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**Tiny dancers**

Members of the Chinese Student Association perform a Taiwanese luo-bin ribbon dance Friday at the Culture Fair in the Rice Memorial Center. The group previously performed this dance at CSAM's Lunar New Year show.

**Tiered system for parking fees proposed: Greenbriar to be cheaper**

by Alex Busar

The University Standing Committee on Parking, composed of students, faculty and staff met Wednesday to draft a letter of recommendaton to President David Leebron for next year's changes in parking policy and rates. The committee suggested a plan to redesign the Greenbriar Lot to hold more spaces and to return to the tiered system of parking.

Hamman College senior Eric Max, who serves on the committee, said the committee is trying to determine parking rates that are more likely to focus on one low-priced option.

"This will most likely involve lowering the cost of the Greenbriar Lot," Eric Max, said on the committee said. "That there have been issues with construction parking at that lot that will make that change difficult.

Recently Rice University Police Department found out that Lieber, a construction company in the Collaborative Research Center, had been selling its construction workers from a non-Rice project in the Texas Medical Center to park in the Greenbriar Lot. While Rice allows its construction workers from other projects to park there, Max said the Greenbriar Lot is now full, though it never was before.

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—Eric Max

Member of Parking Committee

One major change that the committee is pushing for is redesigning the Greenbriar Lot so that it has more spaces. This change will be made by drawing the parking spots more effectively and moving a row of reserved donor parking spots to the South Stadium Lot. This change is especially relevant because workers for all of the ongoing construction around campus have been assigned to park in the Greenbriar Lot, and the construction companies have asked for an additional 200 spots.

"The construction parking has not yet reached its peak," Vice President for Administration Eugene Radusescu said. Max said the committee tried to figure out ways to make Greenbriar Lot more affordable for students. Though the Greenbriar Lot is the most inexpensive choice right now, students pay a $331 fee for on-campus spots to the $220 student surcharge.

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Max said an estimated 200 students park regularly at Greenbriar without a permit and only 50 on PARKING page 7.

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by Joyce Yao

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**The Odd Couple**

Catch a comedy about two friends learning how to get along by being together in The Odd Couple III at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at Will Rice College. Tickets are free for Rice students.

**Rondelet**

The spring formal dance themed "Midnight Masquerade" will be held at Travisio Restaurant. Bring your date or come with a group of friends tonight at 10 p.m.

**Spring recess**

Enjoy the break! Classes are canceled Thurs- day, April 3 and Friday, April 4 for spring recess. Your happiness, the Theatre Committee will take a break and will not run an issue next week. The next issue will come out April 11.

**All In The Timing**

Rice theatre presents the comedy All In The Timing by David Mamet. The play is set in the short play. It runs from April 22 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 23 at 2 p.m. at Hamman Hall. Admission is free.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008
Decision to drop PINs a very good choice

The Student Association passed Bylaw Amendment 13 Monday creating the Constitution Review Committee, which is assigned the task of periodically reviewing the SA's constitution and bylaws and proposing legislative changes to them (see story, page 7). While the committee can review any aspect of the constitution, and bylaws it sees fit, we feel that one of its first tasks should be an assessment of the make-up of the SA; more specifically, we believe that the committee should propose legislation to create more student representation.

The current format of one voting president and one voting senator per college is inadequate for representing a student body as large and diverse as Rice's. There are multiple classes per college, so why not multiple senators? More people equals more ears to listen to a student constituency, as well as more votes for that constituency at the highest level of student government.

At the same time, there should also be more representation on a campus-wide scale. The fact that all the voting members of the SA are representatives of specific colleges has its merits, but at the same time, the SA could use a voice outside a strict college affiliation. Perhaps there could be a representative from each of the particular academic schools such as the architecture program, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences or any other division seen to warrant an SA voice. Or "at large" positions could be created, drawing candidates voted upon by the entire student body.

With its new committee, the SA has the opportunity to expand its campus presence to the greatest possible degree, and it should seize it. More voices cannot be a bad thing if the ultimate goal is for students to be heard.

Decrease parking fees

After several months spent gathering research and statistics on parking and transportation at Rice, the University Standing Committee on Parking is expected to release its findings and a proposal to the administration as early as next week (see story, page 1). We urge President David Leebron to accept the committee's recommendations that parking rates be decreased overall, and that a more tiered system of fees be implemented.

Houston is a big city, and as Rice students know, there is plenty to see and do. Unfortunately, the majority of activities off campus require the use of a car, which, as we know from our current experiences can often be a burden when it comes to paying parking fees.

Students want to go out and explore, they want to interact with the city they live in, just like Rice recommends. But if we are to go outside the hedges, Rice should make it cheaper to get there.

Unsigned editorials represent the majority opinion of the Thresher editorial staff.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poor jacks hazardous to students, Beer-Bike

To the editor:

I should like to express my empathy for Jen Pan and Daniel Jong. I was extremely outraged when I read about the unauthorized jack Will Rice students did in front of Lovett College ("Unauthorized jack injures student," March 21). While reading, I was contemplating how I could have been in their shoes, since I regularly ride my bike around campus. The possibility of riding into fishing lines unexpectedly gives me goosebumps because they can make deep cuts in human skin, which is not something I find appealing.

The majority of jacks during Willy Week were funny but some, like others have mentioned, were dangerous. Several of my friends and I slipped due to an unauthorized jack involving splattered syrup on the Lovett floors and steps, I fell down the stairs because of the jack. Lovett students know that when the floors are wet, Lovett becomes a hazardous area — especially if you are wearing flip-flops.

I hope that next year people consider the consequences of creating unauthorized jacks, because it would be unfair to the administration to be forced to ban jacks entirely. The people involved with the fishing line jack should be grateful that Jen Pan and Daniel Jong's injuries were not fatal. Rice could have been canceled again.

Tia Weng
Lovett freshman

Columnist misquotes, blues troop surge, war

To the editor:

Reading Angelina Jolie's quote in Caroline May's column, one gets the impression Jolie supports the war in general; but really, Jolie is referring to the humanitarian side of the war, calling for "financial and material assistance" for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, not for a surge in troops ("Listen to celebrities, support the U.N.," March 21).

Moreover, May's column about the surge and war are different issues. Jolie talks about stepping up humanitarian aid through UNICEF and says the surge has created a better atmosphere for aid, which is probably true. The surge has stabilized the region, but May ignores the fact that military specialists were calling for similar or still higher troop levels when the war started. The administration allowed the situation to deteriorate by sending insufficient troops, disbarring the Iraq military, alienating the Iraqi people, and failing to stop looting and the death of millions of non-combatant Iraqi cultural icons.

The administration created a problem, then solved it. Big deal. So the surge is working, but what does that mean? That the insurgents wanted a stable Iraq eventually, just not immediately? They had opportunity time to help democratize the region and gain support, but that's not what this administration did; rather, they created instability which eliminated any hope of victory. That is, extreme instability eliminates educated critical thinkers — who want grassroots democratic movements — and leaves extremists.

Richard Treadwell
Baker sophomore

Tree signs intended to show human war cost

To the editor:

Last week, Rice for Peace and Justice hung up signs on 500 trees on campus to commemorate the many lives that have been lost as a result of the war in Iraq, as well as the thousands of others who have suffered because of injuries and displacements. I want to clarify that these signs on the trees were meant as a memorial and not a protest or a political statement. We were intended to remind people of the tremendous amount of suffering that has occurred due to this war, and all war, for that matter. They were to move people to respect that suffering.

