If recycling habits on campus.

BY JOYCE YAO
THRESHER STAFF

Rice students' lukewarm views about environmentalism and recycling could boost up with initiatives of the Environmental Studies 200 projects, which have renewed campus efforts to increase recycling and raise awareness about environmental sustainability. Director Richard Johnson and Professor Emeritus Paul Hanerste in. As part of the course, students must design a project that will help make Rice more sustainable. One of the groups is holding an Intercollaborative Recycling Competition, which began Monday and will last through next Friday to promote environmental awareness and recycling habits on campus.

At the end of the two-week period, all the aluminum collected at each college will be weighed and taken to a recycling center. The money received from the recycling will go to the winning college's green fund, money from each college including that from the course program to help make a college more sustainable and to encourage environmental practices. The money is also allotted to a college for green projects. Pre-competition aluminum recycling levels were measured to determine the best way to administer the competition. College classes will not be taken into consideration because pre-competition recycling levels showed no correlation between levels of a college and its recycling levels. EST 200 student Abby Austin, who is coordinating the competition, said, "We had graduate and junior-senior sophomores, said the goal of the project was to increase awareness on campus and also boost recycling efforts."

"After the competition we will monitor how much recycling takes place, and ideally it will be somewhere between the pre-test and competition levels of recycling," Austin said.

In addition to the competition, the EcoReps hold programs throughout the year, providing basic knowledge about recycling. EcoReps go to dorm door to talk about paper recycling in each dorm's blue bins, explaining what can and cannot be recycled. bm...
Recycling competition needs advertising

Environmental Studies 302, a class focused on raising awareness about sustainability issues on the campus, kicked off an all-college recycling contest on Monday (see story, page 1). The idea is a good one — students generally respond positively to inter-college contests, especially when prize money is involved. Also, it is nice to see a campus recycling program initiated by students, rather than by a faculty member or administrator. There is nothing wrong with initiatives coming from the top, but students tend to subscribe more to grassroots movements initiated by their peers.

While the contest’s concept is commendable, however, its implementation suffered from one of Rice organizations’ biggest problems: inadequate advertising and communication. The competition’s kickoff was accompanied by little gusto and fanfare, meaning most students were unaware of it. This obscurity is something that should be remedied in the next few days, and hopefully, even though the contest ends a week from today, students can still make up for lost time.

Critical statistics misreported
To the editor:
As the chair of the Honor Council, I am concerned with the Thresher’s reporting of the recent article “Faculty Senate to assist overloaded Honor Council” (Oct. 3). To correct the record, I must clarify several of the statements in the article that are inaccurate because they were taken from sources outside of the council.

First, the article states that “at its busiest times the council can expect a case per day.” Never in my two-year history on the council have we received a case per day. Yes, we can become rather busy after finals, but never have I encountered this volume of cases.

Secondly, the article reported a “growing number of cases.” This year, the number of cases has not been unusually high, for, as evidenced by the case abstracts posted on our Web site, we handled 39 cases in 2004-05, compared to the 56 cases in 2007-08, a 5% increase.

Thirdly, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Professor Evan Simonetti states that it took “eight weeks” for the council to contact a student regarding a pending case. A professor does not have access to the exact date when we contact a student, and, thus, this information cannot be entirely accurate. We e-mail the professor once a case is complete, and the entire case process can occasionally take a couple of weeks, depending on students’ schedules. The council has handled 16 cases this semester (most of which were left over from last spring’s finals or the summer), and has an average number of cases to contact students regarding these cases every few days.

I simply urge the Thresher to be more careful when stating statistics without appropriate sources.

Jennie L. Houk
Honor Council Chair
Brown College junior
Looming election demands educated vote

Amanda Melchor

about the Nov. 4 election that will change the destiny of the country and shape our future. With only a handful of days until the 2008 presidential election, it is more important than ever to get politically educated and motivated to vote.

