

"We are not sure what the outcomes of the competition will be, but the college presidents are very enthusiastic about it," Taylor said. "They were contacted over the summer and had a number of ideas, and realistically knew that we would have to offer incentives to get the students to cooperate in such an event."

Head of Housing and Dining Mark Ditman said it is possible that the north colleges are more energy efficient due to the relative newness of their buildings, but that the south colleges have recently had air-conditioning modifications.

"The advantages or disadvantages between the north and south colleges are very relative," Ditman said. "The most important thing here is the students. The students that are most interested in conserving energy will be the ones that prevail."

A handicap has been calculated from energy consumption data from the year 2006 to equalize variations in facility size.

Sid Richardson College junior Jessica Coe said that the Environmental Club was hoping to hold a dormitory energy competition in the future. "Even though it's only a month long, we are raising awareness," Coe, a member of the Environmental Club, said. "We're hoping that people will learn from this month and change their way of living to fit the rest of their year."

Will Rice freshman Elizabeth Carstens is very excited about the energy competition. "The started unplugging my printer whenever I'm not using it to print things, but I always keep the air conditioning on at 75 degrees," Carstens said. "Ideally, the dormitories should be certified as green buildings, but I really hope that the energy competition will result in permanent effects on sustainability."

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Coyote sightings reported near Rice campus

by Evan Mintz

Rice’s ubiquitous squirrel population may have some new furry friends: coyotes. The Rice University Police Department has reported coyote sightings near campus over the last year, but recent sightings along the fountains have led RUPD to issue warnings to students.

Sergeant Jesse Salazar said a park official informed him that a pack of six to seven coyotes had been living in Hermann Park since November, causing trouble for some of the wetland wildlife.

However, the coyotes seemed to have lain low until recently. “We had not seen them all summer long,” Salazar said. “But a couple nights ago, at Greenbriar and River Drive, I saw an adolescent coyote.”

While students have not reported direct sightings, there have been calls to RUPD over coyote barks, but not necessarily because of a fear of coyotes. “Coyotes make noises that sound like people screaming,” Salazar said. “We got a couple calls from some guys at the south college that said they heard what sounded like women screaming.”

Coyotes are nothing new in Houston, with sightings over the past few years in the Memorial Park and River Oaks areas. But they have not posed any threat to humans, only attacking small animals.

Nevertheless, RUPD has urged students to stay aware of their surroundings at night. “Basically just be careful at parties or pub nights or anytime that looks like,” Salazar said. Despite the new coyote sightings, students remain unperurbed by the nocturnal canines.

“I guess we should be concerned seeing that we are right across the street from Hermann Park,” Lovett College President Natalia Vors said. “But I have a feeling that given the nature of the situation, a lot of people may not be taking it seriously, especially since nobody has actually seen a coyote.”

RPC

RPC lost $3,000 on Esperanza last year, but increased attendance by 201. RPC decided to assess the cost of reserving Minute Maid for Esperanza this year. For the amount spent on the dance last year, the financial strain of revitalizing last year’s Esperanza meant that Rondelet, the Spring formal, had to be canceled. This year, the RPC plans to do the same, sacrificing Rice’s less popular second formal dance in order to increase spending for Esperanza.

Sarah Ratledge contributed to this article.

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Duncan to receive LEED gold status

by Jacoba Wright

Sustainability was the theme at the groundbreaking ceremony for Duncan College last Thursday. The new residential college will be the first gold-certified LEED building at Rice and the only such student residential college in the country, President David Leebron said.

The college is named in honor of alumnus Charles Duncan (‘47) and his wife, Anne, who made a $10-million donation in support of the residential college system.

Attendees to the hour-long ceremony included Dean of Undergraduates Robin Furman, Board of Trustees Chair Jim Crowover (Hanszen ’65), Student Association President Laura Kelley, Leebron, the residential college presidents and masters, the Duncans and their children.

Although he graduated from Rice before the residential college system was put in place, Duncan said he has witnessed the effectiveness of the system both as a chair of the Board of Trustees and through his son, Bill (Baker ’81). The absence of elitism in the residential college system sets Rice apart from other institutions, Duncan said.

Leebron said the sense of community and fierce student loyalty to their residential colleges was unique.

"Fast two weeks after students get here, they come to believe that they're actually born in these places," Leebron said. "I'm looking forward to the day when I can ask the question, not where are you from, but where are you from, and students will say Duncan College." He added that he never lived in a residential college. Duncan believes that they are an excellent place for fostering friendships.