Rice for Peace and Justice is dedicated to removing the primary and secondary events of the past week from the student body's mind and moving on. However, we had to think about other events last week reflected that sentiment. The signs on the trees, however, were not intended for that same purpose. Whether you support or oppose what we are doing in Iraq, I hope that we can all remember the human costs of combat.

If anyone still has questions or concerns, I invite you to contact me at smb@rice.edu.

Karen Lee
Wing junior

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Guest column

Environmental activism not merely trendy

Whether you are for it or against it, there is no denying that over the last few years, Rice has become increasingly more environmentally conscious. In the past year, the Rice Thresher has published at least 30 articles related to environmental issues, campus-wide changes, and initiatives by the Student Association before. Students groups on- and off-campus have organized everything from anti-pollution protests to waste audits to South College energy competition, and even Rice’s administration has taken action by requiring all entering freshmen to complete a environmentally-focused field test, Field Notes from a Catastrophe. Despite the recent increase in awareness and complaints about climate change, the student body is still largely divided on the issue of global warming.

Andrea Dinneen

As a earth science major and a resident of South College, I often find myself torn between the need for the Rice community to put more of a focus on the issues of global warming and climate change and the need for Rice to continue to be a unique: people are dumb every-where. Year after year, students are dumb.

The last point I want to make is that criticizing those involved in the environmental movement as amateurs is just plain idiocy. Often, people who are involved in environmentalism, political activ-ism, religious groups or other causes are condemned for not being "true experts." People are unable to see beyond the agenda of a group and scarcely remove themselves from the issues at hand to really understand what they are able to do. This is why I believe it’s important to understand the issues involved and how to make them better understood. If we can’t stop "true experts" from making things worse, we can at least help get a summer internship, personal prestige or how it will help get a summer internship, personal prestige or how it will help get a summer internship, personal prestige or how it will help get a summer internship, personal prestige or how it will help get a summer internship.

Self-proclaimed oddly

Superficial intelligence no longer true learning

Since I have spent the last three years working at the Rice Thresher, I have found that it will offer a fresh, wide-awake view of student business and Rice tradition.

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Hutchinsons fulfill five-year term, leave Rice for Colorado; former Sid masters Coxes to take open posts

by Rachel Carlson

Like its 2008 Beer-Bike theme proclaimed, this semester marks Brown College's last round with their masters, the Hutchinsons. Chemistry professor John Hutchinson and Paula Hutchinson have completed their two-year term as Brown masters. They will be replaced by mathematics professor Steve Cox and Laura Cox. The Coxes served as Sid Richardson College masters from 2000-2005.

Chair of the Masters Search Committee Jessica Simon said she will miss the Hutchinsons but is eager to welcome the new masters. "Hutch and Paula have been amazing influences on the colleges and in my personal life," Simon, a Brown senior, said. "They are two of the most wonderful people I have ever met. But I also so excited for the potential of Steve and Laura. It's an exciting time."

Cox said he and his wife chose to become Brown masters because "when we were masters at Sid, we loved being involved in so many lives and participating in diverse experiences," Cox said. "Our youngest son is graduating from college this semester, so it felt like the natural time to jump back in."

The Coxes are currently engaging in the Brown community by attending meals and events with students. "It isn't reasonable to meet everybody at once, so we're meeting different groups at various events, based on their interests," Cox said. The couple will live in the masters' house in mid-July and will greet incoming freshmen during Orientation Week.

Simon said a search committee selected the new masters after a lengthy application process. The committee was composed of seven Brown students, Office Coordinator Nancy Henry, Resident Associate Cory Rogge, Associate John Ambler and Hanszen College Master Wes Morris. Three candidate couples originally applied, two with experience as masters. After two rounds of interviews with the committee, former Brown President Robert Butler and Jean of Undergraduates Robin Forman evaluated the candidates. Finally, President David Leebron selected the Coxes.

Hutchinson said he is pleased with the appointment. "O'Brien and the Lawton boys are long-time friends," Hutchinson said. "They were excellent masters of Sid, and we couldn't be happier with their selection."

The Hutchinsons are currently teaching the Core-Summer masters of Brown and its interactions with the masters. Though the Coxes have experience as masters, they must become acquainted with Brown-cabinet members, academic fellows and associates. Paula Hutchinson said they are also learning about unique operations of the college government, such as the custom of holding the first cabinet meeting of the year in the masters' house.

The Hutchinsons said they hope the new masters will continue to encourage a strong college court during their term.

Simon said the Coxes also have creative energy and a DART of new ideas for Brown. "They have so many amazing ideas about new programs, but respect standing traditions," Simon said. "They have individual personality and a desire to learn from students at Brown."

Brown sophomore Seth O'Brien said he thinks Brown will be very receptive of its new masters despite its affection for the Hutchinsons. "Hutch and Paula were awesome, but Brown will welcome new masters," O'Brien said.

The Hutchinsons plan to spend next year living in Colorado during John Hutchinson's sabbatical. He will accept a visiting appointment at the Atlas Institute at the University of Colorado, where he will help develop approaches for teaching with technology. Paula Hutchinson may continue to practice law, or branch out into other endeavors.

The Hutchinsons said their favorite part about being college masters was interacting with students.

"We have made friendships with hundreds of incredible people that we will carry for the rest of our lives," Hutchinson said.

Paula Hutchinson said she has enjoyed serving as a Brown master.

"Depending on how you approach it, being a master can either make you older by your time or keep you young," she said. "For us, it has definitely kept us young. Besides having our daughters, being masters has been the best experience of our lives."
The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed:

President Matt Youn said applications for positions on the University Standing Committee will be due Wed., April 2 at 5 p.m. They will meet as a SA in the Rice Student Center.

Parliamentarian Chris Warrington presented the SA second round spring election results.

Then-President Laura Kelley said all positions except University Relations chair have been filled.

Kelley, a Brown senior, discussed Bylaw Amendment 13, which establishes a committee on constitutional revisions. Kelley said the committee will look into expanding the senate, which will allow an increased senate size to accommodate the two new Rice colleges. The senate voted and approved the bylaw amendment. Warrington, a Jones College junior, said the SA will form the committee soon.

Kelley said this year the SA established 16 new clubs, added three constitutional amendments, considered three senate bills, established four resolutions and arrived at a special rule of order.

Director of Elections Andrew Bowen said this year marked the first use of an elections code and electronic voting. Bowen, a Marriott College senior, said the candidates used social networks and a campaigning time line. The General Elections had the highest turnout in recent institutional history with over 2,000 SA votes.

Director of Technology JD Leonard said the SA has a new SA Web site that includes a textbook marketplace, the Rice Program Council calendar,student polls and the new lost-and-found database.

Hanszen College President Court Jackson said the online polls were effective this year in gauging student opinion and the SA should continue using them.

Baker College President-elect Chris Goldsberry said the SA should urge students to frequent the site and make it more visible.

President-elect Akshay Dayal said the SA marketplace is well designed and the SA should encourage its use.

Youn said the Academics Committee has created online polls allowing for a digital completion of the RUPD Personal Identification Number and spring recess. He said the committee worked with academic advisors about reforming the PIN system and the SA has established a good relationship with the Faculty Senate.

Then External Vice President Sarah Baker said the SA created this year a Hedgeshopper Card over the summer, organized the homecoming game and Families Weekend, provided a bus to the basketball game against the University of Houston and well organized Take Me Out to the Ballgame.