Now, while I am encouraging everyone to vote, I am not saying that you should show everyone to exercise his or her often tarnished right to vote. A handful of days until the 2008 presidential election due to the large amount of misinformation and the expectation of a huge turnout from the “youth vote.” But the lack of enthusiasm and motivation is cause and party, and - when combined with the still questionable voting irregularities - Bush succeeded in securing another four years as president. By reading up on our candidates and doing basic research into their views and positions on issues, we can cast an educated vote and precipitate positive events like this for our chosen candidate. The uncertainty in close elections like these and the current race between Senators Barack Obama and Senator John McCain stresses how important every vote counts. Take the Chicago Tribune’s “Debby Truman” headline immediately after the Nov. 4 election. Various exit polls and polling groups across the country predicted Dewey as the winner, but Hardin pointed out that the fault of our governments, but the only real way to change anything is to keep voting. The election is one of the closest in history and in a time of even more pressing concerns like healthcare, immigration, and civil rights, it is extremely important to express your opinions through an educated vote at the ballot box. With the balance of power in our hands after the failure of the tea party, colleges left them- selves wide open to the possibility of the sweeping change that is taking place under the direction of the vice president for finance.

Choice of attorney reflects poorly on Rice

Brian Reinhart

A football player who collapsed and died at practice in 2006, the athlete, freshman Dale Lloyd Jr. suffered from undiagnosed sickle-cell anemia and died following a workout which allegedly included sixteen yardoarounds. Rice’s reaction to the lawsuit was to bring in their own celebrity attorney, Rusty Hardin, to manage the university’s legal defense.

The name Rusty Hardin ought to ring a few bells in your mind; he took on the Mar- shall firm in the Daubert case. Hardin is “slicker than deer guts on a donkey’s ear” and is not one to be toyed with. In fact, many would say that Hardin is the kindest of the kindest of the kindest of the kindest. In other words, he is the perfect lawyer to have on your side of the fence.

What have we traded for our invincible defense attorney? ... We had better hope that the sacrifice of our money — and dignity — is worth it.


defense attorney Senator John Kerry. In February 2007, former President George W. Bush, in a speech to the National Council on Fish and Wildlife News and constantly hearing about how what is wrong with the Mar- shall firm is that they do a lot of “political lobbying” and are probably skewed in either direction. No, the entries can be biased to suit the employer’s needs.

Lack of institutional memory affects future of university

For most of us, Rice exists for four years; we matriculate; we grow up a little; maybe learn something; and move on. Sometimes, we are reminded of the evolution of the school by its incomparable faculty and students, that know almost nothing of what happens after we leave.
Grove dedicated as an escape for students

BY CATHERINE BRATIC
THE RICE THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Warm sunny weather drew students and donors alike out to the open Friday for the formal dedication of the John and Anne Grove. The grove, which covers the area bounded by Will Rice, Hanszen and Sid Richardson colleges and College Way, is the result of a gift by John and Anne Mullens (Hanszen '54 and Jones 54, respectively). The grove is meant to be a place for student interaction, echoing the experience of the Mullens, who first met in the grove while they were students at Rice. John Mullens said at the ceremony, "Perhaps more of our students can find their own bit of romance here, though not too much. We still have classes to worry about."

Robin Forman
Dean of Undergraduate

Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman began the dedication by labeling the grove as a place for students to escape from the stresses of school. "This is a place for students to find serenity and fun," Forman said. "Perhaps more of our students can find their own bit of romance here, though not too much. We still have classes to worry about."

Forman added that the grove helped Rice realize President David Leebron's Vision for the Second Century. "Leebron said the Mullens' gift highlighted the importance of the physical space of a university. "A central part of learning here is how people interact with each other on this campus, the space that we create for that interaction, the spaces to meet and talk with each other," Leebron said."

Leebron thanked the Mullens for realizing the importance of an often-overlooked space, and reminded the faculty and donors in attendance that the space primarily belonged to students, not to administrators. "This is really a space for students," Leebron said. "I'm told they will let faculty and even administration walk through this space on occasion."

"By appointment only!" Anne Mullens added. Student Association President Matt Youn thanked the Mullens for their gift as well as their story. "I'm incredibly thankful for the project's contribution to tree life on campus. I'm incredibly thankful for the project's contribution to tree life on campus."

Leebron ended the ceremony by thanking the students for their patience during construction on campus. "When all of the projects are finished, you will see that just as the Mullents have done, you also have made a contribution to the future of this campus," Leebron said.

After the ceremony concluded, many students stayed around, and others wandered through the area, finishing off the last of the hot dogs and tossing frisbees.