"My most treasured possession over the last four years is the lifelong friends I made at Rice," he said. "There is no better environment for the exchanging of ideas and broadening of one's outlook as the residential college.

The college's LEED certification is particularly fitting given the Duncans' long-standing commitment to the environment, Furman said. Duncan was U.S. Secretary of Energy from 1979 to 1981 and former chair of the Business Coalition for Clean Air.

Some of Duncan College's green features will include smart lights, a greenroof, a classroom with sustainable materials and furniture and air-conditioners that shut off automatically when windows are open.

Duncan said he is pleased that the college will receive gold LEED certification.

"I think the fact that it's going to get the LEED certification is very, very desirable," Duncan said. "It's something that I hope all rice buildings are going to have.

"Despite the Duncans' requests that they receive no gifts, Leebron gave them a rendering of Duncan College, complete with trees that will be named in honor of each family member, to symbolize the Duncans' commitment to the environment.

Kelley presented the college's LEED certification plaque honoring them for their contributions to the college system at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Duncan College Thursday, Sept. 28.

Charles (‘47) and Anne Duncan look over a plaque honoring them for their contributions to the college system at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Duncan College Thursday, Sept. 28.
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Rice 360 health initiative to raise $100 million

by Rachel Carlson

In a recent $360 million initiative, Rice University is offering scholarships for medical programs that can heavily impact global health issues.

The benefits of the Rice Beyond Traditional Borders Initiative, which offers a series of classes that help undergraduates develop biotechnological and bioengineering solutions to health problems. Undergraduates can implement these technologies in underdeveloped communities through internships abroad.

"Rice 360 provides a way for undergraduates to familiarize themselves with the world," Rice RTB Director Yvette Mirabal said.

"It is an exciting way to bring together the various strengths that Rice University has to offer." Rice 360 stresses an interdisciplinary approach to global health issues. Technological designs to solve specific health problems will also integrate perspectives from social sciences, politics, economics, and management. The global health institute will collaborate with the Baker Institute for Public Policy, the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management, the Texas Medical Center and other centers of expertise.

Rice 360 will also work to meet the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, which include eradicating the mortality rate of children under five, combating the spread of HIV and decreasing the number of pregnancy-related deaths.

Richard Romer, who is also the Principal Investigator of RTB, spearheaded the initiative for Rice 360 after teaching classes in bioengineering and global health at the University of Texas at Austin. Funding for the institute will come from a variety of sources. Westegg said the initiative has received $2.7 million in donations so far.

University representatives announced Rice 360 at the Clinton Global Initiative meeting in New York City on Sept. 28, where wide array of institutions convened to make public commitments to global health, education, poverty alleviation and energy conservation. Richards-Kortum and senior fellow in science and technology at the Baker Institute Neil Lane attended the conference.

Levert College senior David Dallas, who recently interned at a public clinic in Swaziland, said student programs can heavily impact impoverished communities.

"We taught them simple actions like boiling water, sterilizing water using bleach and sterilizing utensils," Dallas said. "Just these three things can reduce infection dramatically. I think that students are becoming more aware of global health issues, and I think that students will be really intrigued by these new initiatives."
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Where exactly does one draw the line

by Carissa Chang

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With Mercer closing in and the clock

Detective Mercer (Terrence Howard).

unsuspecting criminals, Erica unwit-


ding, this incongruence could be written off as an artistic license or could be seen as a disappointing structural flaw. But for most viewers, it will come off as the latter.

Luckily, other stylistic liberties enhance the film. The psychological basis of The Brave One is made painfully salient via the
doctor's film quality. The screen arcs in an articulation of Erica's altered, dream-like state. But perhaps the most intriguing cinematographic deviation is the inordinate amount of footage of Erica from insideIC perspectives. Ofentimes viewers see Erica through reflections off a cracked mirror or distorted surface, staring at her reflection in the mirror or through a window. This visual disorientation leaves the viewer disoriented and numbed, an admittably difficult feat for thriller to achieve.

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B E A T L E S

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The movie, not surprisingly, takes place in the 1960s, complete with the recreation of Dressel and war zones in Vietnam. A young dock worker from impoverished bleached-to-white travels to America, making friends who introduce him to the hippie paradise of New York's Greenwich Village. There he works as an artist and falls in love with Lucy.

