The team is collaborating with Rice Building Workshops, a group in the School of Architecture that is working with Project Row Houses in Houston's Third Ward to provide affordable housing. The School of Architecture has worked with Project Row Houses in the past through Rice Building Workshops and other projects where students designed twenty-one single-family homes.

"[Houston] is the energy capital of the world. This is a place where I think there should be a pretty big interest in trying to work on affordable housing.

— Roque Sanchez
Rice College junior

"We're always looking for a very short stay, but because most college students have never built a house or designed one or managed a research grant," Sanchez said. "We've been lucky because the focus would be on building the quality of the house and the experience of living in the house.

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The students have spoken: Change PIN procedure

Two weeks ago, the Student Association held an online poll about Registration, Drop/Add PINs and academic advising, and the results were not surprising (see story, page 12). The overall student opinion seems to be that advisors are just a step away from getting an RDA PIN, with the current advising and registration process being nothing more than an inconvenient bureaucracy.

The vast majority of students polled stated that they only saw their advisor two or three times a year, rather than any for actual advising. And to further highlight the current system’s failures, there were more students who believed that the meetings are not a worthwhile experience than those who did. Given these views, it is no wonder that a majority of students would not meet with their academic advisors if it were not required.

We have previously supported updating the advising system, and we applaud these recommendations, and judging by comments from the poll, students agree (“End PIN Patentism,” Nov. 16, 2007).

But as a freshman year, meetings with advisors should be voluntary. After all, Rice’s course structure is not so complex that it requires more than one year of hand-holding from an advisor. And if they’re not using it, the poll, students often know more than advisors. Students are smart enough to register on their own if they want to.

We know that some faculty and administrators are worried that eliminating mandatory advisor meetings will result in a hurdle of senior students stopped at the Salliyport because of unsatisfied graduation requirements. But we feel these fears are unfounded. If the students show anything, it is that students are not getting anything out of their advisors besides unnecessary stress. Instead, ESTHER should employ an active checking system to show students which requirements they have met and which ones they have not. Advisors are already just doing the job of a computer, so why not use a real one?

Undergraduates are accorded a great degree of trust from the university, from college governments to the alcohol policy to the honor code. It is time to extend this trust to classes and let students dictate their own lives without the currently required PINs from mommy Rice.

FE&P ensures July showers won’t threaten April rock

The Brockstein Pavilion is, rather obviously, a project under construction. But by April 13, the green fence wrapping paper will be removed, giving students the gift of a new campus center in a grand opening marked by KTRU’s annual Outdoor Show. Unfortunately the show has been cancelled on account of rain — nine times ago (see story, page 1). Heavy summer rains have delayed completion of the Pavilion project and forced the KTRU Outdoor Show to relocate, probably to the Intramural fields north of the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management.

This latest construction inconvenience is a cherry on top of the ice cream sundae that has been served to students over the last few years, where the stomachache comes before any sweetness. And in the end, the students were given the gift of a new campus center rather than holding forums that, while playing an important role, could have been avoided. We applaud the efforts of KTRU to help relocate the concert, even helping to cover the cost.

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To the editor: What’s going on?

I was at the Salliyport, but what the grand BALL is that I saw? This is the first time I’ve ever asked that question, but I had no choice. I was walking to class and all of a sudden, every student seemed to be looking at a giant baseball field. It was strange, but captivating.

Yours truly,
A student who was confused

Students mistakenly attack, critique RUPD

To the editor:

Last week’s letter to the editor on Rice University Police Department’s policy was unnecessary and simply childish ("RUPD: bike policy not part of job description," Feb. 1).

The arguments were equivalent to saying that because weeds and robbers occur, the police should not worry about speeding and DWI tickets. After all, by the same logic, how an individual decides to use one’s personal property, i.e., the car, is up to him.

While RUPD is under attack for implementing certain measures recently in response to the threats and harassment on and near campus, we seem to have forgotten one important detail. We live in Houston — in the heart of a large metro area — and as we all know, these things do happen. If we were to walk to block of campus, we would be a great deal less safe than we are on campus. Why take a minute to stop and think about that?

The crime statistics for the University of Houston show a marked decrease in offenses, 4 aggravated assault, 7 burglaries and 6 motor vehicle thefts on campus. Now compare these statistics to those of our own campus, the University of Houston was one place where there had been 6 sex offenses, 4 robberies, 4 aggravated assaults, 27 burglaries, and 30 motor vehicle thefts reported in 2006. We find that comparatively Rice is doing much better. This does not seem to me to be speaking negatively towards the "competency" of our police department. We understand that RUPD is not doing its job when our bikes are stolen by drop dealers, wanting a quick high. We then turn around and complain when our bikes are taken as a preventative measure. The right way he been being violated in my right to be held accountable.

This being said, while I encourage cooperation from the student body, I also encourage RUPD to be more receptive with the Student Association’s proposed resolution, specifically in establishing an online database for confiscated items. While it may be argued such a database would encourage hesitation on the part of the student, this is simply not the case. Just as one crime would not be spoiled without some indication of wrongdoing, bikes (amongst other possessions) should not be confiscated without due cause.

Living Liu Rosen sophomore 
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announced an overhaul of its financial aid policies a little more than a month before the start of the fall term.

Harvard's new "middle income" initiative eliminates loan burdens for students with household incomes under $80,000 and reduces costs for those with incomes of $120,000 to $180,000. In a prime example of upmanship, Yale University announced a similar program in late April so as to include households up to $200,000. Never said that the median income in the United States is $48,000 and that an income of $120,000 to $180,000 is already solidly within the top 5 percent of household incomes of some sort, and this was prior to the new initiatives.

