Southern Reconstruction

Baer, Will Rice, Lovett to undergo renovation in years to come

BY DALE SWARTZ
THE THRESHER

A major step is set in the minds of many students on campus, particularly undergraduates. Fall 2009. This is when major construction for current projects will conclude — including the Autry Court renovation, the Rice Renaissance Center, the Collaborative Research Center and Duncan and McMurtry Colleges. Even with a dramatically transformed campus, the construction-free hiatus is getting further away, because a new, complex project is on the drawing board.

Dean of Undergraduates Bobbi Ferman is spearheading a $90 million, 12-month renovation that will affect Baker, Will Rice and Lovett Colleges. All students at Baker and some at Will Rice will be displaced in the academic year 2009-'10 during their college's renovation.

The Board of Trustees approved the predesign for the project at its meeting in late March. While the design is still evolving, current plans call for demolition, renovation and expansion of three of the six south colleges.

Baker's plan

The most extensive construction will be at Baker. The corner of the 1990's wing will be demolished, and the remaining portions of that building will be extensively renovated. A large new wing will be connected to the current Housing and Dining office, whose facilities — including the kitchen and servers — will also be renovated and incorporated into Baker. Administration and construction will bring the total number of beds at Baker from 207 to 240, said Facilities, Engineering and Planning Project Manager Eleni Barzouka.

The newly renovated, East-West portion of the 1990's wing at Baker will become part of Lovett, forming the third side of a new quad for the college.

The Southern wing of Will Rice will be completely demolished and replaced by a new wing which will hold 272 beds. The entire college will see a net increase of 14 beds, to total 232. A new Will Rice master's house will be constructed, though its location has not been determined.

There are six major changes in store for the South Colleges:

1. The addition of a North Wing to Baker College, which will house 22 students.
2. Renovation to the Baker servery and kitchen.
4. The E/W Wing of Baker will be renovated and reassigned as part of Lovett's servery and kitchen.
5. The addition of an East Wing to Will Rice College, which will house 212 students, and the old 1950's wing of Will Rice will be demolished.
6. The construction of an East Servery and Kitchen, linking the Lovett and Will Rice Commons.

Web Exclusive: See the complete plans at ritzeresearch.org

Common reading controversy continues

BY CINDY DUNN
THE THRESHER

As Orientation Week advisers prepare to leave campus next month for summer break, they will lack away a copy of this year's common reading book. A selection committee of students, a faculty member and Advisor to the Dean of Undergraduates Matthew Taylor met earlier this month to narrow down the list to 28 contenders. Alas Raymond's memoir, How to Rig an Election: Confessions of a Republican Operative and Greg Mortenson's novel, Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace..., One School at a Time.

Both non-fiction works have been selected for their relevance to current events, Taylor said.

"The response from How to Rig an Election has been really positive," he said. "Just the subtitle really engages people's political feelings." He said the book is not ideological but gives readers a behind-the-scenes view of the political process and addresses ethical issues, which may help prepare students to discuss the upcoming presidential election.

Students' various reactions to How to Rig an Election were mixed when Taylor introduced the book to 500 Advisers, with some students suggesting the subject content might polarize people.

President's Study Break

Take a breather from all that academic you're trying to cram down your throat to throw food three instead! The President's Study Break will be held next Friday from 9-11 p.m. in the Lay Student Center as well as in the newly opened Becton Pavilion.

"I'm not worried about that," Taylor said. "In a university setting, it's okay to disagree. The university has complete faith in 0-Week advisers and upperclassmen to help new students learn how to talk about things that might be difficult." Taylor is more concerned with how the community outside of Rice will feel.

"I think folks outside of Rice who haven't read the book will look at the title only and say Rice is bashing the Republican Party," Taylor said. "If we choose this book, we're thinking of how best to present it to the world outside of the hedge."

The other possible selection, Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace..., One School at a Time.

Backup server brought online after crash

BY RACHEL CARLSON
THE THRESHER

One of Rice's three email servers suffered a hardware failure and a subsequent operating system collapse at 10 a.m. Monday. The failure severely slowed email access for about 50 percent of users until after 2 p.m. Director of System Architecture and Infrastructure Barry Ribbeck said a replica mail service was implemented in lieu of a failed server and functions exactly like the original system.