External Vice President-elect Nick Muscara said Take Me Out to the Ballgame is planned for April 12.

Director of Communications Stephen Rooke said the SA should aim for more visibility, since the Facebook fliers advertising it at the beginning of the year were not effective. Rooke, a Hanszen senior, said tabletop fliers and word of mouth were the most effective to encourage student involvement in the SA. He said the SA should start publicizing itself before Orientation Week by placing fliers to new freshmen during the summer.

Rooke said the SA should continue to sponsor Baker.13 since runners often pay more than $100 in shaving cream costs.

The Student Life Committee established the lost-and-found online database with Rice University Police Department. Chair Jim Zhou said the SA had established a rapport with RUPD, created the Fondren Library study lounge and had expanded late night food options by expanding the menu at Sammy’s and sandwiches at Willy’s Pub. Zhan, a Lowell College sophomore, said the committee will discuss late night food options for the new Brochstein Pavilion.

Rooke said the SA had assisted the Dean of Undergraduates office by placing students on standing committees, including the search for the new dean of natural sciences.

Rooke said New Student Representatives attended meetings regularly throughout the year, helped with the LH regional sports tournament, created shirts for the football game against the University of Tulsa and worked with RPC.

Rooke said the Sports and Health Committee sponsored a binge-drinking awareness study and organized the Powerpuff All-Star game.

Brown senior Patrick McNairney said the Environmental Committee established EcoLeaps at each college to deliver recycling bins to rooms on campus and encouraged President David Leebron to sign the Presidential Climate Commitment. McNairney, a sophomore, said the committee is looking to standardize the recycling bins on campus and establish biodegradable disposables in the servery.

Rooke said the highlights for the year included the polls since they received a high level of student response. She said the SA established a good rapport with the Faculty Senate, improved its impression across campus and brought up sustainability issues.

Will Rice College senator Kyle Clark said the Student Life Committee worked with RUPD about safety measures, including allowing students to keep pepper spray on campus. Currently, students are not allowed to have pepper spray in their possession.

After the meeting, SA members headed to Willy’s Pub to celebrate changeovers. As a passing of the guard, Youn chugged ice tea while Kelley chugged beer.

The SA will meet next Monday at 10 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion.
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

The following are results from the second round of Student Association elections for the 2008-‘09 school year.

for Rice Student Volunteer Program Chair
245 VOTES

KATHY ZHANG (91% — 223 VOTES)

for Rice Student Volunteer Program Secretary
289 VOTES

GRACE CHANG (51.1% — 116 VOTES)

for Campanile Editor in Chief
219 VOTES

JOHN MICHAEL CUCCIA (91.3% — 200 VOTES)

for University Blue Editor in Chief
75 VOTES

No Winner

for Honor Council At-Large Representatives
252 VOTES

ADNAN POONAWALA (83% — 210 VOTES)

AUSTIN EDWARDS (81% — 205 VOTES)

MICHAEL NELSON (79% — 200 VOTES)

THRESHER FAVORITES:
We can always appreciate a good laugh, especially at 4 a.m. on Thursday while we’re finishing the paper. So here are a few of our favorite write-in candidates that clearly demonstrate the wit of the Rice student body.

1. AHHHHHHHHHH for RSVP Chair
2. SATAN for RSVP Chair
3. A BUTT for RSVP Chair
4. MY BALLS LAWLZORZ for RSVP Secretary
5. BARNEY for Campanile Editor in Chief
6. BYAH! for Campanile Editor in Chief
7. WHOEVER THEHELL WANTSTODOIT for Campanile Editor in Chief
8. JAMIE LYNN SPEARS for Honor Council At-Large Representative

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A memorial visitation will be held for her today 3-5 p.m. at Geo. H. Lewis & Sons on 1010 Bissonnet Dr. Director of News and Media Relations R.J. Alvarez said Rice could not comment on the situation.
— Dylan Farmer

**Rice employee loses child**

The Houston Chronicle reported that the eight-month-old daughter of a university employee died March 14 after her father accidentally left her in his car upon arriving at work. She was taken to Texas Children's Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

A memorial visitation will be held for her today 3-5 p.m. at Geo. H. Lewis & Sons on 1010 Bissonnet Dr. Director of News and Media Relations R.J. Alvarez said Rice could not comment on the situation.
— Dylan Farmer

**Rice forms revision making committee**

On Monday, the Student Association passed Bylaw Amendment 13 "To create the Committee on Constitutional Revisions," which will form a committee to regularly review the SA Constitution and suggest revisions to it. Parliamentarian Chris Warrington, who proposed the amendment, said there is no such committee at the moment. Instead, any student can propose an amendment.

The formation of this new committee will only add a group whose formal job it is to propose amendments. It will not change the current system in which students can suggest revisions.

Warrington, a Jones College junior, said the primary purpose of this committee is to work on large-scale projects where many opinions are needed, although the committee can work on other amendments as well.

"We'll use the committee to look at changes that we need to make to the SA structure to support the new colleges and the increasing student body," he said.

Warrington said any student can apply to serve on the committee. The Senate will choose a yet-undetermined number of members to sit on the committee. These students will join the SA parliamentarian and SA internal vice president, who will also sit on the committee.

— Lily Chun

**Rice Punjabi dance wins third at nationals**

by Cindy Dinh

Through leaps, hops and a few shoulder shrugs, Rice's traditional Punjabi dance team, Chowi Bhanga, which translates to Rice Jhangara, danced its way to third place last weekend in the Vines Punjabi Da competition at North Carolina State University. The club is in its second year on campus.

Chowi Bhanga's sophomore Sukhdeep Kaur and Monique Gill started the team last year.

"It was my aspiration in high school to start a Bhangra team here at Rice," Kaur said.

Most members of the team have little to no previous experience with this particular type of dance. For the first time, the team competed against larger schools from Toronto, Canada and the east coast in the competition.

Bansen College freshman Radhika Chhabra said the team has come a long way in one year.

"We've taken something that was nonexistent last year and have taken it nationally," Chhabra said.

To apply for the competition, teams submitted video samples of their performance. After the initial application, Chowi Bhanga was an alternate, but was called to perform two weeks before the competition.

Chhabra said the members of Chowi Bhanga were the underdogs in the competition.

"We were the happiest team without actually winning a competition," Chhabra said. "We came from a small school, a small team with not many alternates and our costumes were simple."
Will Rice College freshman Caitlin Scott donates blood at a blood drive on Monday.

There will be blood
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In the 1950s, C.P. Snow coined the term “two cultures” and argued that the breakdown of communication between the sciences and the humanities was an obstacle to solving major global problems. These Fellowships, named for him, are aimed at students who share with Scienzia a passion for fostering interdisciplinary dialogue. The 2008-9 C.P. Snow Student Fellowships will be responsible for devising and implementing a series of activities and events designed to encourage student interaction with the programs, faculty, and speakers associated with Scienzia’s 2008-9 colloquium series on the theme of “Biopolitics.” The series will range widely over the many ways in which the life sciences intersect the realm of politics, morality, commerce, and law. The keynote Bochner lecture in the series is given annually by a nationally-prominent scholar/scientist. [For information on Scienzia’s current and past programs, see http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~scienzia/]

The activities designed by the student Fellows will ideally be related to the lectures, such as reading or discussion groups on the topic of an upcoming lecture, and may include informal dining or reception settings in the colleges where lecturers, interested faculty and students can interact. Student Fellows are expected to attend two planning meetings before fall semester begins, and two-four planning meetings during the academic year. They may be asked to attend Scienzia business and planning meetings once a semester to coordinate with the executive committee. They attend all Scienzia lectures and events and have the opportunity to join outside speakers, including the Bochner lecturer, for lunch or dinner.