However, the plot is little more than an excuse to sing Beatles songs. A girl named Princess appears in the movie so that everyone can sing "Dear Prudence." Stand-up comedian Eddie Izzard shows up to perform, gloriously, "Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite," although his sequence is completely pointless.

Fortunately, the meaningless performances are rather terrible. Wood is a particularly beautiful singer. But Martin Luther McCoy of the Roots, whose character, Jud, is basically a Jimi Hendrix clone. Many of the interpretations are truly astonishing. "I Want to Hold Your Hand" is played as a melancholy song, and now it's hard to imagine it any other way "Let It Be" comes to life in the voices of a black gospel choir.

The whole movie has an overall top-heavy and artistic aura, especially evident in one scene with painted bodies falling into the ocean, as well as Mr. Kite's synecdocheian circle of blue people. Most of the songs make clear the fact that they are detached from objective reality—they are as weird as they cannot be true, like when walls disappear during "Dear Prudence." They exist only in the characters' minds, working as a progression of the excess too far: the dance with an Orthodox priest and a free-swinging Salma Hayek (Prudie) is just plain stupid, and Jud's rendition of "Revolution" is pureeing music.

Director Julie Taymor is clearly imaginative but a bit naive. Many of her ideas are absolutely brilliant, like the world Army recruitment of fire or the musical duel between two random, cannon-playing performers. Even when her scenes become hallucinations, they are still on track with the music. The best-looking part of the movie, of course, is the music. It is a core moment - like the image in "Across the Universe" — where the viewer actually misses the original Beatles music. NME Arena for the Future is自愿观看，because of the concert, pointless pursuit of dreams.

The movie is not surprising, and certainly not new. It is not even a new take on the story, but a retelling of it. But it is a charming and entertaining film, and it is worth watching for the songs alone. The Beatles are always worth watching, and this film is no exception.
The second match, it looked like the UH broke a 14-14 stalemate with an against UH, the Cougars man-Ows last year against the Mustangs in Autry Court's final minutes.

The third game, once again marked by back-and-forth plays, may have been the most hotly contested of the match. Four UH errors and two kills by junior outside hitter Jessica Holderness helped the Owls take the third game 30-28. However, the Cougars would not falter in their early-season loss to the Golden Hurricane at Robertson Stadium. Wednesday night. Mississippi (2-3, 1-1 C-USA) to earn its first game of the year. It could not have come at a better time for the Golden Eagles' lack of running a steady race that emphasized 7-0 and 7-0 run in the first game. Rice was undefeated in the first half and dropped the game 36-26. Then the tides turned. The Owls came out strong in the second game, but neither team dominated a set until Rice secured five quick points to grab a 10-6 advantage. Two important digs from freshman setter Janae Odum and senior setter Tracy Lam brought Rice's lead to 18-15 and helped seal the win.

The Owls defeated the University of Alabama at Birmingham (35-13, 4-16 C-USA) and UH (30-23, 6-17 C-USA) this weekend to improve to 3-0 in conference play. Senjewski had two of the interceptions, along with one forced fumble and one recovery. He added: "I felt good to start getting turnovers." Senjewski said. "That's what we've been trying to get all year long. When we can set up our defense with a short field it definitely helps them." The Owls were able to capitalize on the Golden Eagles' miscues, scoring 21 of their 38 points on turnovers. Rice mustered only 206 total offensive yards compared to the Southern Miss 422, and threw just 66 yards.

Volleyball takes revenge on Cougars in rematch

by Natalie Colon

The volleyball team avenged their early-season loss to the University of Houston, putting out a thrilling victory Sept. 22 before going on a weekly winning streak. Now, with a full week of rest under their belts, the team returns to play this weekend with two important road matchups. Rice (6-4, 3-1 Conference USA) continues its conference schedule tonight against Southern Methodist University (10-10, 1-3 C-USA) at 7 p.m. in Dallas, Texas. The Owls went 1-4 against the Mustangs last year on their way to a 17-17 season that ended the first round of the conference tournament. Rice will then face the University of Tulsa (14-5, 2-2 C-USA) at 1 p.m. in Tulsa, Okla. The Golden Hurricane took both of last year's matches against the Owls, but with a record of 14-5, currently have the second-best overall winning percentage in C-USA.