The impetus for the recent drastic increase in tuition prices is twofold: rising costs and the financial aid game. Harvard is not alone in leaving money on the table. Tuition for a student at Brown University, public or private, with a middle-income family, may turn onto Elizabeth Street and ride through the streets of Brownsville the city that describes itself as a "border town" or the "Alamo of the entire country," Harvard is not alone in leaving money on the table.

The past decade has witnessed a transformation from a country club with little concern for the students to one where every action is driven by the profit motive of reducing the tuition burden and maintaining an exclusive image while at the same time protecting the "middle class." The past decade has witnessed the endowment growth of the richest private institutions. The past decade has witnessed the tenure of elite universities by professors or policy makers who have little concern for the students.

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BORDER, those impassioned conversations to whom they will matter most. The destruction when the Secure Fence Act is finally put into action. took place in dorm halls, kitchens Racial recruiting via and beyond to keep our campus very safe. Our police force's hard work is the reason our biggest safety concern is RUPD's preemptive bicycle theft. dent of Enrollment Chris Munoz's The obvious answer to Vice Presi- As a teacher, as an example to my plans," Feb. 1). Our current admis- will move forward for my students' families, who are still filled with unimaginable hardship, who suffer deep poverty and lack even basic education and medical care — and for whom the wall will add insult and further injury. I will move for those students' families, who are coordinating the protest who are learning and finding my voice. As a teacher, as an example to my students and as a member of the border community, I know that now is the time to act. On March 8 of this year, I will catch a ride up the border, 126 miles west, to Roma, Texas. From there, I will walk for nine days with a group of activists, artists and community leaders, past trains and local educators and students back to downtown Brownsville as a form of solidarity and support. Although such a walk may seem like a small, even little gesture against the power of the president's power, I have begun to realize the impact this gesture can have as I collaborate with fellow activists who are coordinating the protest and will be making the journey with me. For many, inspiration is drawn from the civil rights movement and the words of the remainder of students subject to aid schemes?

One of the greatest ideals of this country is the notion of opportunity and the belief that one can make a living on your own. The Secure Fence Act, as Senator Paul森 characterizes it, captures this message in a powerful scene in Atrudor in the political theater. Following the characterization of Lucas Beneschamp, on a black man serving as a security guard the American South. After being acqui~sted, Lucas expresses a admiration to represent human in the first place. In this scene, Lucas is characte~ized by using the word "lawyer, an individual who is a representative of the law. Lucas speaks a bandana of structures change in the office of the lawyer, the "lawyer."

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Campus prepares for RecycleMania

by Jocelyn Wright

While many Rice students may treat the blue bins in the corner of their dorm rooms as the ordinary trash can, the RecycleMania coordinators hope to change this.

RecycleMania is a 10-week nationwide intercollegiate recycling competition that started last week. Rice is entered into the RecycleMania contest as one of 400 colleges and universities participating across the nation this year.

During the competition, the weekly goal of each of the Facilities Engineering and Planning departments is to maximize recycling performance in the respective categories of recycling and weighing them. The data is then compiled and reported to the RecycleMania coordinators by Director of Sustainability Richard Johnson. The college with the highest recycling rate wins the competition.

WHAT RICE RECYCLES

Rice is one of 400 competing colleges and universities currently in the RecycleMania contest. Rice is entered in following five categories:

- paper
- aluminum
- glass
- plastic
- waste minimization

"RecycleMania provides us with the opportunity to compare our current recycling performance versus previous years, while also allowing for some friendly rivalry to develop amongst in-state and peer institutions," Johnson said.

Johnson said he is discussing the possibility of making this year’s RecycleMania a competition between residential colleges with the EcoReps. This idea is still in the early stages of planning, so there is no set proposal yet, Johnson said. Rice had a 27 percent recycling rate for the first week, which Johnson said is a good rate.

"My experience with RecycleMania is that it takes several weeks before you get a sense of how you’ll do versus other colleges," Johnson said. "Nevertheless, if we were able to maintain a recycling rate of 27 percent, we’d do well."

The Environmental Club held a study break last Tuesday to promote awareness about RecycleMania with cinnamon rolls and recycling information. Sid Richardson College junior Jessica Coe, an EcoRep who is working to organize RecycleMania, said the club plans to hold another study break in the next few weeks.

"We’re getting out the word about what types of plastic and what types of cardboard to recycle," Coe said. "We’re just trying to let people know what they can recycle by getting that information out there."

In an effort to raise awareness about waste minimization, the Environmental Club collected the disposables students used at both North and South serveries in one meal. The club made a sculpture out of the discarded disposables to show students the amount of waste from a single meal.

"All of those materials were things people took in the cafeteria and threw away," Coe said. "They weren’t really using them for their purpose. They were just trying to raise awareness about that." Coe said the EcoReps were also responsible for raising awareness about RecycleMania at their individual colleges.

Johnson said when Rice participated in RecycleMania three years ago, it was the only school in the state of Texas to do so. This year, Texas has the third largest number of participants in RecycleMania, with 22 schools.

"I think this is indicative of the deepening environmental awareness at colleges across the U.S., including Texas," Johnson said.

Wess College freshman Kait Chura said she was excited Rice was participating in RecycleMania.

"I think recycling is really important for everyone in general and if this brings awareness to recycling there’s no reason for it to be discouraged," Chura said. "It’s a really good opportunity for students of Rice to learn how to utilize the recycling we have."