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*DISTRIBUTION COURSE: GROUP II
MW 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Miles Rodriguez, Lecturer

Hist 234 TECHNOLOGICAL DISASTERS
TTH 10:50 AM - 12:05 PM
Cyrus Mody, Asst. Prof.
Kevin Kelly, Asso. Prof. ELEC

Hist 240 CIVILIZING MISSIONS IN 19TH/20TH C. AMERICA
MWF 1:00 PM – 1:50 PM
Catherine Fitzgerald-Wyatt, Grad. Inst.

Hist 246 AMERICAN CIVIL WAR ERA
MWF 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM
W. Caleb McDaniel, Asst. Prof.

Hist 249 HISTORY OF MODERN IRAQ, 1914-2009
MWF 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM
David Getman, Grad. Inst.

Hist 266 AMERICAN SLAVERY
MWF 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM
Stephanie Camp, Asso. Prof.

Hist 272 MODERN SOUTH ASIA
TTH 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM
Romala Sanyal, Post-Doc. Chao Ctr.

Hist 282 THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE & ITS LEGACY
MWF 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM
Timothy Fitzgerald, Lecturer

Hist 346 WOMEN, SEX, RIGHTS & IN EUROPE
TTH 2:30 PM – 3:50 PM
Carol Harrison, HRC Visiting Fellow

Hist 364 CENTRAL ASIAN CONQUEST EMPIRES
TTH 1:00 PM – 2:20 PM
Lisa Balabanlilar, Asst. Prof.

Hist 412 AFRICAN POLITICAL IMAGINATION
W 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
David Gordon, HRC Visiting Fellow

Hist 434 ISLAM AND THE WEST: CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS?
M 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Timothy Fitzgerald, Lecturer

Hist 492 GENDER HISTORIES OF MODERN CHINA
W 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Tani Barlow, Professor

Hist 494 MUGHAL HISTORY
F 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Lisa Balabanlilar, Asst. Prof.

President David Leebron speaks to donors, faculty and students at the dedication of the John and Anne Grove on Monday. Though the grove has been completed since the start of the school year, its dedication was postponed due to Hurricane Ike. The addition of benches is still to be determined.
Leebron shares faculty hiring plan

Rice wants to attract new profs during economic slump

BY SARAH RUTLEDGE
THRESHEDER EDITORIAL STAFF

President David Leebron spoke to a packed crowd in Duncan Hall last Thursday while delivering his fourth State of the University Address.

Citing Hurricane Ike and its aftermath, Leebron said the year has turned out to be a historically different year for Rice. On Tuesday, Sept. 16, classes resumed after the hurricane with 75 percent of faculty and staff on campus. Leebron said this showed resilience and compassion in responding quickly to the storm. After Ike, the campus suffered $5 million in damage.

"For better or for worse, this was just another day on campus," he said.

In the days following Ike, Rice made loans available to faculty and staff, the athletic department opened up child camps, provided shelter and food to graduate students in university housing and urged United Way contributions. This community-building experience, however, was a precursor to another disaster of continuing to work on Rice's national collaboration, having put its original hiring plans this year given a lower level of competition over the next several years.

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Medical Scholars program, in which select students admitted to Rice are automatically guaranteed admission to BCM and can earn both an undergraduate and a medical degree. Baylor is also one of the future participants in Rice's Collaborative Research Center. Rice has long dreamed of having

a medical school to increase its national prestige. The first Rice President Edward Goff's original vision for the university included hopes for both medical and law schools, according to History Professor John Bynum's recent book University Builder: Edward Goff's Rice and the Founding of the Rice Institute.

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Leebron's Vision for the Second Century, which includes expanding the student population, meant 789 freshmen matriculated this fall, and 890 are expected to enter Rice next fall. Last fall, Rice had seven students per faculty member, a statistic Leebron said is in the least in the U.S. Starting next fall, Rice students can get accustomed to seeing less construction projects on campus. A new physics building, however, was just approved for construction in December 2010. He also remarked on the success of Rice's Centennial Campaign's fundraising so far.

Looking to the future, Leebron said he plans to focus on encouraging Texas Medical Center collaborations, looking for 44 tenured and tenure-track faculty recruitments, beginning curricular reform, expanding international collaborations, having ties to the Houston community and continuing to work on Rice's national and international profile.