Ribbeck said the failure at 10 a.m., was repaired with a replacement part within 30 minutes, but a floor of recovered information led to the corruption of the operating system, which was restored at 2 p.m. E-mail access was restored at 3 p.m. Ribbeck said the failed email service used to restore services was installed during Winter Break in response to previous email outages in the fall semester.

"When messages are mailed to your account, they go to two independent systems," Ribbeck said. "When one system fails, we can turn on the second one."

The Information Technology Department planned to test the replica this summer but was forced to implement it during Monday's system failure, Ribbeck said.

The backup server differs from the original in that it does not contain a quarantine system for spam. Ribbeck said the replica will still include the required blocklist system, which continually screens incoming messages, marking them as spam for removal.

Ribbeck said that the replica e-mail server is a new and innovative method of system recovery. Only two other institutions in the world, Carnegie Mellon University and University of Michigan, use this backup feature.

"The email system now is set up at different locations, we are far away from where they're doing, Ribbeck said. "Some don't even have an email server."

It is still deciding whether to revert back to the original system or use the replica as the primary mail server. One of the disadvantages of using the replica is that it is based in a supplier that doesn't have a customer outside of the University and University of Michigan, use this backup feature.

"We are planning to do a test this summer, in terms of whether the replica works," Ribbeck said. "Overall, in terms of the replication process, everybody's very happy with the processing of it."
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Common reading requires big planning

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Karen Leu is a Wiess College senior.

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There is something to be said about the terrifying and unstable march of time, reducing mountains to sand and flesh to dust in the unstoppable event of death. Life is fragile, change is inevitable. When we do these things, they’re doing it wrong, and they probably think Victoria’s Secret is the height of fashion couture. They’re just doing it technically. And sometimes I think I’m doing it technically.

While sex suffers from the sins of clichéd popularity, a subtle, new trend is taking root among the anti-social metapopulation.

This author is a Homestead College senior and backpage editor.

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Students dispute deadline change
Registrar extends grading deadline for MECH 408

BY CINDY DAVO
THE RICE THRESHER

As the majority of the senior class prepares for the last round of final exams, the days leading up to graduation are stressful for many students. The registrar has set a deadline of May 9 for seniors to enter grades, but this deadline has been extended to May 5, causing some confusion.

"Everyone was pretty much unanimously inconvenienced by the [decision] because it's in the middle of senior week when most people go and travel," said an anonymous MECH 408 student.

"This date was chosen in order to give the French students a little bit more time since they started at most a month later than the U.S. students," said a Rice registrar.

Ghorbel said the May 9 date for grade submissions was chosen to ensure that all students have the opportunity to present their designs before the end of final exams and to prevent students from leaving town early if they are having trouble submitting grades.

"We don't like to make exceptions, but in this case, because of the international aspect of this, all grades will be included in the honors calculations," Tenney said.

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by CATHERINE BRATTON
THE NEWS IN BRIEF

In anticipation of several final exams this week, President David Leebron and Dean of Undergraduates Robin Foxman are encouraging students to return to a more simple era: the 1950s. The "50s Sock Hop themed study break will celebrate the Rice Memorial Center's 50th anniversary and open for nominations for the new pavilion. The "50s Sock Hop will be held Sunday, April 30, from 9-11 p.m.

Student Association External Vice President Nick Muskara said he thinks the study break will be attractive and engaging for students because it will incorporate the pavilion as well as the Student Center.

"Hopefully we can use these new buildings to bring more students together," Muskara said. "Rice has changed a lot, and I think everyone learned something."
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A byproduct of the Fox 6 news story last Friday to explain how they rotated the 2,000-lb. statue. After a screening of a documentary of the event, they also unveiled plans for a $138,000 engineering fund.

“Willy’s Statue, Rice when the prank was pulled. Gray covered the story for the Houston Chronicle and interviewed eight of the 11 members of the group.

“And we wanted to make sure the statue was involved, too,” Smith said. The group had attempted to get the pedestal involved, to no avail.

The around 6 a.m. on April 12, 1988, the group finished rotating the statue.

“It was something like, ‘Did you win the Pirate Prize or something?’” Dyson said. “But his next guess was that I had turned Willy’s statue.”