The 2008-9 Fellowships provide a stipend of $1000. Qualifications include a dedicated, interdisciplinary perspective, organizational and motivational skills necessary for the successful implementation of new projects, ability to work independently to complete projects on schedule, and an excellent academic record. Snow Fellows must be in residence for the entire 2008-9 academic year.

Interested students should submit an application by Friday, April 11 by email to Prof. Susan McIntosh, Director of Scienzia: smcint@rice.edu.

Applications should include:

- A brief (2-3 page) statement of your interdisciplinary interests, and some preliminary ideas about the kind of student-oriented activities you might develop during the fellowship year.
- An unofficial transcript
- One letter of support from a Rice faculty member.

Gibson, who was appointed dean of academic advising last July, said he started formally researching the PIN advising system a year ago by looking into peer-school methods. He said the former dean, Michelle Dalby, had looked into implementing the system. After meeting with 2,500 students and faculty members, Gibson presented his proposal to the faculty senate March 12. He said his 12 years at Rice as a resident associate at Sid Richardson and Martel Colleges have afforded him a unique perspective of students’ views since he had heard their complaints about the PIN system over the years.

Gibson said he expects a slight decrease in the number of students who visit faculty advisors since registration will no longer require a PIN. He said the number of substantive meetings between students and faculty advisors will increase, however.

“The responsibility [of registering for major and distribution courses] has always been with students,” Gibson said. “Now, they’re more aware of this responsibility, and they won’t see a faculty advisor just because of requirements.”

Gibson said the Student Association’s fall poll about the RDA PIN revealed that 60 percent of students would still see a faculty advisor even if they did not need to get a PIN.

He said he does not predict an increase in the number of student errors in satisfying graduation requirements.

Students make mistakes now,” Gibson said. “With this freedom [to choose one’s courses], students do different things and sometimes fall through the cracks.”

He said he plans to keep freshmen from falling through those cracks by encouraging them to meet with faculty advisors in November and in the spring of their first year.

In the future, Gibson said he plans to start an advising profile Web site for students. Students will log on and enter information about their academic interests, which they can change as often as necessary. He said the Web site may be up by next fall.

“It’s a bad analogy, but it will serve like Facebook for advising,” Gibson said.

Gibson said while faculty advisors generally have little contact advising for transfer credit, peer advisors will also advise students on health and health professions are understaffed at all colleges.

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Gibson, who began the campus-wide PAA program in 2005, said he wants to have PAs work with faculty advisors to offer students additional academic guidance within the colleges.

Gibson said students and faculty members have generally reacted positively to the PIN elimination.

“Students are excited about the removal and are actively interested in the role of the advising reform,” Gibson said.

Lovett College sophomore Amber Williams said getting rid of the PIN would make registration easier for students.

“Knowing at the beginning of the year what classes you are going to take would be easier,” Williams said.

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Paris: When it sizzles

Madame Goux teaches students how to cook French cuisine in the South Servery on Saturday night. The event, sponsored by the French Studies Department, was free.

Goux was assisted by Chef Ed Castillo.

PARKING

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so students actually pay for their spots. The Greenbriar Lot currently has about 1,500 spaces, but the lot is on average 85 percent full, and sometimes the demands on the lot are so great that the Beer-Bike track has to be closed off for parking. If the restriping of the lot goes as planned, the lot will have 500 additional spaces.

A recent Student Association poll about parking has led the students on the committee to also push for a return to the tiered system of parking so that students would pay different amounts depending on their graduating classes. Under this plan, freshmen would pay a higher parking fee than would the seniors. Though the exact numbers will not be available until Leebron approves the recommendations — perhaps by Monday, although the exact date is uncertain — returning to the tiered system will result in a lowering of the average parking permit price for students, Max said.

Max said student and faculty parking fees more than compensate for the parking costs. After factoring in the costs of shuttle-bus operation, however, he said transportation consistently runs a deficit each year. He said the Parking Committee has used this fact to justify raising parking rates in recent years.

Other recent changes include changing the North Lot Annex to a mixed contract and visitor parking lot, while the North Lot will be mixed after 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and on weekends.

Also, the Athletics Department is constructing a plaza between Autry Court and the Tennis Center, which will take away about 30 spots from the Hess Court Lot, and the entrance to that lot will have to be moved from its current location.

Three levels of underground parking have been completed at the site of the still-under-construction CRC.

"We're trying to get an improved parking situation for students next year," committee chair Phil Bedient, a Civil Engineering professor, said. The recommendations will be finalized by the end of next week with the help of SAP President Matt Youn and will then be sent to Leebron for review.

PARKING '08-'09

Here is the rundown of what the University Standing Committee on Parking suggests to President David Leebron:

- Redesign Greenbriar Lot to include 500 more spots.
- Return to a tiered parking fee system in which fee is determined by class.

Leebron is expected to review these points Monday.

VALUE

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will increase the grant that would otherwise be a loan.

"It will increase our financial aid costs, and it may also attract more students at that income level," Collins said.

However, she said student financial services do not focus on rankings.

"Their job is to help students on their financial aid, do analyses for those eligible for need-based aid ... and help students get information about loans," she said.

Will Rice College sophomore Varun Kumar said he was surprised upon hearing about Rice's value ranking.

"Five years ago I would have understood why we were ranked so high up, but with recent tuition hikes I'm frankly very surprised that we're still in the top five," Kumar said.

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Children's campus set to open in August

by Jane Lee
FOR THE THRESHER

Construction around campus is not limited to the benefit of just college students anymore; some new buildings will now attract students under the age of five. Next August, Rice will open a Montessori school, Rice Children's Campus, for the children of faculty and staff members. The school will be located at 5504 Chaucer Dr., between University and Rice Blvd.

RCC will enroll 84-86 children from six weeks old through five years old. The acceptance period for applications for enrollment this fall began Mar. 17. Projected monthly tuitions range from $950-$1,100, depending on the age of the student.

Houston childcare firm Metropolitan Montessori Schools, which currently operates the downtown Cathedral House School, will also operate RCC. MMS emphasizes the Montessori teaching techniques of cultivating student skills through an emphasis on engaging physical environment and self-directed activity.

Rice's School Literacy and Culture Project will work with the children's campus group in order to emphasize early literacy. The children's campus group is also open to any interesting ideas about the involvement of Rice undergraduates in the center, Cronin said. She said the Rice community has high hopes for the benefits arising from the new school.

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Board of Trustees members visit college commons

by Evan Mintz

Last Wednesday, students across campus may have found interesting additions to their usual lunchtime routine of conversation and social food as members of the Board of Trustees joined them in their college commons to discuss campus issues, with some members returning to the college they attended during their years at Rice. Campus growth under President David Leebron and former president Malcolm Gillis was a popular conversation topic.

Marc Shapiro, a former Vice Chairman at J.P. Morgan Chase and current Director of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, ate at Martel College along with Leebron and Shapiro explained that he believed the increase in the undergraduate population would help rice with such issues.

"As Rice expands, we have an opportunity for racial and geographical diversity," Shapiro said. "People from different parts of the country can expand diversity to mean a broader subject than race."