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on the spot

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The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed:

- **Internal Vice President Matt Youn** said the Super Monday game tournament that the SA had organized went well.
- **Martei College senator Jeffrey Meddleton** proposed the formation of the Rice Rubio, a men’s club which hopes to host a tournament for high school students in February as well as faculty lectures. The SA approved the Rice Rubio as a club.
- **Will Rice College freshman Ye Jin Kang** proposed the formation of an Environmental Committee chairs Patrick McAnaney and Lauren Laustsen. Among the exhibitions at the sustainability fair in the Legacy Student Center was a man as an example of an energy efficient dorm room. The room featured LED and compact fluorescent lights, which last longer and use less energy than regular light bulbs, and decorations made of recyclable material.

The Student Association will meet next Monday in the Farnsworth Pavilion at 10 p.m.

**Rice participates in sustainability fair**

Leebron, Houston Mayor White among panelists at Focus on the Nation forum

The home is going to be designed not just for the contest, but as a part of Project Rose Houses, an art and cultural organization based out of Houston’s Third Ward. The Rice team hopes to have its final design for the house by the end of February, and they will be ready by the fall of 2009 to ship the entire building to Washington D.C. There, it will be judged with 19 other teams from across the country.

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- **Treasurer Matt Feaga** reviewed the SA budget. Last September, the SA had an income of $7,505 and total expenses of $12,597.93. Currently, the balance is $1,184.63. Feaga, a Martel junior, said the SA plans to spend $1,100 on the budget for food for the next meetings. $50 towards a donation to the Rice Assistance Program and $100 in election reimbursements.
- **Brown College senator Patrick McWeeney** said he would like to see a more in-depth overview of the SA budget to keep tabs on how the SA spends its money.
- **Environmental Committee chairs Patrick McWeeney and Lauren Laustsen** said they hope to institute a $10 blanket tax for environmental measures and propose a $2.40 or $6.40 increase to the current blanket tax. Mintz, a Martel senior, also proposed the 2008 General Elections ballot, saying she would like to increase the $4.80 levy to $7.20 to enact real changes on campus. The SA approved the proposal.
- **Director of Elections Andrew Bowen** presented the proposed 2008 General Election Election Code, which the Senate approved. Bowen, a Marine senior, also proposed the 2008 General Elections ballot, which the Senate also approved.
- **Warrington said the Student Center Advisory Committee met to discuss the possibility of holding an additional study break during the semester. Comments or suggestions for the mid-term study break can be emailed to External Vice President Sarah Baker at sbaker@rice.edu.** Warrington also said vending machines and microwaves would be installed in the 24-hour study lounge in the bottom floor of the Rice Memorial Center. He also announced the opening of the new pavilion has been postponed (see story, page 1).
- **Director of Technology JD Leonard** said a sub-committee of the Information Technology Advisory Committee met Wednesday to discuss collaboration of IT and student clubs to create web sites and ways to improve their services.

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Civil rights leader Huerta emphasizes importance of political action

by Lily Chan

Before civil rights leader Dolores Huerta went up to make her speech, English professor Jose Aranda introduced her as a "troublemaker," but it was hard to believe that a short, 78-year-old woman with 11 children, proclaims to be the most-sale person in the United States.

Huerta, the co-founder of the United Farm Workers of America, who worked with Cesar Chavez during the Chicano movement in 1960s, spoke Wednesday at Duncan Hall's McMurtry Auditorium. Her speech focused on civil rights, how students can help farm workers by voting for legislation and candidates who would help create unions and organizations that would help farm workers in any way possible, paying, powerful jobs — must in turn become wealthy.

"When people aren't treated right, it's a disservice to the whole nation," Huerta said.

Huerta said immigrant women built the country and helped the rich become wealthy.

"It's the people that work with their hands that create the wealth," Huerta said.

Ebhner said most college students — or will likely obtain high-paying, powerful jobs — must in turn help farm workers in any way possible, including through monetary means.

"No matter how much money you make — even if it's a million dollars — you're obligated to give to our society that raise one suit a day," Huerta said.

Huerta said the plight of the farm worker was unjust when compared to that of the businessperson because wealthy chief executive officers received money for being fed, whereas farm workers are receiving minimum wage without benefits for hours of hard work.

"When you read the newspaper, look at the business section — I call that the crime report," Huerta said. "It条规定s that people must take outside obscene amounts of money.

Huerta said it was important to get rid of the Right-to-Work Act in Texas, originally enacted in 1953. The act states that workers do not have to join a union if they choose not to if a union goes on strike, companies can hire people to take the place of workers on strike, effectively weakening labor unions. Huerta said this was the difference between states like California and New York, where all workers are part of a union, compared to Texas, where few workers join unions.

Huerta also talked about women's rights. She said women — especially those who are taught in our educational system — are told to exploit their place socially and thus are trivialized. Because they are told from a young age that men will always be around to protect them.

"In real life, Walt Disney comes around and tells you Prince Charming will come around and wake you up with a kiss, and you'll get married and have kids, and then what happens?" Huerta said. 

"I'll leave you for a trophy wife.""

"Where are your tax dollars going? To schools or prisons? ... President Bush works for us. Councilmen work for us.

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Another audience member asked how college students could help the civil rights movement. Huerta said that college students would have more power so they must politicize and organize their communities to raise money for political candidates.

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Loretta College senior Tess Elmore said she thought Huerta was motivating. She wants to do things and is so adamant about what's wrong that makes her a great speaker," Elmore said.

However, Elmore said she was surprised at how few people attended the lecture.