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38 graduating seniors to enter Phi Beta Kappa society

By Cindy Dine

THRESHER STAFF

This spring, 83 graduating seniors were invited to become members of Beta of Texas, Rice’s Phi Beta Kappa chapter. The academic society, which was established in 1776 at the College of William and Mary, honors the top 10 percent of each graduating class. The academic society, which allows leeway for one one-hundredth of a point, McStay said. Once initiated into PBK, students become lifetime members. Beta of Texas members include Rice faculty, students and staff who have been initiated by any PBK chapter. Members help the chapter host events like visiting scholar lectures.

The largest PBK event of the year is the annual initiation ceremony, held the day before commencement. The event, open to the public, includes the introduction of new members and the ceremony will explain the symbolic significance of the key which embellishes the Phi Beta Kappa literature and memorabilia.

McStay said the ceremony will recognize the seniors’ work throughout their time at Rice. “It’s a sweet ceremony that uses language from 1776,” McStay said. In addition, the two top-ranked graduating seniors will deliver remarks about their time at Rice. Students who bring a historic ledger of Beta Texas members dating back to the first Rice chapter in 1929, The ceremony will explain the symbolic significance of the key which embellishes the Phi Beta Kappa literature and memorabilia.

McStay said the ceremony will recognize seniors’ work throughout their time at Rice. “The ceremony honors their achievement and breadth of education and the caliber and quality of their work,” McStay said.

She said PBK is the oldest and most prestigious honor society in the United States.

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Ye, focused on the author’s strategy to fight terrorism by building schools in tribal Afghanistan and Pakistan.

“If it’s a story about how Westerners can engage Islam in a humanitarian way,” Taylor said.

Taylor said the committee is leaning toward selecting how to rig the Rice campus election but logistical complications may prevent it from doing so. Since the school is in a high-density building site, it would be double the cost of those of Duncan and McMurtry, Taylor said. The school is planning to purchase about 1,400 pizzas to give to the free for incoming freshmen, O-Week advisers, college mentors and other faculty members.

Taylor is working with the publishers to receive the books before students arrive for the summer.

The purpose of the common reading book is to engage the Rice community in open dialogue. The first attempt to establish the common reading initiative was this year’s book, “Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature and Climate Change” by Elizabeth Kolbert. Taylor said the book was a success.

“We really raised issues of sustainability and global warming to hold visibility on campus. We’d like next year’s book to move the campus in a similar way,” Taylor said.

Matthew Taylor
Advisor to the Dean of Undergraduates

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Possible location is the northeast corner of the Will Rice quad.

The new servery

A new servery and kitchen will be constructed, connected to both Lovett and Rice Hall, although the current plans call for the new servery to be built on the site of the old. The location is in the open area near the library at the corner of the Will Rice quad.

The proposal will add a total of five to the campus. Taylor said this increase in bed capacity will not affect the percentage of students living on campuses with the expected increase in enrollment. Ramoza, who is also in charge of the student’s community, said the school is planning to work on the plan at its May meeting, design work would begin immediately. Construction would last from May 2009 to July 2010.

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Some students inquired about portion sizes and especially its effect on housing during the April events. Taylor also acknowledged that because of the extensive work at Baker, the college would be closed in its entirety for 2009-10. A considerable proportion of Rice students will also be displaced because the college’s administration plans to use the space for temporary housing that will last from March 2009 to July 2010.

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STUDENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES
The following minutes were brought to the Student Association meeting on April 14. It was the last SA meeting of the year.

• Student Association President Matt Yun said topics from last week’s workshop are up on the SA Web site at sa.rice.edu. Yun, a Brown College sophomore, said the SA plans to work on organizing more all-star games with the athletics department, following up on the new system of academic advising without the IRA’s present identification number and environmental concerns, publishing the SA door-to-door for new students at the beginning of the year and figuring out the best way to communicate with the student body.

• Youn said the results of the Fodder Library poll are up on the SA Web site. In total, 348 students responded. He said the majority of students felt the library should be open later on Friday and Saturday but should not open on Sunday morning.

• Internal Vice President Akshay Dasgupta announced the new committee heads, which are available online.

• External Vice President Nick Muscarca said Take Me Out to the Ballgame would be held Friday at 4:30 p.m. Muscarca, a Martel College sophomore, said the event will feature food from individual colleges and students are encouraged to bring cans of food for the food drive. He said college servers will be closed on Friday evening for dinner.