Shapiro was asked to compare Leebron and Gillis from the perspective of a board member. He said it was difficult to compare the two.

"Leebron is a good listener and brings consensus for broad programs to move ahead," Shapiro said. "Gillis was a scientist and economist and big on research and scientific endeavors."

"Malcolm tends to have a more aggressive style: He brings people along," Elsenhans said. "David has a more engaging style."

Elsenhans is the executive vice president of global manufacturing at Shell Dowtown Inc. and former president of Shell Oil Company. Vicki Brethauer (Jones '79), who also ate at Jones and is the former chief executive officer of DHL Airways, said Rice was not well known for its service practice, both ate at Hanszen College, where the topics ranged from Rice's expansion to exploding water balloons.

"As Rice expands, we have to keep up as a high-level research institution. Its goal since the term of President Kenneth Pitzer in the 1960s, it would have to grow, largely to give researchers big enough peer circles to work with," Elsenhans said. "If you really want to keep up in that regard, size does matter."

"Either you have got to grow, or be highly selective in the research you do."

After questions from Hanszen senior Court Jackson, Maxfield talked about his undergraduate years at Hanszen, explaining that hazing was the norm during the college system's formative years.

"Hazing," Maxfield said. "I ran back to my room and thought no one saw me," Maxfield said. "In those days, [Orientation Week] was essentially fraternity hazing," Maxfield said.

Throughout the year, underclassmen would be punished for various violations, such as not wearing the class beanies, by being forced to go on shack runs. Maxfield said, on a shack run, a student would have to take the food order of everyone he could find at his college and then go to the fast food restaurant across Main St.

Maxfield said he had to do a shack run after dropping a water balloon on an upperclassman in one of the Hanszen mail-wells.

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Left: Board Member Mark Shapiro finishes lunch in the Martel College Commons Wednesday. Top: Board Member Robert Clarke (Hanszen '63) talks to students in the Hanszen College Commons. Bottom: Board Member Robert Maxfield (Hanszen '63) chats with Hanszen College senior Court Jackson.
Are you experienced? An interview with the makers of The Connor O'Hoolihan Experience

by Julie Armstrong
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

The Rice Thresher spent a few quality moments in the RYV's studio getting to know the faces in front of and behind the camera of the new Rice Sketch Comedy spin-off, The Connor O'Hoolihan Experience before the satirical-driven show takes on an independent life of its own.

The mock new phenomenon stars Baker College sophomore Connor Hoolihan as the show's namesake and features writing by Jones College junior Barr Reed, Houston College senior and Thresher cartoonist Dan Deroux heads up filming and production. The show's third episode premiered online on Thursday:

Thresher: So tell me what this show is about.
Barr Reed: The point of the show is that it is kind of a Stephen Colbert theme, but it's a Rice, and the character is a racist guy from America's white suburbia. It's his process of exploring what's wrong with him in the form of investigative reporting, kind of the Amy Davis, but more intelligent.
Thresher: Who does what on the show?
BR: I wrote the first episode and came to Connor with the idea to do it, but after he got on board, it morphed from what it was originally written.
Connor Hoolihan: I helped with the second episode, which was obviously worse, but...
BR: [laughs] No, I mean, the second episode was worse, but Connor had nothing to do with it...
Thresher: Did you two work on anything else together in the past?
BR: Connor and I actually have a history of collaboration. I guess it's weird because we've never been best friends, but at some time we've always had some sort of project. We worked on a lot last year [on] a failed, failed, failed.
CH: Miserably failed.
BR: An worthy electronic music project, it was like Radiohead minus the guitar and the drum beats, didn't even like featuring to it.
CH: You can only do so much with GarageBand.
BR: We have a history of wanting our time on wires we'll never be able to put on business or dental school applications.
Thresher: What does Dan do?
BR: He's leeks as chocolates. We get back and he dangles them into our mouths and we listen to classical music.
Dan Deroux: I fixed the cameras, and I do a good part of the editing.

Thresher: Like The Colbert Report?
BR: Right. So guess who in it's O'Hoolihan, see O'Hoolihan, page 16.

Sophomore slump: Panic at the Disco and The Raconteurs show that springtime growth should not mean uprooting

by Sarah Cook
FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008

Yesterday day, both Panic at the Disco and The Raconteurs released their sophomore efforts and, in my opinion, thought them both. As an early Christmas present to myself, I first opened Pretty Odd, the beautiful Panic at the Disco album, drawn to the gorgeous nineteenth-century style cover, thick with flowers and butterflies.

As the first song, "We're So Swarming," came on, I remembered why I love so much so much. It's not because they're indie-cool (because they're not). It's not because they're technically the best musicians (because they're not). It's because of their last, upbeat, fresh sound. A sound that evokes smiles even when the lyrics are filled with pretenti- ous Academy and sleazy hotels. Unfortunately, as the album continued, I realized that these snarky pop kids seem to have thrown out their old sound for something much smarter and, sadly, much more boring.

Some of the songs do showcase the old band, especially "I'm So Far Away," "The Patience," and "The Only One," and they take a much more straightforward and earnest attempt with the lyrics on this album. In addition, Brandon Urie's voice seems to strain during these new songs, making him sound smoother and calmer than usual.

The entire album comes across as decent, but not original. "Folkin Around," a fiddle- and harmonica-led joy ride that sounds a little like Bob Dylan on crack, is probably its most innovative track. Panic has taken many of the great bands of the 60s, from The Beatles to The Kinks to The Beach Boys, and tried to use them to create something new. The sad thing is that they failed.

A more successful effort, "Cassidy," the real strength appears in 'Topaz,' "Your My Only Sunshine," and "The Last of the Englishmen." These are the big theatrical songs that work so well for Panic at the Disco, who are at least an arena act. In songs like "She Had the World!" and "The Piano Knows Something Done," they try a new psychedelic feel, and here they seem to have made a cardinal mistake: they are trying to be The Beatles. It is as if they went into the studio wanting this to be their Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and decided halfway through just to copy the sound of that amazing album. It is the stripped-down tracks that seem the most removed from Panic's roots. After all the horns and drums and symphonic seeds have disappeared, one might expect the band's old ironic lyrics to shine through, even to be highlighted. Instead, they take a much more straightforward and earnest attempt with the lyrics on this album. In addition, Brandon Urie's voice seems to strain during these new songs, making him sound smoother and calmer than usual.

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Don't be an April fool: rent classics

by Brian Reinhart

In this comedy, legendary actor Peter O'Toole stars as Alan Swan, an alcoholic movie star trying to quit his habit and make a comeback. He has some serious trouble keeping away from the booze, though, and musters up to a hilarious climax when Swan has to appear on a live TV show hopelessly wanted.

My Favorite Year ranks among Premier magazine's 50 funniest movies ever made, and it has gained its reputation for good reason. Alan Swan's drunken antics and his colleagues' attempts at damage control make for some of the greatest moments in the history of film comedy.

Awakenings (1990)

One of a favorite movies is Awakenings, and I am seriously depressed that nobody seems to have seen it before. Robert De Niro plays Leonard, a mental hospital patient in a catatonic state, able to think but unable to move and a new doctor (Robin Williams, in a serious role) begins to try different medications. Unfortunately, as all of the patients in the ward begin to "awaken" from their frozen states, they learn that the relief from their disability is only temporary. A dazzling, heart-wrenching, and hilarious story that is not only held by the audience, but is also a two-hour tribute to the human spirit. If you agree and think it needs to be made into a musical, let me know. It could be the greatest moment in the history of film comedy.