"I wish more of Rice could've been here," she said. "It's so unfortunate that more people aren't here. When the Clinton and the Dalai Lama came to Rice, there were a lot of people. There might not have been a lot of public."
Vossler said. Weeks ago. From page 1

Washington, D.C. for evaluation

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HOUSE
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"This is the energy capital of the world," Sanchez said. "This is a place where I think there should be a pretty big interest in trying to work on it."

Sanchez said the team was working on an especially tight budget because it wants to make the house affordable for low-income families.

"We’re working on a shoestring budget compared to what other teams have done in the past," Sanchez said.

The team has been working on the schematic design for this project since last semester. The next stage of the project will be design development. The deadline for the competition is October 2009. The completed houses will be displayed as part of a big solar village at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. and will be available to the general public for touring.

Tseng said the team would need to ship the project to Houston after the competition is over, making cost of transportation an immensely costly factor in the overall scheme of the project. However, Tseng said the main incentive for participating in the competition was to provide affordable housing to Houston and give back to the Houston community.

Sanchez said the team was hoping to complete the project before commencement in 2009 so that students and their families could tour the houses to help the team practice giving tours of the house before they took it to Washington, D.C.

Students interested in following the progress of the project can check the web site ricethresher.org, which Sanchez said will be up and running in a couple of weeks.

KTRU
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be new and fresh to sustain an event of that size. KTRU was informed about the situation two weeks ago.

"By mid-April you or I could walk across that grass, but if we brought 1,000 of our best friends, we would just overwhelm it," Vossler said.

The 17th Annual KTRU Outdoor Show, envisioned as an opportunity for Rice students and community members to enjoy live music of all sorts, will be held April 13 from noon to 9 p.m. It will start early with a family-oriented children’s act, followed by jazz, blues, a cultural act and hip-hop. The Rice Battle of the Bands winner is featured as well, and the night ends with a nationally-famous headliner.

"And we think there’s going to be free beer — that’s always a plus," Orosco said.

SPANISH
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interest in Hispanic Studies. Patrons said the minor would also help students interested in medicine or law who wished to be more proficient in Spanish to interact with future clients. Bradon Gomez said this goal fit in with President David Leebron’s Vision for the Second Century, which includes expanding and strengthening ties to Latin America.

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Diversity forum at Sid fosters dialogue in wake of vandalism, 40s Party

by Sarah Roselle

In the weeks following the racist vandalism incident at Sid Richardson College, it has become increasingly apparent that everyone has an opinion or voice. Members from Rice and from the Houston community met in the Sid commons last Thursday for a diversity forum to address the issue of racism and diversity, as well as other related to diversity training. Led by Director of Multicultural Affairs Candidy Clack, the forum featured students, faculty and alumni speaking on the vandalism, 40s Party, that supposedly mocked the stereotype of poor people drinking 40-ounce bottles of malt liquor — and what it means to be a minority at Rice.

After Sid Master Michael Orchard started the discussion with a general introduction, Sid senior Reeli Newman said she felt students target diversity training to be something different about diversity after Orientation week, when new students attend a diversity training panel provided by students and faculty.

"I think it’s something that we do during O-Week and then we kind of go on about our life,” Newman said. “And unless you’re a minority, it doesn’t necessarily come to your mind everyday.”

“Dealing with issues of diversity and the 40s Party, as well as the Sid commons, is something that has been an ongoing interest,” said Orchard. “This is going to be something that you’re going to deal with for the rest of your life, and it’s going to be a growing process.”

Martel College senior Alley Lyles said having a proactive conversation about diversity is difficult, especially with different races.

“I feel as though, for instance, if I’m talking to a white person and say, ‘Hey, how do you feel about racial profiling?’ the conversation automatically stalls because that person feels threatened, even if I’m white-booking them,” Lyles said. “It’s just what I’m trying to do. [White people] feel as though you’re89 about to be the bad guy, and because of that, you can’t participate in the conversation.”

Sid senior Lindsay Rathbun thought that Sid students felt distancing themselves from the racism and diversity issues.

"Some of the ways it was presented across campus, it was like it was an attack, then, on all of Sid and that all of Sid was responsible for it,” Rathbun said. "We feel like we weren’t happy with what happened either, but yet a lot of people felt like it was our one college that committed this act together, and I know a lot of us felt like we were victims, too, because of that.”

Orchard said the forum, especially in regards to fostering better race relations at Rice, may have yielded more questions than answers. He said knowing that something is wrong is an important first step.

"I think that, after this, I don’t feel like I’m,” Lyles said. "And I feel like people are having trouble understanding that, this is something that has been an ongoing interest, this is something that affects everyone and that’s why we’re here.”

Director of Multicultural Affairs Candi Clack moderated the forum, held last Thursday in the Sid Richardson Commons. Clack said that it was important for students to come together and communicate openly with those from other ethnic and racial backgrounds.

"I hope that [people] don’t think the consequences when one or two people do something that is not about diversity but is completely unacceptable.”

McGrath said that the current O-Week diversity training is not fixed. She said she finds it difficult to present diversity in a way that will speak to students.

"During O-Week, people are so excited about having fun, and the truth is, this kind of conversation has you leaving, feeling a little uncomfortable,” Lim said. “So, you don’t necessarily want to focus on that during O-Week, but how else are you going to do it?”

Lam said students complained during the forum about diversity training focusing solely on groups.”

"It was enlightening for me, because the training would accomplish nothing if groups spoke only of their similarities.”

McGrath said the most important issue for students at the forum was to accept that everyone has a different point of view due to cultural backgrounds.

"I feel like people are having trouble understanding that,” she said. "They try to be like, ‘We’re sorry, and we feel it too,’ but we can’t understand where you come from.”