• Student Life Committee Chair Kyle Clark said the campus-wide opening of the Brochstein Pavilion will be Friday, April 17. Clark, a Will Rice College sophomore, said the pavilion will stay open 24 hours a day during finals week as a test run and will sell sandwiches, salads, soup and baked goods. He said the test run will gauge the level of student activity and see if the pavilion can remain open 24 hours on a regular basis.

• Muscarca said the President’s Study Break will be Sunday, April 27, from 9-11 p.m. He said the event will include a full hoop contest, cotton candy, chair massages, distribution of this year’s Campuswide Magazine-themed food from Sammy’s Cafe, a soda fountain in Will’s Pub and an Elvis impersonator.

• Advisor to the Dean of Undergraduates Matthew Taylor presented the current plan for renovating the south colleges. He said construction will start in May 2009 and last 18 months, to be completed after the 2009-10 school year. He said students can contact him via email at pttd@rice.edu with questions.

• Parishnicat Chris Warrington introduced the club approvals.

• The Senate approved the Student Voices club, Rice Independent Media, the Health Science club, the Sierra Student Coalition at Rice and the Rice Microfinance club.

• The Senate approved Baker college junior Brittany Henry’s nomination for University Blue editor in chief.

• Parishnicat Christopher Warrington introduced a motion to create a new student-created Committee on Constitution Revisions. The senate approved the motion.

• Treasurer Tiffany Wu presented the SA’s budget for the year. Youn said the SA has typically not spent all its budget in recent years so it is trying to spend most of its funds. He said the SA’s budget is similar to the budget expected for a blanket tax organization.

• Environmental Committee co-chair Lauren Laustsen, Patrick McNamara and Environmental Committee chair-elect Sarah Garrett presented President David Leibovitz’s American and College University Climate Commitment. Laustsen, a Sid Richardson College senior, said Leibovitz will notify the committee of changes. McNamara, a Brown College sophomore, said the committee will continue its campus energy policy, which focuses on energy efficiency. Laustsen said Director of Residential Dining Mark Dilman bought biodegradable disposables for use in servers next year.

• Brown College junior Roxana Daneshpajouh said students interested in a AIDS charity concert should contact her at roxajraprice@gmail.com. She said she would need to know the level of participation before the end of April.

An SAS dance to remember

Members of the Fusion Fitters dance group perform at the Rice South Asian Society’s annual SAS Night, which was held Saturday in the BMC’s Grand Hall.
Only a few dim stars in La bohème

BY BRIAN REIMHAERT
THESSER STAFF

Passionate romance, jealousy and redemption, humor and tragedy — Giacomo Puccini's La bohème is simple and will be familiar to those who have watched the musical Moulin Rouge. The recent film version of Moulin Rouge was based partially on Puccini's opera, which is also about a bohemian artist who meets the love of his life just as she is on the verge of death. In La bohème, the two lovers are Rodolfo and Mimi, who endure their share of jealousy and bickering before they are confronted with the reality of Mimi's certain death.

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forms the apartment from a grungy bachelor pad into a sparkling abode. Like Taylor’s, Trussell’s role also fits him like a glove, and as a result, the two together onstage are very enjoyable to watch.

While the play loses some steam during these one-on-one spots, the supporting cast ensures that the excitement is never too far away. Oscar’s poker buddies — Speed, Vinnie, Murray the cop and Roy the accountant (Will Rice College freshmen Nathan L. Ross, Kyung Oh, Justin Lin and Abhishek Nag) — are a motley crew of jokesters who provide support and advice for Oscar at various points throughout the play, as well as plenty of comic relief for the audience. In addition, Will Rice freshmen Anara DiFrancesco and Kelsey Zottnick play Gwendolyn and Felix, and even the average students will laugh at some of the hidden Easter eggs in the script or the different characters’ antics onstage. The Odd Couple should appeal to almost any taste, no matter how messy the eater.

The set, designed by Shepherd School Technical Director Troy McLaughlin, perfectly embodies an everyday apartment. It includes doors for the kitchen, restroom and entry, shelves stocked with books, a record player; a couch and even a record player. The Will Rice Players have poured their time and effort into this production, and it definitely shows. Comedy fans will love the play for its witty and smart dialogue, drag; fans will love the play. For its engaging and sometimes emotional exchanges between Oscar and Felix, and even the average Rice student will laugh at some of the hidden Easter eggs in the script or the different characters’ antics. The Odd Couple should appeal to almost any taste, no matter how messy the eater.