O'Ohio

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Bee Jon Stewart. That’s an SAT analog for you. Stewart: What are your influences?

CB: [Laugh] Probably DMX. I mean, in every episode, I pick up a little more of what the character is supposed to be like. I must have read a lot of Mel Brooks, Colbert-type [influence], but also, the American people [influence]. There is that connection. Stewart: Can’t get enough. A lot of people enjoy our comedy, but they don’t know why they enjoy it. CB: [laughs] Because the point Comedians is that we don’t take ourselves too seriously, obviously, but we do want to provide a sense of voice for Rice that it doesn’t have. For instance, the construction on campus is really annoying, and you could write an article about it, but no one would read that because everyone already knows it’s terrible; at the same time, it’s something weighing on people. We can’t really do anything about it, but I think just noticing it and bringing it into the open is a good thing.

Stewart: Is the comedy in the show staged?

CB: Sometimes we [pick up subjects], sometimes we don’t, and usually it’s a mix of the two. It can be very hard to tell. We’ve not even seen a lot of the time.

DD: It’s a mix between scripted and unscripted comedy.

Stewart: How is working with President Lebowitz?

CB: He is very intelligent, and as an acting go, he’s pretty good, and we had a really good time.

DD: It is probably good at improvisation, compared to reading from a script.

Stewart: Is Ping Sun as attractive as she appears in the Safari?

CB: Yes.

DD: He’s extremely intelligent, and as an acting guy, he’s very polished, and we had a really good time.

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Men's tennis catches breath before facing Tulsa

by Casey Michel

Although his recent stint as a starter did not go according to plan, senior pitcher Cole St. Clair has returned to his 2007 form as a reliever. During the second game of Rice's series with Marshall last weekend, the southpaw struck out six. Marshall batters to help the Owls hang on for a 3-9 win.

Owls' focus this week will be on their toughest in-state competition, the University of Texas. The 13th-ranked Longhorns (17-4) recently took two of three on the road from a scrappy Texas Tech University squad, and their potent offense is ninth in the nation with 476 runs per game. In addition, their batters are well-disciplined at the plate — their 136 walks are fourth in the country.

A win over Texas would obviously be a boon to Rice's rankings, but Graham said the Owls will undoubtedly face stiff competition from both the Longhorns and their fans.

"[Beating Texas] would be a tremendous power-rating game because it's a win on the road over a quality opponent," Graham said. "[But] it seems like half the state wears purple paraphernalia in Austin already." 

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Women’s tennis’ streak hits nine with victories over TSU, UTA

Sophomore Julie Chao prepares for a forehand in Rice’s 4-0 shutout of UTA last Sunday, extending the Owls’ win streak to nine matches. Rice will look to make that run double-digits on April 5 against C-USA foe SMU.

For a lesson in how to compete with SMU, the Owls need to look no further than the way they played Texas State last Saturday. Right off the bat, the No. 1 doubles duo of Chao and senior Dominique Karas blanked Andrea Giraldo and Ashley Ellis 6-0, taking only a half an hour to finish them off. Lee and sophomore Rebecca Lin followed with an 8-1 win over Jennifer Nowland and Sumanie Muller at the second spot on the ladder to secure the doubles point. Chao dominated Giraldo on center court with a 6-1, 6-0 triumph to begin singles. Lin then shut out Muller 64-69, and freshman Varsha Shiva-Shankar completed the dual match victory with a 66,62 win over Natalie McLeod.

"That was a good opportunity to get that feel for the postseason and end the regular season with a record of 16-3 and a winning pct. of .842," head coach Roger White said. "It was fun to watch [the team] play efficient tennis and finish quickly.

On Sunday, Rice continued its winning ways with another easy victory. As the last home match of the season, the Owls started off with a presentation of flowers to the team’s seniors. Graduating seniors Lee, Karas, Christine Dao and former player Kimberley Parenza were honored and celebrated for helping the Owls achieve four-year marks of an overall 43-7 home record, 385 in their second Conference USA foe of the year. The Mustangs are streaking as well, but in the opposite direction: Having faced a tough array of opponents in the last month, SMU will look to rebound from a five-match skid.

"I will remember that day and the huge flowers for the rest of my life," Lee said. "However, in a way it was somewhat anti-climatic because of the nature of the match against UTA. It did not feel like the last match [at home] because we are so focused on [the] conference [tournament]."

The match with UTA was rescheduled from February because the Mavericks had been plagued with injuries earlier in the season, but the team still could not field a full slate. Rice picked up a default victory at No. 1, and Lee and Lin managed to beat Sara Vesic and Daina Negrom in the No. 2 spot to seal the doubles point for Rice.

Rice automatically moved ahead to 5-0 as UTA only played four singles players and forfeited two points. In the No. 3 spot, Habi- gerova knocked off Lee 61-61 to earn UTAs lone point, but Karas clinched the match with a 61, 63 victory. Chao also added on with a 62, 75 win. Brad muscled out a tough three-set match 56, 62, 64 to complete the 61 triumph.

**ANALYZING THE STREAK**

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Home meets in bold
* denotes conference match
Colwick's vaulting leads men's track

by Brody Rollins

TSU Relays last week, the vaulters headed to the University of Texas to it turned out, the cool Austin air was of Texas Southern University for the traveled across town to the campus include Harvard University and the University of Texas at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium. Notable visiting teams Harvard University and the University of Texas, which is currently ranked ninth in the nation. While the rest of the runners traveled across town to the campus of Texas Southern University for the TSU Relays last week, the vaulters headed to the University of Texas to compete in the Texas Invitational. As it turned out, the cool Austin air was just what sophomore Jason Colwick needed as he vaulted a personal best mark of 17 feet, 3.5 inches on route to the first place. This marks the second event in a row that Colwick has had a notable vault — and freshman Shenaya Ramey tied Rice's indoor record three weeks ago with vaults of 17'3 at the Arkansas Last Chance Meet. Colwick was honored for his efforts with this weekend with his first ever Conference USA Track and Field Athlete of the Week mention. If Colwick is able to break the vaulting record of 18'4 this spring, he will have broken one of the most venerable records in all of Rice athletics. The current record-holder, Dave Roberts (Will Rice '73), won the NCAA Championship one year from 1977-73. Roberts then went on to win the bronze medal at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. At the TSU Relays, senior Bobba Heard also posted a broadjump performance, clocking a time of 46.92 seconds in the 400 meter sprint.

TOP RICE FINISHES LAST WEEKEND

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BASEBALL

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However, the opening game was just a warm-up for Gayhart. In the second contest of the series, which the Owls won 15-9, the junior batted around six RBIs with a home run and three doubles. Senior pitcher Cole St. Clair, recently relegated to the bullpen after sputtering as a starter, came into the game in relief and rang up six Marshall batters while allowing only four hits. In something of a statistical anomaly, Gayhart, who normally leads off the lineup, is currently leading Rice in RBIs with 33.

In the final game of the series, the Owls again carried the day, led by the solid hitting of senior first baseman J.P. Padrón and junior designated hitter Aaron Luna. Freshman shortstop Rick Hague also contributed with consistent hitting all weekend — he was named C-USA Hitter of the Week, leading the team with four round-trippers and a .360 batting average.