Clack ended the forum by urging students to communicate openly with classmates from different backgrounds and that they shouldn’t think about the incident in the office here as a ‘black incident.’”

"I may have targeted a specific group in that writing, but...remember...this is something that happened to your community. Let’s see if we can find a way to come together.”

Students, faculty and administrators gather last Thursday night in the Sid Richardson College commons to discuss racism and diversity on campus. Topics ranged from racism and diversity to the 40s Party.
Summer-long grove construction near south colleges begins today

by Sarah Redidge

Today the residents of south college can enjoy a new view from their concrete construction fences. The concrete wall linking the south side of the college to the front campus was the first step in the grove project, on track to completion by the end of this summer. Facilities, Engineering and Planning Project Manager Larry Walls estimated that the grove's construction will include the installation of construction fences at the north colleges and behind Fondren Library, Glenn said. She said this material provides ecological benefits.

"It's much better for trees and is prevented for water, sewer and air pollution," Glenn said. The project will include the removal of the sidewalks along the south side of the grove, which are too low. Many students were wary of the project's proposed use of decomposed granite on the area's sidewalks, which is also used in the temporary walkways by the construction fences at the north colleges and behind Fondren Library, Glenn said. She said this material provides ecological benefits.

"In the long term, the grove is something that Harewood will be able to see," Jackson said. "It might be a second grand quad if it's cleverly designed so it's better in the summer and with the other colleges. I hope that students...make sure the planned garden is a framework for peace and security," Kim said. "The Free Trade Agreement will cement our military alliance and the FTA, which is an embodiment of the ideas of the Korean peninsula," she said. "I think people are just tired of green light fixtures down the center of the grove. Construction on the grove will start no earlier than 7 a.m. on weekdays and demolition will happen after 9 a.m. during these days. The noise from this type of construction will also affect the type of construction taking place elsewhere on campus," Redidge said.

Korean ambassador speaks on implications of U.S.-Korea relations, free trade

by Hannah Luo

South Korea Trade Minister Hyun Chong Kim said North and South Korea are on the path to reunification. In his speech entitled "Beyond the Alliance: The Future of Republic of Korea-U.S. Relations," Kim highlighted the economic benefits that free trade between the two countries could bring, as well as the political gain of a stronger bilateral relationship. Kim's speech was provided under the first joint sponsorship of the Office of the President, Baker Institute for Public Policy, and the China Center for Asian Studies.

"I believe we can move from an alliance based on a common threat to a true partnership and spread democratic values in the world against all odds," Following his speech, Kim answered questions from the audience. He also addressed his priorities as South Korea's newly appointed representative to the U.N., including raising awareness of climate change and furthering the Millennium Development Goals.

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Korean ambassador Hyun Chong Kim said a democratic market economy would transform the peninsula, and people would be seen as positive stakeholders across Europe and Asia.

"We need to encourage North Korea to transform itself," Kim said. "This is how the Korean FTA is one of the most significant bilateral agreements since the Mutual Defense Treaty — which essentially recognized the Republic of China, or Chinese Taipei, as the true government of China — in 1954 because it will reinforce a U.S.-Korea partnership and provide valuable incentives for resolving the North Korean nuclear issue.

The two nations have worked together in the Six-Party talks, which North Korea pleaded to abandon its nuclear weapons and existing nuclear program. To encourage the demilitarization of the Korean peninsula, the international community has offered a package of incentives, including economic and energy assistance, the establishment of diplomatic ties between Washington and Pyongyang, and the termination of the Trading with the Enemy Act, a law passed in 1950 to restrict U.S. trade with hostile countries, Kim said.

"North Korea has disabled five of its nuclear reactors since 2007. "A peaceful, prosperous and democratic Northeast Asia is the same goal that the U.S. and Korea want to achieve through both their alliance and the FTA," Kim said. "Through this agreement, which is an embodiment of the ideas of economic and political freedom, I believe we can move from an alliance based on a common threat to a true partnership and spread democratic values in the world against all odds," he said.

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WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE?

The Student Association conducted a poll about academic advising and RDA PINs. The poll asked about students' experiences with academic advising and RDA PINs and how the systems could be improved or ought to change in the future. Three hundred and nineteen undergraduates responded to all but one question in the poll.

The results will be used by the SA Committee to voice students' concerns and complaints about the current system. Students wishing to leave additional feedback can leave it in the RDA PINs and Academic Advising forum topic on the SA Web site, sa.rice.edu.

Most students said that they did not find the academic advising experience valuable. Seventy percent of students said they met with their advisor or obtained a registration PIN. Only 31 percent of students said they found their meetings with their academic advisors worthwhile experiences.

Students were more split on whether they would meet with a faculty advisor if the meeting was not mandatory. Only slightly more than half of the respondents, 56 percent, said that they would not elect to meet with their academic advisors if the meeting was not required.

Students seemed more concerned with improving the quality of the advising experience and reducing the number of required meetings per year. Many said they found the system with the RDA PINs frustrating, as they were difficult to obtain and easy to lose. One student suggested having the same RDA PIN for all four years at Rice. Students were also generally underwhelmed by the quality of the academic advisors. They complained that it was difficult to schedule meetings with their advisors, and that their advisors often knew little more than they did. Several students said they would like to be able to pick their own advisors instead of having one assigned to them.

MORE WRITE-IN RESPONSES

QUESTION #3 continued

"My advisor doesn't even remember my name.""I think good advising will be helpful if I came from an assigned, knowledgeable person who was open.""Advisors know what will happen. Other students know what has happened.""If the meeting was not required, I still want advice from a faculty member and I would choose one with a particular area of expertise.""Meetings are more meaningful on our own time, when we deem necessary, but dealing with the rush period is a hassle.""Academic advising is very valuable and I would seek it out regardless.