The last time Rice squared off against UH, the Cougars man-handled the hapless Owls and won in three sets at home. And early in the second set, it looked like the Cougars would take command, as UH broke a 14-14 stalemate with a

Women's cross earns first ever top-10 ranking

by Josie Hudson

Baseball coach Steve Stokol leads Rice's non-traditional powerhouses that usually break up top-ranked teams such as then-No. 2 University of Michigan, the Owls' top seven runners all finished within a minute and a second of each other, which allowed the Owls to score 135 points and capture the team title. 21 points better than second-place Illinois.

"Sometimes teams will go out too fast, but we weren't concerned about that," head coach Jim Bevan said. "We wanted to run our own race and see what we can do but if we could control what we do, I think we can control it. Rice's victory over nationally ranked opponents has been an exhilarating experience for both coach and runners alike. Bevan said he was thrilled his non-traditional team defeated the traditional national powerhouses that usually dominate big meets. "You go out schools competing last week that are at nationals year in, year out," he said. "And we beat them with six kids from Texas, two freshmen, and an ex soccer player. These kids are stepping up.

"I thought they were missing a lot of people but we were able to put a lot of support and a lot of communication, so I knew where to go and when to go."
Women's tennis succeeds in California

Raine Mitchell of Pepperdine

Playing together for the first time, Lee and Lin rolled over their opponents in the first round of the tournament that it was going to be much better job of being aggressive while still being patient. In the singles consolation matches, Dao won 6-2, 6-4 over San Diego State's Darby McGill and Kuras wiped out亚太 with a 6-4, 6-4 display of dominance, although Shiva-Shankar could not muster the win in her match. The same could be said for doubles, as Rice lost all three doubles matches on Sunday. With the rest of the team in San Diego, sophomore Julie Chao competed in the ITA/STA All-American Pre-Qualifying Tournament in Los Angeles. On Saturday, Chao took Sara Woolston of the University of Kansas to three sets before taking the match 6-1, 6-2, 6-4. In her next match, Chao had an easier time against Duke University's Jessica Robinson, winning 6-4, 6-2. On Sunday, Chao needed one more victory to continue her impressive run to the All-Americans. Unfortunately, that victory would not come, as Chao was knocked off by Georgia Tech University's Maya Johansson 6-1, 6-3. Even though she did not make it to the All-Americans, Chao received the Conference USA Women's Tennis Player of the Month award for September last Tuesday.

Owls outshoot Cardinals 42-0 en route to easy win

In sports, the way to ease the pain of a beating is simple: Play a wirelessly-automated tennis racquet. So when Martin launched one of a season-high six aces and right-handed returner Christina Osterud, who turned the ball to her partner for a direct return to the keeper's box. The ball found the net in the bottom of the second set, hitting the crossbar, and with the Conference USA cross country season still months away, the margin for error is large.

"Our expectations need to come up a little bit," Robson said. "Every one in training, you just can't get in a comfort zone — you need to be pushing every day in training and then transferring that way to races."
Hanszen beats last of the undefeated with 13-7 win over Martel

by Kushagra Shrinath

It might not have the same ring to it as last year’s overtime win in the semifinals, but Hanszen’s 13-7 victory over Martel last weekend was as exciting a game as they get in Powderpuff.

Entering the game with two straight shutouts under its belt, Martel’s defense fell victim to Hanszen’s aggressive passing attack from the game’s outset. Or—was as exciting a game as they get to take a quick 6-0 lead.

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Marte]l then forced a quick three-and-out to give the offense an opportunity to extend its lead after getting the ball on the Hanszen 35-yard line. However, an illegal block and a bobbled snap pushed the offensive back, and Martel had to settle for a 34-yard field goal. Martel’s sloppy play continued in the second half when an illegal formation negated sophomore running back Lauren McConay’s 25-yard halfback option pass to sophomore receiver Johanna Horn. Another illegal block pushed Martel back 10 more yards, and a poor exchange on a reverse play on third and 17 forced Martel to punt.

Hanszen then proceeded to go on a balanced 11-play, 57-yard scoring drive that milked more than seven minutes off the clock, capping it off with a one-yard touchdown pass from Schaeffler to sophomore Alyssa Cotterman. Hanszen converted the one-point try to take a 13-7 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

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After putting together a solid drive and marching down to the Hanszen 15-yard line, Martel’s offensive woes resurfaced thanks to three consecutive fumbles. Two botched handoffs on reverses and a bad snap from the shotgun formation left Martel facing a fourth-and-16 play from the Hanszen 25-yard line.