Graham noted that Hague is playing above what one could normally expect from a newcomer. "Hague doesn't play like a freshman," Graham said. "He's more steady and calm than most people."

Another offensive spark for the Owls came from junior catcher Adam Zornes, who has quietly accrued a .330 batting average with three home runs and 19 RBIs. "Zornes right now is MVP," said Graham. "Hitting, playing defense— he's our anchor."

Zornes went 2-3 on Tuesday against Texas State (12-8), helping Rice knock off the Bobcats 13-13 in San Marcos, Texas. Rice then returned to Houston to face UH (16-7) at Cougar Field. The Owls squeezed out a win against the Cougars earlier this month, winning 12-11 on a bunt in the bottom of the ninth.

Junior Adam Zornes sprints home in Rice's 8-5 loss to Houston on Wednesday. The defeat not only ended the team's 10-game winning streak, but the Cougars handed Rice its first conference loss of the year. The Owls will look to rebound as they welcome Southern Miss to Reckling Park this weekend.

A CLOSER LOOK

Statistics for the 2008 baseball season

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However, the Owls failed to complete the necessary late-game heroics the second time around. With Rice taking a 4-3 lead into the seventh inning, Houston's Bryan Pounds crushed a grand slam to put Houston atop for good. Both teams scored a single run in the eighth, but Houston cut off a Rice rally and added an insurance run to enter the top of the ninth with an 8-3 lead. With two on and two out, Dodson lifted a foul ball to the warning track before it landed harmlessly in right fielder Bryan Tully's mitt.

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Golf finishes in 11th place after second-round stumble

By Yan Digilov
THE THRESHER STAFF

While an 11th place finish would be disheartening to most, it was particularly disappointing for the golf team. After finishing in the top 10 in its last three tournaments, Rice was 11th out of 15 teams at the Carter Plantation Intercollegiate in Springfield, La., which concluded last Tuesday.

Through three rounds of play the team shot a cumulative score of 943. The Owls were unable to exceed the competition in straight sets as the opening frame, Zivojinovic fell away the competition in straight sets to seal another team win.

The early doubles results overwhelmed the previous day's action. After Muller and Zivojinovic dropped the first doubles match, the remaining Owls gutted out wins for an early lead.

Junior Christopher Muller leaps for a volley in Rice's 4-0 win over Middle Tennessee State last Saturday. Muller and partner Filip Zivojinovic gutted out an 8-6 win in doubles to help Rice earn the shutout.

**FINAL RESULTS**

Carter Plantation Intercollegiate
March 24-25 - Springfield, La.
1. Middle Tennessee St. 881
2. Marquette 907
3. La.-Lafayette 910
4. Jacksonville St. 916
5. Southeastern La. 920
6. UL Monroe 920
7. New Orleans 922
8. St. John's 922
9. Arkansas St. 935
10. UT San Antonio 942
11. Rice 943
12. Louisiana Tech 944
13. Troy 944
14. Belmont 953
15. Hofstra St. 964

The Owls tied for 12th place overall. Thomure's precision allowed the Owls to finish in ninth place as the first round concluded.

Unfortunately for Thomure, his strong start would not last long. The junior injured his wrist in an attempt to extract the ball from between a pair of rocks, and before the day was over, Thomure found himself with an 86-stroke second-round. Senior Addini Sue picked up his squad with a 75 in the second round, but it wasn't enough to save the Owls from falling to 12th place as the day closed. Their second-round total of 318 was six more than their opening round mark.

"This golf course is probably the most challenging golf course we have played all year," head coach Drew Scott said.

On Tuesday, the team was only able to secure a tie for 11th place with another mediocre day, shooting a combined 313. Three Owls ended upping an in-place with individual scores of 238. Chris Brown, whose stellar performance last week helped the Owls move up on the last day of play, finished in 36th place with a 236-stroke score.

"It is frustrating, because it seemed like we were all punched up in the average," Scott said. "We did not have a whole lot of high points."
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Massengale ends illustrious career with All-America honors

by Tracy Duncker

Walking out onto the pool deck at the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion, Senior Brittany Massengale was determined to not be intimidated by the bigger squads and their visible fan support. But as Rice's sole NCAA qualifier, Massengale had reason to be nervous.

Fortunately for Massengale, one of the most decorated swimmers in Rice history, the butterflies in her stomach could not slow her down on collegiate swimming's biggest stage. After placing 32nd in the 200-yard freestyle preliminaries, she qualified for the championship finals in the 1650 and 500 freestyle, where she placed 12th and 13th, respectively. Her two finishes in the finals were worth a cumulative score of nine points, which put Rice in a tie for 39th place. Massengale is the first Owl to score in two individual events at the national meet since Mandy Miharz (WVU '04) accomplished that feat at the NCAA Championships in 2002.

"This was the finest NCAA Championship there ever was, so to score at that meet is a pretty big deal," head coach Seth Huston said. "Any other your those times probably would have moved her up a few spots, but this wasn't any other year, and she probably rose to the occasion as well."

Not only did Massengale stifle her nervousness and also managed to break two school records that she had previously set. Massengale first broke the 500 freestyle record with a time of 4:15.26, 18 seconds. Her swim earned her the top seed in the consolation finals and she finished 0.6 seconds from qualifying for the championship final.

Later in the competition, Massengale set another school record in the 1650 freestyle by shattering her own time by more than five seconds to finish in 16:12.12. Although she did not compete in the 100 freestyle, her split in the 1650 freestyle of 49.76 was the best in Rice's history. Her top-16 finish in the 500 freestyle also earned her All-America honors. "The only goal that I hadn't really reached since I had been here in the last four years was making All-America," Massengale said. "You don't want to walk away from your career having just one un-reached goal."

Massengale will continue training through at least June, when she will compete in the Olympic Trials in both the 400 and 800 freestyle events. Huston said he is confident that as long as she stays healthy — Massengale has undergone two shoulder surgeries in the last four years — she will only continue to get better now that she has found the confidence to pair with her remarkable speed. "If I used one word to describe her, it would be "perseverance.""

Huston said. "There is no straight line to the top and... her highs have dipped up and down due to a lot of factors outside of her control. She just keeps battling away."

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Elizabeth is a senior from Wiess College

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Kate is a junior from Will Rice College

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Mar. 21, 2008 — Jake Hess Tennis Stadium

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2. Muller/Bierich (UTA) vs. Ellis (TSU) 8-1
3. Wang (RU) vs. Rocafort (MTSU) 6-3

Singles
1. Wang (RU) d. Lee (RU) 6-3, 6-2
2. Muller (RU) d. Ellis (TSU) 6-1, 6-2
3. Braid/Shiva-Shankar (RU) d. no player/no player, by forfeit

RICE 4 MTSU 2

Mar. 22, 2008 — Jake Hess Tennis Stadium

Doubles
1. Muller/Bierich (RU) vs. Jackson/Peers (USD) 8-1
2. Muller/Zivojinovic (RU) vs. van Monsjou/Ritchie (TSU) 8-4

Singles
1. Muller (RU) d. Jackson (USD) 6-1, 6-2
2. Muller (RU) d. Bierich (UL) 6-2, 6-1
3. Muller (RU) d. Negreanu (UTA) 6-1, 6-3
4. Wolmarans (USD) d. Zivojinovic (RU) 6-2, 6-1
5. Lin (RU) d. no player (UTA), by forfeit
6. Shiva-Shankar (RU) d. no player (UTA), by forfeit