QUESTION #4 continued

I would be more likely to meet with a faculty academic advisor if they were able to provide information and advice regarding:

A) career choices

B) choosing classes and fellowships

C) research opportunities

D) professional organizations, symposiums & conferences

E) community service opportunities

QUESTION #7 continued

I have to set up a meeting to get a form, to get a number just so I can sign up online. That makes no sense.

"I think students are eager to have their own advisor instead of having one assigned to them.

"I would like to be able to pick my advisor within the department!"

"I think academic advising is important, but the advising system could be improved, but dealing with the rush period is a hassle.""It seems like an unnecessary burden on both the student and the academic advisor if they were able to provide academic advising if they were able to provide.
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Thrasher editors’ recommendations for arts and entertainment around Houston through February 15.

**READING**

Sarah C. Reynolds

Huh. So Houston has an art scene. Audience of Houston Reflections: Art in the City, 1950s, 60s, and 70s, Reynolds will share her book on how Space City became a metropolitan arts center on Monday. The reading goes from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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**Lieutenant of Inishmore**

by Jocelyn Wright

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THE NEUHAUS STAGE


doing battle with a cat-killer, the cat-owner and the crime's red herring reaches its climax on the Neuhaus Stage.

The Lieutenant of Inishmore, which opened at the Alley Theatre Jan. 30 and runs until Feb. 24, is essentially a satire about the Irish Liberation Army, the play begins when Wee Thomas, the precious cat and only offspring of Dunphy (Chris Hart, in small, sleepy, still-talking and returning tour) and Dunphy (Dana Drori, in small, sleepy, still-talking and returning tour), Pedrìc returns home to see his beloved pet and sets the rest of the slightly absurd plot in motion.

The hilarity that ensues is thanks to the snappy dialogue, impeccable direction and creative use of the Neuhaus Stage, the intimate theater in the round that keeps the audience dangerously close to being splattered in blood themselves.

McDonagh's greatest gift is unquestionably his knack for dialogue. McDonagh is masterful in the way he uses names to hold ordinary conversations under circumstances that are anything but. He puts his characters in the most absurdly mannered situations, but provides them with dialogue that brings them into the realm of reality. Whether his character is everything but a dead man is slapping in pools of blood, their lines are never forced, and flow as though, McDonagh was recording an actual event, rather than one of his warped imaginations. The characters' lines flow so perfectly, it is easy to forget they are reciting a script.

Each character, no matter how despicable, is crafted with a loving sentiment that makes them oddly sympathetic. From the naive Davey (Brandon Hearnsberger), who is helplessly dragged into action when he crosses over Wee Thomas in a ramshackle bar on the road to his modest home, to the unsavory squire Malraux (Elizabeth Bunch), whose dreams of joining the IRA are hampered by its social leader, to the comically bad-tempered Christine (Todd Waite), each character adds depth and dimension to the story. Hutchins plays Padraig with the perfect degree of absurdity without overtaking and thus keeping him credible.

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**Fool's Gold**

by Liz Mallory

**FOR THE THRESHER**

Fool's Gold, directed by Andrew Tennant, is a movie that doesn't have many genres but succeeds at none. As a romance it is often tense and irresponsible, and performed by Alley company. As a comedy, too-accurate portrayal of the antipathy between Tess is responsible and humor, and the romantic persona, interweaved with dialogue that brings them into the realm of reality. Whether his character is everything but a dead man is slapping in pools of blood, their lines are never forced, and flow as though, McDonagh was recording an actual event, rather than one of his warped imaginations. The characters' lines flow so perfectly, it is easy to forget they are reciting a script.

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African, American art shatters MFAH restraints

By Margaret Biddix

Silent cries and muted dreams hang so thick in the exhibit halls of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston that you feel as though standing a world behind waiting nlade eyes.

With contributions by both African and American artists, the Forum 12th Annual Citywide African American Art Exhibition feels out of place behind closed doors. After all, there are not just works of art, but socially-loaded artifacts from unique cultures. Here in dimly lit hallways and sterile case, horns, jade, weaths and headresses—signs of wealth and status, military process and accomplishments—all screen of another time and place.

The first room holds perhaps the most interesting material of the entire display. Linguistic staffs have carved wooden staffs depict parables in the customs of the Akans, in the Ghana. Traditionally held by the diplomats and intellectual, most linguists were instead to improve and violence the legitimacy of the rulers. The one staff at all two men at a table. Ape to ape at the staff's message:

The food is the man who owns it, not for the man who is hungry.

 Masks, beads, and gold hoop earrings that each weigh over half a pound sit before his people in gold and feather regalia. Throughout, large photographs and paintings of lead- ers and village markets provide a two-dimensional context for the sculptures and trinkets.

One of the five galleries showcases a large life-sized model of Akans who will sit before his people in gold and feather regalia. The exhibit reflects America today and Europe in the 1800s, the pang of the Roman Empire, travel along the Congo River and rivers in South Africa. Every mask, mask and gold whispers a story in the story of Africa.

The organized arrangement of the pieces below the chaos found in the map and the map original.

Though the images and materials differ from one side to the next, the artwork paints a coherent likeness of Africa. It struggles with the gap between imperial wealth and prevailing poverty. The leaders depicted using for political support hoping to legitimate their rule with approval from traditional gods and acceptance from traditional gods and acceptance. The leaders depicted using for political support hoping to legitimate their rule with approval from traditional gods and acceptance. The leaders depicted using for political support hoping to legitimate their rule with approval from traditional gods and acceptance.