On fourth down, Woelfel aired a pass to McCauley in double coverage. McCauley was able to come down with the ball but was flagged less than a yard from the first down marker, resulting in a turnover on downs.

But with less than three minutes remaining in the game Martel did not cave in, forcing a quick three and out.

Needing to go 60 yards in two minutes, Martel twice dodged disaster on its next possession. An interception was called back due to defensive holding, and a pass interference call on fourth down nullified an incomplete pass that would have ended the game.

However, Martel was unable to capitalize on these rescue attempts.

In other scores around the league, Brown topped Baker 20-6, and Jones edged out Weiss 6-0. Sid Richardson, the other previously undefeated squad, was upset by Will Rice 13-6, meaning that five teams — Sid, Martel, Hanszen, Jones and Will Rice — are currently tied for second place with a 2-1 record. Brown is stop the standings at a 2-1-1 clip. Baker and Lovett remain winless.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Sid (5-1) vs. Brown (5-1)

Where: Intramural Field 7

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Turning the ball over on downs when a Woelfel pass to receiver Horn fell harmless to the ground.

“Years were taken off my face from that drive,” Hanszen head coach Chris Rabell said. “Two or three times what we thought was going to be the game was over only to be penalized to keep the game in motion... but even though we kept getting penalized we were still finally able to stop them on fourth down.”

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GOOD WORKS VOLUNTEER FAIR

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Learn about volunteer, internship, and employment opportunities with local, national, and international non-profit agencies! Don’t miss this opportunity to meet with representatives from 50 agencies, including...

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- Houston Interfaith Worker Justice
- Citizen Schools
- American Civil Liberties Union
- Ronald McDonald House
- Houston Greeters
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**Brown vs. Sid**

Brown: "We have Peyton's biggest fan"

Sid: "Bias," claims Matt

Brown: "Duh"

Brown: "I enjoy baking things"

**Lovett vs. Hanszen**

Lovett: "Hanszen's luck run out"

Hanszen: "Most boring game of the year"

Neither

Hanszen: "Because we somehow beat Martel"

Hanszen: "I don't much like toasters"

**Martel vs. Wiesse**

Martel: "Wiess girls are not (one in particular)"

Wiesse: "Definitely not Game of the Week material"

Wiese: "See above"

"Wies is so much fun!"

**Sid vs. Jones**

Sid: "But Jones will cover the spread"

I don't care

Jones: "AIE downs"

**Baker vs. WRC**

WRC: "But Baker will score!"

Baker: "No matter who wins, we all lose"

**FOOTBALL**

By the Numbers

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Rice’s defense continually pressured the quarterback, and were able to get some turnover for the first possession.

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"As a team, we recommitted," Sendjo said. "We kind of looked at it like starting a whole new season. You can lose all your pre-season games and then win all your conference games (and) win the conference championship."
FRIDAY

Town Hall Meeting
The President's Town Hall meeting is this morning in Duncan Hall's McMurtry Auditorium from 8:30-11 a.m. So odds are that by the time you read this it'll be done. But you can sit in class and imagine all the fun discussions that you missed out on.

Showtime
The Shepherd School will be putting on shows directed by Larry Rachleff featuring student performers this weekend. Each show will begin at 8 p.m. today, tomorrow and Sunday in Stude Hall. Tickets are $10 for the general public and $5 for students and senior citizens. Make sure to call ahead and reserve them, though (it's required: 713) 348-8000. Get on it quick, though: tonight's show is already sold out.

A shoutout to my Players
The Rice Players' performance of David Auburn's "Proof" concludes this weekend. Tickets are $5 for Rice students, $8 for Rice faculty and staff, non-Rice students and senior citizens, and $10 for the general public. The curtain opens at 8 p.m. in Hamman Hall tonight and for the last showing tomorrow.

Strip by Stripwest
A word on Hanszen's Mardi Gras: Please don't leave after the show ends! This party in the name of Cris! So bust out your sextons and celebrate America but forget to name it for himself Cristoforo Columbo! So host out your wetsuits and party in the name of Cris!

SATURDAY

Cheap Food
"Veggie Club 82 Indian Dinner," quoth the SA website. Presumably, this is a vegetarian dinner composed of fare of a generally Indian nature that is available for two American dollars. Baker College Commons, 6:30 p.m. In other news, I'm on the SA website. Awesome. One dollar to the first person who finds me.