RICE 4 TEXAS STATE 0

Mar. 22, 2008 — Jake Hess Tennis Stadium

Doubles
1. Muller/Bierich (RU) vs. Ellis (TSU) 6-1, 6-2
2. Muller/Zivojinovic (RU) vs. Ellis (TSU) 8-0

Singles
1. Muller (RU) d. Ellis (TSU) 6-1, 6-2
2. Muller (RU) d. Giraldo (TSU) 6-1, 6-2
3. Wang (RU) vs. Lee/Lin (RU) 8-2
4. Muller (RU) vs. Ellis (TSU) 6-1, 6-2
5. Muller (RU) vs. Ellis (TSU) 6-1, 6-2
6. Muller (RU) vs. Ellis (TSU) 6-1, 6-2

RICE 4 SAN DIEGO 2

Mar. 23, 2008 — Jake Hess Tennis Stadium

Doubles
1. Muller/Bierich (RU) vs. Jackson/Peers (USD) 8-0
2. Muller/Zivojinovic (RU) vs. van Monsjou/Ritchie (TSU) 8-4

Singles
1. Wang (RU) d. Lee (RU) 6-1, 6-2
2. Muller (RU) d. Bierich (UL) 6-2, 6-1
3. Muller (RU) d. Negreanu (UTA) 6-1, 6-3
4. Wolmarans (USD) d. Zivojinovic (RU) 6-2, 6-1
5. Lin (RU) d. no player (UTA), by forfeit
6. Shiva-Shankar (RU) d. no player (UTA), by forfeit

WOMEN'S TENNIS

RICE 4 TEXAS STATE 0

Mar. 22, 2008 — Jake Hess Tennis Stadium

Doubles
1. Muller/Zivojinovic (RU) vs. von Monsjou/Ritchie (TSU) 8-4
2. Muller/Bierich (UTA) vs. Ellis (TSU) 8-1
3. Wang (RU) vs. Rocafort (MTSU) 6-3

Singles
1. Wang (RU) d. Lee (RU) 6-3, 6-2
2. Muller (RU) d. Ellis (TSU) 6-1, 6-2
3. Braid/Shiva-Shankar (RU) d. no player/no player, by forfeit

RICE 6 UT-ARLINGTON 1

Mar. 23, 2008 — Jake Hess Tennis Stadium

Doubles
1. Muller/Zivojinovic (RU) vs. Jagosova/Hadvigerova (UTA) 8-3
2. Muller/Bierich (UTA) vs. no player/no player, by default

Singles
1. Wang (RU) d. Jagosova (UTA) 6-2, 6-1
2. Muller (RU) d. Hadvigerova (UTA) 6-2, 6-1
3. Wang (RU) d. no player (UTA), by forfeit
4. Muller (RU) d. no player (UTA), by forfeit

RICE 4 MARQUETTE 2

Mar. 24, 2008 — Jake Hess Tennis Stadium

Doubles
1. Muller/Bierich (RU) vs. Ellis (TSU) 6-1, 6-2
2. Muller/Zivojinovic (RU) vs. van Monsjou/Ritchie (TSU) 8-4

Singles
1. Muller (RU) d. Jackson (USD) 6-4, 6-1
2. Muller (RU) d. Bierich (UL) 6-1, 6-4
3. Wang (RU) vs. Lee/Lin (RU) 8-2
4. Muller (RU) vs. Ellis (TSU) 6-1, 6-2
5. Muller (RU) vs. Ellis (TSU) 6-1, 6-2
6. Muller (RU) vs. Ellis (TSU) 6-1, 6-2

RICE 4 NEW ORLEANS 0

Mar. 25, 2008 — Jake Hess Tennis Stadium

Doubles
1. Muller/Bierich (RU) vs. Ellis (TSU) 6-1, 6-2
2. Muller/Zivojinovic (RU) vs. van Monsjou/Ritchie (TSU) 8-4

Singles
1. Wang (RU) d. Lee (RU) 6-1, 6-2
2. Muller (RU) d. Bierich (UL) 6-2, 6-1
3. Muller (RU) d. Negreanu (UTA) 6-1, 6-3
4. Wolmarans (USD) d. Zivojinovic (RU) 6-2, 6-1
5. Lin (RU) d. no player (UTA), by forfeit
6. Shiva-Shankar (RU) d. no player (UTA), by forfeit

GOLF

CARTER PLANTATION INTERCOLLEGIATE

Carter Plantation, Longview, TX

Men's Results
1. Marquette 907
2. Rice 900
3. Marquette 904
4. Rice 897
5. Rice 879

Women's Results
1. Marquette 907
2. Rice 900
3. Marquette 904
4. Rice 897
5. Rice 879

Golf Results
1. Marquette 907
2. Rice 900
3. Marquette 904
4. Rice 897
5. Rice 879

These invoices brought to you by:

Casey Michel's brother, a tough kid from last singing in
participating the panicking.

Junior scales, she promised great. I knew how she
had mental big picture also.

"Casey Miller looks like a big man. But for the
they decided."

"Dallas 2000. Tomorrow for the season."

4 days 14 hours 38 min.

Yankees suck. BTW, by the time the paper comes out.

100+ participating facebook friends.

Natalie sucks. She should be grateful I forwarded her
outside of her control. She just keeps

Natalie's calculations are going to be waaaay off.
CALENDAR

mar. 28 - apr. 4

FRIDAY

I'm the Gingerbread Man. Stop by the Rice Track and Field Stadium anytime today or tomorrow for the Victor Lopez Bayou Classic. Free admission with a Rice student ID.

It's not just science fiction Dr. Stephen Peterson, from the M.D. Anderson, will give a talk on the uses of accelerated proton beams in cancer treatment, 4-5 p.m. in Herstein 210. This is cool stuff.

Hey Mr. DJ (Keep Playin' This Song) R2 Launch Party. The short version: Tonight, 5-7:30 p.m., Her
ing Hall Courtyard. Effects: Free literary magazines featuring the work of talented Rice under
dergraduate writers, free food and free beer. Bring a friend.

Eagle Pennell is an awesome name "Wood burning cinema," anyone? It's a phrase Roger Ebert made up to de
scribe regional American theatre. The Rice Cinema will be showing two films of Eagle Pennell, a pioneer in the field, tonight 7-10 p.m. Head down to the Rice Media Center's Film Auditorium and absorb Pennell's Hall of a Note and King of Texas.

Man, I feel like a woman! The annual Rice Drag Show is tonight, 8 p.m. - midnight in Willy's Pub. A $2 donation is appreci
ated at the door. (And of course, it's midnight in Willy's Pub.) All proceeds benefit HATCH, Houston's youth GLBT organization.

It started out very French Rice Program Council's Rondolet is tonight, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. at the Medical Center's Trevi
sio (a restaurant). But, of course, it's midnight all the time at "Midnight Masquerade." Hopefully, you've already got tickets from your RPC Rep.

SATURDAY

"When you help others, you can't help helping yourself!" RSVP's Outreach day is today, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Go to www.rice.edu/rsvp for more info.

What a Waterful World It's time for the annual Environmental Club Conference. It is being held in the Weiss Commons from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. This year we will be explor
ing the wonders of water. Panel discussions include talks about flooding, water privatization, and water management. Keynote speaker Susan Kadera from the National Wildlife Federation will be talk
ing about the effects of climate change on water. And of course, there will be free breakfast and lunch from all your favo
rite Houston restaurants.

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