After addressing the audience, Leebron accepted questions from the floor.

Leebron said some disciplines are more likely to get funding than others, though he is on the lookout for a donor wanting to invest in the Visual and Dramatic Arts Department.

In regards to a question about hiring freezes at other universities, Leebron said Rice is going forward with its original hiring plans this year given a lower level of competition over the next several years.

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"It was a bunch of meetings with different authorities: RUPD, REMS, the administration, food sponsors like Mission Burrito and Domino's Pizza," Leven said.

Leven and Wakefield made several changes to NOD this year, noting in professional food companies to provide burritos and pizza to the students and holding a costume contest. After a final catwalk, Baker College senior Bruce Stone was declared the winner. His costume as Michael Phelps earned him $50. Brown College senior Paul Tucker won second place and $25 for his costume of Austin Powers, accompanied by three Fembots.

Wakefield said they took new precautions when decorating to avoid unnecessary injuries.

"Instead of people dancing on tables and falling down and getting hurt, we had them dance on elevated stands fixed with poles for dancing," Wakefield said.
"A lot of people just use the blue bins as just a bigger trash can," Will Rice junior Donna Huang said.

Furthermore, even if paper is being recycled in the blue bins, all the contents will be thrown in the trash if there are other waste products inside.

"One of the biggest problems is that people leave their paper recycling bins in the hallways," Morrison said. "They may be recycling, but others walking past might throw something like a plastic cup in there, and then everything in the bin gets thrown in the trash because it isn't sorted."

In addition, some students have also proposed changes unique to their own college. Baker College EcoRep Jeremy Cavé and Sid Richardson College EcoRep Rebecca Sagingan have provided free recycling buckets for each room as a convenient means for people in rec'-da- class, plastic and aluminum waste at the recycling center on each floor. Wiess and Martin colleges have hosted study breaks and awarded milkshakes or cinnamonn rolls to students that bring recyclables or utensils back to the service. In addition, housekeepers at Sid Rich, Wiess and Hanszen have been keeping track of rooms that do not recycle in order to aid EcoReps in their efforts to promote recycling habits. Hanszen has instituted Weekly Wednesday to reduce waste by getting rid of trash at lunch.

According to the EcoReps, students have generally responded well to their efforts.

"A lot of people have told me they're really using the blue buckets," Sagingan said.

Despite efforts to increase recycling by explaining recycling procedures door-to-door, Will Rice senior Dana Hoffman said she thinks this method is ineffective because it places little emphasis on separating recyclables.

"Some cities combine all non-paper recyclables, which makes things less confusing and more efficient," Hoffman said. "This of course costs money, but it would really help if we could incorporate this on campus."

Caves said he hopes the administration will become more involved in recycling to improve campus environmental practices. In order to accommodate the recyclable plastic disposable cups that are provided in the serveries, the campus also needs outdoor recycling bins, he said.

"It's a contradiction that the university is willing to pay extra for plastic disposable cups, but is willing to pay extra money to set up recycling stations for them," Caves said.

Sid Richardson senior Jess Cao, who serves with the Baylor College of Medicine and the Medical Center Recycling Collaborative over the summer to design a more effective recycling program, emphasizes the importance of proper recycling.

"Students need to continue to show their support," Cao said. "Otherwise, the administration would see no reason to promote recycling."

Debate team wins at nationals

BY JACLYN YOUNGBLOOD

The George R. Brown Forensics Society, Rice's Speech and Debate Team, has made a strong showing in three competitions so far this season. The team has defeated 55 teams in debate and has accrued 22 awards overall, including debate plus individual events and semesterly events. Twice, Aparna Bhaduri, a junior in sociology, has won more than 15 awards at selected events.

After missing the first scheduled tournament in Liberty, Mo., due to Hurricane Ike, the team won the debate event and several individual events at a local competition in Kingwood, Texas.

At home, the team hosted a debate at Zulaic University Oct. 15. In front of a full crowd of their peers, the students showcased their aptitude in a variety of events.

"It was a nice, cordial debate... with a good topic," Bhaduri said.

The event was well attended by Rice students; it was standing room only, Bhaduri said.

Prior to the on-campus debate, the team split up to divide and conquer. Bhaduri, her partner and two other members of the team went to Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., to debate in a national competition.