The exhibit is a compelling union of history and art, each of which you that demands a second glance.

Five-A 12th Annual Citywide African American Art Exhibition

- On view until Feb 29 in the MFAH, 1001 Bissonnet
- Admission is free with a Rice ID

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Hey Look Hey Listen
Men's tennis faces early test in No. 24 Miami Sunday at home

**IN FOCUS: MEN'S TENNIS**

**Record:** 2-1

**Last week:** After losing to unranked South Florida to open the season, the Owls rebounded with impressive wins over No. 20 NC State on Tuesday and No. 10 UNC to jump to 23rd in the rankings. Coming off crucial road wins over No. 10 UNC and No. 20 NC State, Owls prepare to face Arizona today at 1:30 p.m.

**What made the difference:** clutch momentum. Owls’ top player, sophomore Bruno Rosa, and junior Tobias Scholl struck first, downing Bob Lowe and James McGEE 6-4 at No. 1. After Rice lost at No. 1, the tandem of sophomore Chong Wang and senior Filippo Zivojinovic pushed their contest with Derek Stephens and Christian Welte into a tiebreak. It did not take long for the Rice pair to grab the momentum, and they quickly won 7-2 to seal the doubles point.

**The tight play in doubles was indicative of how singles would fare,** as five of the six singles contests went to the third set. Seniors lead women’s track at conference USA championships, while the indoor season, and last week’s competition, but will will be SMU and ECU, I which

**Seniors lead women’s track at conference USA championships**

**by Natasha Cerezo**

Before its season began, the women’s track team knew it would have to rely on its seniors if it was not going to have any success during the indoor season, and last week they did not disappoint. The dynamic senior duo of Leanne Waite and Callie Wells grabbed individual gold medals in the 800 meters and 3,000 — posted a career-best time in the 800 with a time of 2:12.83. In addition, sophomore Nicole Marley’s first-place finish in the 800 marked a personal-best time for her, and fellow sophomore Brittany Bleidt hung four personal bests in her five events. Freshman Allison Pye as honored a personal best in the 2,000, placing second behind Wells with a time of 6:47.12. Pye was the only silver medallist for Rice, as sophomore Amanda Reister achieved second in the 5,000 at 18:58.68.

**See SWIM, page 18**

**Swimmers prep for C-USA meet with easy win**

**by Tracy Dussetter**

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In order to earn a first- or second-place finish, Rice will need to obtain a few more season-best times, much like last Friday. Ten swimmers in eight different events matched season best times as the Owls won all but one event against New Orleans. These includes juniors Caitlin Warner, Skylar Craig and Kirchoff.

**Senior Ralph Knapler’s decisive third-set victory clinched a 4-3 win for the Owls over No. 12 UNC last Sunday. The triumph came two days after Rice downed No. 20 NC State by the same score.**

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Football nets talented Texans on signing day

For the second year in a row Rice recruited north of the border, this time bringing in two commitments from Canadian players. Steven Bazana and Luke Wilson bring size to the offensive line — both are 6'7" five inches. However, Wilson, a tight end, may still have to adjust to American football.

Breaking down the stretch.

However, the contest with ECU on Wednesday was anything but complete. Instead, a lack of legitimate offensive threat plagued the Owls, who failed to keep up with ECU's 124-3 run in the middle of the first half. The Pirates' lead swelled to 27-14, and they would go into the half with a 32-21 advantage.

The Owls went on a brief 14-0 run in the second half, as junior guard Jarrett Benelget the 84-77 victory. Despite the deficit, Wilson said he believes his team played as well as they have all season.

“[It] was one of our most complete games of the year, considering the circumstances," Wilson said. "I'm extremely proud of the way the guys played [...] We just couldn't make it happen yet. We haven't been affected by it yet. We're not playing good enough to win just yet. We haven't been affected by it yet. We're not playing good enough to win just yet."
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and placed second in the 800 with a
time of 2:10.86, helped by sophomore
Sarah Lynn' three-leg lead.
After this past weekend's meet,
head coach Jim Nuss feels the
team is where it needs to be at this
time of 3:48.86, helped by sophomore
placing second in the 4x400 with a
this time, as a whole," Bevan said.

SWIM
From page 15
"Things look good. This meet ...ing for the next
time," Kirchhoff said.
Other impressive swims that
scored crucial points for Rice in
cluded senior Brittany Massengale's
first-place finishes in the 200- and
500-freestyle. Following her lead
in the 200, junior Carly Miller and
sophomore Pam Zelnick took second
and third place, respectively. Mas-

tengale did not make an appearance
in the 1000-freestyle, but the duo of
Warner and Gerken managed to land
the top two spots for the Owls. The
50-freestyle was dominated by junior
Diane Gu and sophomore Megan
Land, who also took the top two spots
in the event. In the 100-freestyle, Gu
was barely edged out by Zelnick,
where the Owls went one-two as
well. Rice then dominated the relays,
sweeping every one.

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FRIDAY

OWLtastic 27th
Fast Way's OwlCan starts tonight at 8 p.m. in the RFC and runs all day for the rest of the weekend. Figured? You can check it out for free, and if you decide you want in, it's all half-priced for Rice students, faculty, and staff. Go to www. owlcans.com for more info and see what catches your eye in this list: dealer rooms, movie rooms, board games, card games, role-playing games, miniature painting, Dire-action role-playing (DARP). Official hours: Friday, 5 p.m. - 1 a.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

"Starting erotic film"
That's a description of Lust, Caution, the first film to show in this year's Asian Film Festival. It will play following the Opening Night Reception in the VAMA Gallery of the Rice Media Center. Bi Lin, a know-it-all and friend of Eileen Chang, on whose novel the movie is based, will discuss the adaptation. The Reception starts at 6:30 p.m. (I predict, based on our two-hour standard run times, that Lust, Caution will start around 7:15 p.m.