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British accents are spot on and never get old, thanks to dialect coach Katelyn Willis, a Will Rice junior.

Slovenly Oscar (Raines Taylor, Will Rice ’08) hashes it out with poker buddies Murray, Vinnie and Roy (Will Rice freshmen Justin Liu, Kyung Oh and Abhishek Nag) in Will Rice’s sophomore theatrical production, The Odd Couple.
Heard spritns to top 20 in country

by Brody Rollins

Each week this spring it seems as though a different member of the men's track team jumps, throws or runs into the spotlight. And this week was no exception. Senior Bubba Heard found the bright lights when he finished first in the 200 meters at the Texas Southern championships with a personal best time of 20.93 seconds. His time was 36 seconds faster than his previous finisher, fellow senior Gary Anderson, who clocked a time of 21.29.

Heard received the Conference USA male track athlete of the week award on Wednesday, but that was perhaps the least important of his accolades. Senior Desarie Walwyn once again posted a top finish. As a follow-up to her national record attempt last week she earned a top 20 national spot in the 100-meter dash; her 11.52 second finish is the fastest this year in Rice women's track and field history. The spraying time set the pace for the Owls, who grabbed first place finishes in four separate events.

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Walwyn sets personal-best in 100

by Natalie Clericiuzzo

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Walwyn's victory in the 100 was not Rice's only top finish this week—as a follow-up to her nation's best result in the pole vault two weekends ago, senior Rachel Griffith once again posted a first-place mark. Her height of 12 feet, 5 inches was a little below her record-breaking 12 feet, 5.5 inches, but Lewis attributed the performance to adjustments with her equipment.

"It's a great victory," said Lewis. "She has a little bit of air left of her, and she's going to keep that going. She's going to continue to work on it, and she's going to keep it going next week."
Mid-April Thresher baseball predictions

What, did you think the Mitchell Report got us?

American League West
1. Seattle (66-66): Ichiro's age begins to show, says, he would rather "wear dentures than play in Cleveland." Adding to drama, Clay Bennett's attempt to buy Mariners is foiled because Bud Selig is closet Cornhuskers fan.
3. Oakland (82-80): Billy Beane, bored by Huston Street, trades closer to Texas for pack of beef jerky. In 2011, jerky will win A.L. MVP.
4. Texas (70-92): In surprise midseason acquisition, Chan Ho Park returns. As a vendor. Dozens of fans injured by wayward peanuts.

American League Central
1. Cleveland (99-69): As ink on new, multi-million contract dries, Fausto Carmona instantly gains 200 pounds and wins AL Cy Young award, but chokes when team needs him most. Somewhere, C.C. Sabathia smiles.
2. Chicago (97-65): Hitter Pence comes on to Home History Channel’s "Ax Men:" into permanent role, costs White Sox chance at glory.
3. Detroit (95-73): After years of crooked-hat syndrome, Dontrelle Willis straightens cap, disturbing center of gravity and going 2-24 on the year.
4. Minnesota (75-87): Former Astros shortsstop Adam Everett finds home in Metrodome, finally manages to fit ball out of the infield.
5. Kansas City (63-120): OMGZ like they are soooooo bad. ROTFL.

American League East
2. New York (95-67): In strangest twist of All-Star Festivities, Derek Jeter tearfully brings basket of home-baked cookies for Joe Torre, begs him to come back.
3. Toronto (88-76): Scott Rolen’s shoulder miraculously heals in Toronto air. Rolen’s fist, however, is injured upon contact with Tony La Russa’s jaw.
5. Baltimore (65-97): At least they got rid of Miguel Tejada...

Mutombo brought on as new basketball coach

by Stefan "Roids" Whitefield

On Wednesday afternoon, Rice Athletics Director Chris Del Conte named former Houston Rockets center Dikembe Mutombo as the new head coach of the men's basketball team. Mutombo will be taking the place of Ben Braun, who recently took over as the New York Knicks head coach following Isiah Thomas’ entrance into an insane asylum.

While people are still debating whether or not Braun is a "former Rice coach" since he only compiled a 4-16 record in one off-season, Del Conte said he was very excited about working with Mutombo.