"It was our first appearance on the national stage this year," Director of Forensics Worth said. "It's like football, if you're a top 10 program, having your first opportunity to present your strengths.

There, Bhaduri and her partner advanced to quarterfinals. In addition to the team, members of the team won numerous individual events, which was a great accomplishment, Worth said.

"That sends a message that we're a top five program last year, and we're going to be a top five program this year," Worth said.

The other members of the team, including freshmen and new team members, went to North Newton, Kan., to debate the University of Oklahoma and Beloit College.

"They had a really good experience," Bhaduri said. "The younger people got to experience what a tournament is like." In Kansas, the team had members qualify for out-rounds and semifinals in its category.

Last weekend, Oct. 24-26, four team members competed in Stockdale to compete against 20 universities in 10 debate events with 52 total participants. The team defeated eight teams in debate and won 12 individual awards.

The team's most recent debate was in the "Pacific Meets Delta Swing" held in Stockton, Calif., Nov. 1-2.

"There are no more tournaments this year," Caves said. "We're going to be a top five program this year," Worth said.

This year's team is 75 percent freshmen, making it a rebuilding year with opportunities and potential, Worth said. Worth said two freshmen chose to specialize for the Speech and Debate Team, bringing the quality of their program.

"We have shown great promise, advancing to finals in V debate, and competing at the national level," Worth said.

The team has competitive goals for the rest of the season. They would like to finish in the top five nationally in debate and top five nationally in individual events. Worth said the team is generally looking to develop its pool of freshmen talent onto a nationally-recognized team.

The team has two more tournaments left in its season.

Golf team gets wins

BY JACLYN YOUNGBLOOD

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BioBeer: At the very yeast, it fights cancer

Bioengineering and biochemistry undergraduates design beer with cancer-preventing resveratrol

By Cindy Dinh

This is the third year Rice has competed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Said the project is unique because of the amount, a member of the research team, in the prestigious biology competition. Internally Genetically Engineered Mantiment, Ouyang said. Its degree of undergraduate participation at home for awhile, home brewing," the project's design, suggestion and implementation. The undergraduate members of Rice have the project out of my hands." No one has put the compound in beer yet, it's going to genetically engineer yeast cells to produce resveratrol in beer. They have the new beer BioBeer. "I have been planning on doing this at home for awhile, home brewing," Peter Nguyen, a biochemistry graduate student and adviser to the team, said. "A lot of the undergrads took it upon themselves to do research, and they took the project out of my hands." Baker College James David Ouyang, a member of the research team, said the project is unique because of its degree of undergraduate participation. The undergraduate members of the team are involved in stages of the project's design, construction and implementation, Ouyang said. The team will pitch their BioBeer idea next Friday and Saturday at the Internally Genetically Engineered Ma- thumbs competition held annually at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This is the third year Rice has competed in the prestigious biology competition.

"We're at this halfway mark in our project," Stevenson said. "We're going to have preliminary data to show, but to complete this full project we need to add another component to our genetic circuit or another step in the metabolic pathway." It takes about 10 days to make beer, but the team will be presenting partially fermented yeast at the competition, he said.

"We're not making alcoholic beverages. It's a fermentation experiment.

"The amount of feedback we got back on the theory of it is amazing," Stevenson said. "If we can deliver a working project fairly soon, it's going to be big." Though other laboratories have already produced resveratrol in yeast, no one has put the compound in beer yet. Nguyen said. "Some people have made resveratrol to purify it out as a supplement," Nguyen said. "You can engineer yeast to make it and you can engineer yeast to make it, which is what we've done before.

Nguyen said resveratrol in beer is essentially a free health benefit since it is in a ready-to-consume format and made while the product is made, which no one has done before.

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Eats and treats abound at Ruggles in the Village

by Jordan Davis

Wandering aimlessly down Rice Blvd, you will find in either of two directions into Hermann Park, or to a place where great food, wine and class meet: Ruggles Cafe and Bakery in the Village Plaza of Chinatown. It is open from 11 a.m. to midnight every day, serving authentic Chinese food for lunch, dinner and late-night meals.

The restaurant's primary focus is on meat and seafood dishes, but it also offers a variety of vegetarian plates, news and desserts. In the beverage department, the restaurant offers soft drinks and juices as well as coffee, tea and milk tea.