Like a quartet but with five?
"All, "quintet." Actors from some of Britain's most prestigious theatres, will perform something having to do with Shakespeare tonight and tomorrow 7:30 p.m. in Hamman Hall. You've missed the Thursday show, but you've got two more chances. At this point, it's probably not worth calling, but ticket info is available at (713) 348-5238. It's free. Sorry.

SATURDAY

Think about it
Arche, Rice's inaugural undergraduate philosophy conference, starts today. Eight undergraduates from universities across America present their ideas on philosophy, ranging from teen angst to other things. Talks run at 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., and 6:45 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. - noon on Sunday, all in HUMA 117. For more info, email burstenj@rice.edu or go to philosophy.rice.edu and click "News" then "Undergraduate Conference."

Beagle by Beagle-west
"Odde are you attending Houston Darwin Day 2008, you got the reference. If not, go to Anderson Labs 113 from 2-5:30 p.m. today and ask someone there. Hosted by the Secular Students of Rice, Darwin Day celebrates Charles Darwin's famous grandnephew, Charles, the guy who wrote The Origin of Species. Even Eeny don't buy into the theory of evolution, the guy led a pretty interesting life you could learn about.

WEDNESDAY

78 Days, actually
In theory, you now have exactly 100 days to celebrate with your senior friends. Commence the night on 1/30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rice Cinema and the Rice Media Center. Some of my favorite events are this year's annual Galileo on the Green (starts today and runs from somewhere on campus usually the Sallyport) to the Meridian - for free. Let's recap - Theme: Plastic. Tickets: $10 now, $13 at the door, shere: $10 near 2? later. Time: 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Place: The Meridian. Why, Because Archis want/need to go to Paris, France.

THURSDAY

SEX Panic and the Punitive State
It's a lecture by Roger Lancaster, a Professor of Anthropology and Cultural Studies from George Mason University. The title word "SEC" caught your eye, you should go to Sewall Hall 570 from 12:15-1 p.m. Maybe someone will explain why that happened.

Shrouded in mystery
Once again, I present to you a mystery: What is Love? You'vec Perfect, Now Change actually about? I leave that question to you. The most surefire way to answer that question is probably to go to Lovett tonight, tomorrow or Saturday at 8 p.m. and see whatever this (my monies are on "musical with romantic overtones"). Other than that, you're on your own here.

Crash'd
Find your perfect match with Rice's Crash Survey. Twenty easy questions gets you your top matches at Rice. Fill it out at mymeetsheet.com/ CrashSurvey. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

FRIDAY

More talks by people
"China and the World: The Enigma of Transnational Contact" by Jonathan Spence, Sterling Professor of History, Yale University, Shell Auditorium, McNair Hall, 4:45 p.m.

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Hey ladies, looking for a Valentine's Day date? Well look no further! Mistress Lily has all the hunky men you could ever want, right here in the Thresher office. So take Mistress Lily's patented match-maker quiz and see which Thresher editorial staff member is your Mr. Right. Screw the RPC dating quiz, take this one now!

1. What is your idea of a perfect first date?
   a. Football and wings, followed by U.S. Presidential trivia.
   b. See the dinosaurs at the museum, followed by dinner at a restaurant that's fancy, but not fancy-fancy.
   d. Nothing. He just looks adorable.

2. It's that special moment in a relationship. Your date looks deep into your eyes and says...
   a. I'm the ghost of Sam Houston.
   b. Short skirt/Long jacket
   c. Anything that results in ink stains.
   d. Screwing like rabbits.

3. What is your idea of the perfect Valentine's Day gift?
   a. A personalized drawing.
   b. Something from Tiffany's.
   c. A bottle of: Carrot Juice.
   d. Fuzz.

4. What are you blasting in your car?
   b. Short Skirt/Long Jacket
   c. Contemporary jazz.
   d. Screwing like rabbits.

5. Which character on the West Wing do you think is the hottest?
   a. President Jed Bartlet.
   b. Danny Concannon.
   c. Contemporary jazz.
   d. Zoey Bartlet.

6. What song describes you as a woman?
   a. Maneater
   b. Short Shirt/Over bra.
   c. Anything that results in ink stains.
   d. The Bad Touch

7. What is your wookie fetish?
   a. Getting off on technicalities during the Bush Congress role-playing.
   b. You want I should talk dirty to you.
   c. By U.S. Presidential trivia.
   d. Nothing. He just looks adorable.

8. Your date looks deep into your eyes and says...
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10. What is your drink of choice?
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   b. A personalized drawing.
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   c. 'Screwing like rabbits.'
   d. 'The only clue as to the purpose of matches was a receipt made out to someone at Montgomery Ward. I want you to tell me what to do, when I should do it, and maybe Vassar. And everyday, I want you to tell me what to do, when I should live my fucking life.'

15. Favorite ancient Greek philosopher who isn't Aristotle, Plato or Socrates.
   b. Diogenes of Sinope.
   c. Anaximander.
   d. Kuniklos.

Mostly A: You should date someone who isn't interested in spending any money on matches. You're probably a dude who's not very good at cooking. If you're not, then you probably should date someone else.

Mostly B: You're probably missing someone because you're not spending any money on matches. You're probably a man who's not very good at cooking. If you're not, then you probably should date someone else.

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