"Holy cow, I can’t tell you how excited I am to be in a Rice (big) today," proclaimed the Khalil hijo Del Conte. "Mutombo brings everything we want for Rice: hunting, ball handling and height. He’s a triple threat!"

While he has played basketball nearly all of his life, next season will be the first Mutombo has spent the bench. However, according to the new coach, he made a promise to himself to keep his composed while coaching.

"I lack in the耐心 earlier today, but say, ‘Will you run onto the court to play?’ Mutombo said. ‘And I respond, ‘No, no, no!’

Mutombo had an extensive career on the basketball court. After basketball success at George-town, entered his dreams of becoming a doctor, the Denver Nuggets chose the big man with the fourth overall pick in 1994. Mutombo jumped around the league before settling in Houston in 2004. One of Mutombo’s proudest moments, he said, was when he predicted that Tracy McGrady would be injured during the 2001-02 season.

"You know, sometime before the season ask me, ‘Will I be healthy this season?’ Mutombo said. ‘And I laugh and say, ‘No, no, no!’ and I wave my finger like this.” However, Mutombo’s court prowess is not the sole reason he is admired throughout basketball circles. While regarded as the greatest Congolese role model since King Leopold, Mutombo has done much to help the humanitarian crisis endemic to central Africa. From selling r-shirts at discounted prices to reminding people that Zaire changed its name to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mutombo’s aid has gone above and beyond what many other NBA players could have accomplished.

However, one problem still remains. The Rockets. Certain Rice fans will fill up the same night as Rockets road games, wearing the ones that Zaire changed in name to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mutombo’s aid has gone above and beyond what many other NBA players could have accomplished.

Mutombo said he was not worried about the possible ramifications of such a schedule.

"When Del Conte say, ‘Will you be able to make it to the games?’ I say yes and say, ‘No, no, no!’ Mutombo said. "I say to Del Conte, ‘I am Dikembe Mutombo! I do what I want! You want me all the time? I say no, no, no!’"
While the Pirates are nearly at the top of the conference standings, the Owls are sitting at the bottom of the pack. Rice took full advantage of their opponents' obvious struggles early on Friday, breaking up an eleven run lead with the help of a solo home run by senior first baseman J. P. Padron and a three-run blast by junior catcher Adam Jones. But plans quickly went awry, as the Blazers came back and tied the game to no unanswered runs. Fortunately for the Owls, junior infielder Chad Montgrow displayed some late-game hustle to score the game's winning run.

The next day, Rice checked the drama at the door, winning 11-0 behind a good start by junior pitcher Chris Kelley and an excellent relief outing by junior Bryan Price, who hurled five strikeouts in 1.2 innings. Freshman designated hitter Doug Simmons hit his first career home run, and Bel made his first appearance in relief this season, pitching a scoreless ninth inning.

Consolidating the sweep of the Blazers proved to be challenging, however, as the Owls had to go into extra innings to pull out a victory in the tenth inning. Ted 6-4 after nine frames, St.Clair came into the game at the bottom of the tenth inning. In the bottom of the tenth, UAB relievers cruised to an easy win.

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she explored a different pole and it will end up helping her. The competition was a benefit to her because she got on a pole that will get her a higher vault down the road."

Alongside Greff and Walwyn, two other seniors won their events. Chan- dra Browning took first in the 400 hurdles with a mark of 1:14.46, and Lacee Carmon won the 100 hurdles and 110 meter hurdles over a time of 12.46. In addition to her win, Carmon kept 9-5-5 in the long jump, which was not only her lifetime-best by five inches but also a regional qualifying mark.

Women's Club
Lacrosse downs Hilltoppers

Marta senior Gillian Alex looks up the field on Saturday against St. Edwards. Rice came back from a 4-6 halftime deficit to win the match 11-10 with a goal by Lovett sophomore Tara Barry in the final seconds. The Owls' final match is scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. against LSU at O'Connor Field.

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home to host the Rice Twilight Meet on Friday, April 25, headlining Rice’s competition will be Texas A&M University, Stephen F. Austin University and the University of Texas-Arlington. The meet will be held at the Rice Track/Dodder Stadium, and will last from 6-8:30 p.m.

Rice had success in other events this past weekend, recording a total of five other first-place finishes aside from Haardt’s. Rice performed well in the jumping events, as senior Devon Fainfar grabbed first in the long jump with a mark of 23 feet, 9.5 inches. The jump was a personal best for Fainfar and also gave him the top mark in the conference. Fainfar will likely continue to focus on the triple jump, an event in which he could attain All-American status.