East Wall

Also offers a variety of vegetarian plates as well as meat and seafood dishes, but it is considered authentic Chinese food for lunch, dinner and red bean soup after the meal.

Seafood dishes range from more common ones, like jumbo lobster salad and fried shrimp balls, to more exotic ones, like sliced octopus and rainbow jellyfish. For those who don't mind spending a little more, the restaurant also offers shrimp soup. Although the soup is priced at $4 per person, it is considered a Chinese delicacy. A few of the seafood dishes are expensive, but most are offered at all times.

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For the diner who enjoys seafood but doesn't want to spend too much on it, the walksh fishing with freshwater is much more affordable.

THE WEEKLY SCENE

Editors' picks for events outside the hedges, both around Rice and in the Houston area, for this week.

JEWISH ART

Israel Artists in Exile opens tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Station Museum of Contemporary Art. The exhibit features new pieces from over fifteen artists who host many of their original works during the meeting of Ruggles' Museum of Modern Art. Admission is free, and museum hours are Wednesdays to Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Far Cry 2: an ambitious, immersive experience

By Joe Dwyer

Far Cry 2

Developer: Ubisoft
Platform: Ubisoft Montreal

Far Cry 2, released in 2008, is a first-person shooter video game set in the fictional African country of Kyrat. The game is known for its open-world gameplay, richly detailed environments, and immersive story. Players take on the role of Altair Ibn-La'Ahad, a slave who, after a mutiny, becomes a tribal leader and a mercenary in a war against the British colonialists.

Key Features:
- Open-world environment
- Immersive story
- Detailed environments
- Multiplayer mode

The game received critical acclaim for its storytelling and visual presentation, earning several awards and nominations. Its success led to the release of Far Cry 3 and Far Cry 4, continuing the franchise's exploration of African themes and environments.

High School Musical 3: third verse, same as first, a little bit shinier and sweaterier

By Jackie Ammons

High School Musical 3

The title implies, High School Musical 3: Senior Year finds the characters of the original High School Musical cast in the midst of creating a play for their senior theater class while making decisions about where they want to go in college. Troy (Highwater's Zac Efron) debates between playing basketball or further pursuing theater, and Gabriella (High School Musical 2's Vanessa Hudgens) faces saying goodbye to Troy as she also heads to Stanford. The supporting characters of Sharpay (The Jonas Lie's Josh and Cody's Ashley Tisdale), Ryan (College Road Trip's Lucas Grabeel), Taylor (High School Musical 2's Monique Coleman) and Chad (Jump In!'s Corbin Bleu) add to the flurry of college decisions and the school plan.

Because the plot of High School Musical 3 is rather simple, it is the songs, the sets, the dancing and the costumes that make the movie stand out. Ubisoft's custom-designed game engine allows for destructible environments, weather patterns, day/night cycles and realistic fire effects. The sunlight filters through the trees more convincingly than through the Rice Bates Pavilion's roof, constellations rotate across the sky at night and players can set fires to cut off or surround enemies. There are some minor pop- in problems with trees and textures appearing out of nowhere, but they are negligible in terms of the massive draw distance, and the number of objects being rendered onscreen vary given time. The effects when jumping or aiming down the iron sights adds a nice touch.

Ubisoft Montreal went to great lengths to make the game as realistic as possible; the development team even spent two weeks camping in the Kenyan savannah to capture the game's look and feel.

In addition to the more than 50-hour (Ubisoft claims over 100) single-player experience, the game offers a multiplayer mode and a map editor that allows players to create their own missions and upload them to be rated and played by others. The PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 versions of the game support Trophies and Achievements respectively, and players on PC will enjoy higher resolutions and the ability to run two copies of the game on the same PC.

The story of High School Musical 3 is that the
teen's relationship with his girlfriend, Gabriella, is strained as they both prepare to leave for college. The dance team, led by Ryan, is also in a competitive mood, vying for the music video spot. As the pressures mount, the characters must navigate the challenges of leaving high school and moving forward in their personal lives.