Get old school. Super old school.
The Texas Renaissance Festival opens today in Plantersville and runs Saturdays and Sundays through Nov. 25, opening each morning at 9 a.m. and closing at dusk.

SUNDAY

Color me green
The Rice Community Garden groundbreaking takes place today, 1-3 p.m. at Wiess College. There will be free food, music, a la KTRU (free dirt, galleries and face painting (to get pumped).

MONDAY

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Be sure to pay homage to Italy/Portugal's most famous discoverer, the man who invented America but forgot to name it for himself Cristobal Columbus! So host out your wetsuits and party in the name of Cris!

TUESDAY

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In your dreams
Houston's Theatre Under The Stars (TUTS) opens a two-week showing of the hit musical Dreamgirls starting tonight at 8 p.m. Shows are 8 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, with weekend matinees at 2 p.m. Tuesday and Sunday, Sunday's evening performance opens at 7:30 p.m. The last performance is Sunday, Oct. 21. Ticket pricing starts around $30. For more info, go to www.tuts.com.

FRIDAY

You gotta fight for your right...
Kick back and relax. Don't do any work today, because you've got a busy (and perhaps well-earned) four day weekend ahead of you, courtesy of Fall Break. Do you love Microsoft?
There is an "XBOX Tournament" of some sort in Willy's Pub from 5 p.m. to midnight, hosted by NPC. I couldn't find any more info about it, but if you want some more, email mjoo4388@rice.edu.

What do you get when you cross an elephant and a scaler? You don't get a weekend trip to Reimer's Ranch, just outside Austin. But if you've just a scaler, you can join the Rice Outdoors Club for a two-day trip. You'll depart 7 p.m. tonight, stay the night at Hamilton Pool Park, get some climbing in and head back Saturday evening for three solid days of break. If you want, you can also bike back from Austin (bike required). For more info, contact re/rice.edu. (p.s. it costs $16)

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Prof. Brinkley writes 900 page book about Hanszen Mardi Gras party, douchebags

History professor Douglas Brinkley recently published a new book about Hanszen College's Mardi Gras party, and the idiocy who spew the entire strip show section taking pictures of naïve, drunk frat boys with their camera phones.

"I was discussing Mardi Gras with Jeff at his home," Brinkley said. "And he was complaining about what flicks some guys are. Of course he was talking about Henry Kissinger, but I could not help but be reminded of the idiotic antics of the douchebags in the front row of the strip show."

The book was originally 300 pages long, but Brinkley insisted on adding another 600 pages.

"I remember what my friend Art Schlesinger once said," Brinkley said. "Wittie what you know. And I know those guys are complete assholes."

However, several students have taken Brinkley's book lightly.

"Brinkley's may be a keen argument for why the guys who take awkward photographs of students making more decisions at a bunch of douchebags," Hanszen College senior Will Nahill said. "But that does little to cover his bunch of douchebags."

Nevertheless, Brinkley's book has reached the New York Times bestseller list, and he stands by his obvious liberal biases. "Nevertheless, Brinkley's book has reached the New York Times bestseller list, and he stands by his thesis as strongly as ever."

I was having lunch with Jesus once, and I try to remember what he told me," Brinkley said. "Blessed are the peacemakers, but Me are those guys with cameras at college strip shows, such douchebags."

Katie says relax.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

BABYSITTER NEEDED: MUSEUM area family seeking Rice student to babysit a few hours each week during the day for a month baby girl. Will pay $10-$15/hour for reliable person who loves children. Close to campus and accessible by Houston light rail. Please contact katherine_souza@rice.edu with experience and references. (713) 567-6520.

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MOTHER'S HELPER WANTED to provide care, run, and transportation for 2 children, some experience and references. Please contact auburn_acres@tmail.com for more info.

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 Solodyn, affect spermatogenesis (the process of formation of mature sperm) in healthy males. We will look to see if your sperm count is the same as it was before treatment. Some people in the study will receive Minocycline Extended-Release Tablets, other people will receive plaecbo. Minocycline is an antibiotic that has been used successfully for many years to help treat acne and other infectious diseases. Solodyn is 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. semen and blood samples will be collected at some of the visits. The study is open to men 18-40 years old (not pregnant). If you are interested in participating in this research study, please call (713) 524-3078.

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