Senior Omar Wright matched his season best mark of 6.0-25 in the high jump en route to finishing first. Sophomore Chris Kato and freshman John Berens both recorded their first wins of the year. Berens took the triple jump with a mark of 56-3.5 and Kato won the pole vault after clearing 15-11. Rice also finished first in the 4x100 relay with a time of 41.04.

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Golf struggles at River Landing
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FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

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SATURDAY 19

Sketchy stuff.

Rice Sketch Comedy pens for causal runs. The secret airing of RSC's latest is tonight in the Harnett Commons, 7-9 p.m. Word on the street: SA President Matt Youn will cameo. If nothing else, come out for that. I mean... Matt Youn? Hot. (And free pizzas.)

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Get ready for the Animal House quips to bust out, cause it's Bacchanalia: go out in grand Greek style and party like it's 400 B.C. Or B.C.E., if you want to take an extra letter on for little apostrophe mania. Regardless, pin on your finest sheets and sandals, head over to Brown and get crazy for Bacchanals. Maybe a moment of silence to thank the Greeks for two of the many great things they gave us from their culture: Democracy and Drinking. Thus, in the tradition of traditions: 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. in the Brown Commons.

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Yo, it's Friday

That's right. It's Friday. Apr. 22. At least, according to your schedule. Perhaps the Registrar's Office accidentally put up the RPC calendar... (Read: Friday classes today.)

SUNDAY 27

Hop by Hop-west

President David Leebron and Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman are hosting these annual rumously renamed "President's and Dean's Study Break." This semester's theme: "SOCK HOP." And I want to see this taken as literally as possible. Because nothing's cooler than jumping around with no shoes on, I'm going to wing the rest of this because the info hasn't been posted yet. I predict we will offer free food, game booths of a sort and some kind of music, genres unfixed. Despite the current of the night, the feel it'll be the floor in the entire BME at 6 p.m. and don't stop bopping until 11 p.m.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Word of the day: "passionnoodle." It's like cannoodling, but with considerably more passion. Please insert this in Evan's column. HL, LIt.
A clubs guide for prospeis

It used to be that Owl Weekend, that mystical time when prospective students would visit, would be marked by colorful fun and events galore — including a club’s fair. But with the new Owl Week energement, prospeis have nothing of the clubs Rice has to offer, leaving their minds null and void of the knowledge they’d need when choosing what clubs to join come September.

Luckily, the Backpage is here to help! With the help of science, we have graphed Rice’s clubs onto an easy-to-use club matrix, visually demonstrating the amount of work a club requires, and the corresponding worthlessness of said club as measured on a standard of doing a thing.

Baker Institute Student Forum: Do you have the political knowledge to be able to take the speakers that the Baker Institute has arranged for you, sit in the audience, hand out name tags and wear a suit? Then BISF is right for you! If you really need good, you get surrounded by various politicians’ photos.

You can feel important because you have the same conversations that everyone else has about politics, but got to put the name of James Baker III on it.

Thrashers: Wan na write in a publication every week? Wan na provide a historical record for Rice University and a key source of information for campus? Wan na work 40 hours a week, every week, forever until you want to kill yourself and still each issue is full of errors? Then the Thrasher is right for you! Make friends, and if you’re lucky, enemies.

Queens and Allies: First meeting: Go to meeting and see who else is gay. Second meeting: Third meeting: Drag show!

ADVANCE: It takes a very special type of person who can further diversity at Rice with talking about Africa at lunch meetings once a week.

Student Association: Like your winter break long, your sprung with zeroes and your course evals online? Just balance some doing things with worthless assignments and you will have never read the SA constitution or club bylaws.

Rice Program Council: Work hard to plan events like Rondelet and Esperanza so that no one shows up.

RTVs: It takes about 3 hours of ed- ing to get to 9 minutes worth of air time, so spend your days slating away at 2 terabytes of data at the KMC’s first and a half floor for the sake of a few crappy shows.

Wannabe Blue: All the work of taking stuff other people have written as crappy fiction or LIVEjournal poetry, putting it on paper, then shooting it, all over the course of one year. Tick-tick.

Theater: Observe over and single play for weeks on end, get it your best, suck, and then get mad when people point it out.

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