The game received mixed reviews, with critics praising its graphics and music but noting its repetitive gameplay. Despite this, it was a commercial success and set the stage for the fourth installment, High School Musical 4: The Secret of Love.
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**NOTES ON INTERPRETATION**

**QUALITY:**
Quality is the average student response to the question, “Overall, I would rate the quality of this course as...” Quality is ranked on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the highest quality, 5 the lowest. Thus, the courses with the quality ranking closest to 1 have been evaluated as the highest quality courses.

**WORKLOAD:**
Workload is the average student response to the question, “The workload for this course compared to others at Rice was...” Workload is ranked on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the easiest workload, 5 the hardest. Thus, the courses with the quality ranking closest to 1 have been evaluated as the highest quality courses.

**RESULTS**
The quality rankings are always on the lefthand side, the workload rankings on the right. As a result of the numbering system employed by the Registrar’s Office, the best-quality and easiest-workload courses are at the top of their department’s charts. The lowest-ranked and most difficult courses fall at the bottom of the charts. The grey bars running below each chart mark the space between 2 and 3, for reference. The average quality and workload for each school and department is also listed.

### Top Ten EASIEST COURSES

1. PSYC 485, Martin — 1.00
2. CHBE 100, Cox — 1.00
3. CHBE 100, Zygourakis — 1.00
4. CAAM 499, Cox — 1.00
5. MECH 403, Akin — 1.00
6. NAVA 301, Lentz — 1.00
7. ESCI 103, Droxler — 1.28
8. MECH 340, Gesenhues — 1.38
9. ARCH 132, Casbarian — 1.43
10. CHEM 395, Wilson — 1.50

### Top Ten HARDEST COURSES

1. BIOS 482, Nikonowicz — 5.00
2. BIOS 482, Tao — 5.00
3. ENGL 495, Slappey — 5.00
4. ENGL 495, Chance — 5.00
5. HIST 300, Caldwell — 5.00
6. STAT 499, Calderon — 5.00
7. STAT 499, Cox — 5.00
8. STAT 499, Kimmel — 5.00
9. HEAL 308, Sunday — 4.94
10. COMP 318, Wallach — 4.83

### Average Course Quality (by department)

**REMEMBER: “1” IS THE HIGHEST QUALITY, “5” THE LOWEST.**

### Average Course Workload (by department)

**REMEMBER: “1” IS THE EASIEST WORKLOAD, “5” THE TOUGHEST.**
# School of Humanities

**Average Course Quality:** 1.70  **Average Course Workload:** 3.21

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**Average Course Quality:** 1.39  **Average Course Workload:** 2.98
ANTH Anthropology

RELI Religious Studies

SPAN Spanish Studies

SWGS Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

ANTH Anthropology

ECON Economics

POLI Political Science
AVERAGE COURSE QUALITY: 2.00
AVERAGE COURSE WORKLOAD: 3.24

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THE RICE THRESHER

14 COURSE EVALUATIONS

COMP Computer Science

ELEC Electrical Engineering

MECH Mechanical Engineering

STAT Statistics

SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

ASTR Astronomy

ESCI Earth Sciences
Zack and Miri let it all hang out in new comedy

BY FAHEEM AHMED
THRESHER STAFF

Kevin Smith, director of cult classics Like Clerks, Mallrats and Chasing Amy, is notorious for his love of filthy dialogue, filthy sex and poignant romances—er, filthy pornographic romances. His new comedy, Zack and Miri Make a Porno, contains all of the above and then some.

As a thriving industry earning billions of dollars each year, pornography has played a large role in determining which forms of video technology will become popular. Mainstream porn can make a profit. When Zack and Miri Make a Porno, contains all of the above and then some.

Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks hold an unofficial audition as Zack and Miri in Kevin Smith's new comedy about friendship and sex.

The show is Robinson. In both of these previous roles, Robinson displays the uncanny ability to take the smallest part, and make it the most honey and memorable part of the movie. Robinson plays Delaney, Rogen's best friend and financier of Star Whores. He infuses Delaney with such intensity that it perfectly complements Rogen's overemphasis performance.

A Zack and Miri audience should expect mixed emotions, as they will find themselves exploding with laughter, groaning in disgust and laughing while groaning in disgust. Smith never holds anything back, to the regret of the MPAA, and delivers a comedy for a slightly older audience. Despite the seriousness of the last 15 minutes and the forced love story, I recommend taking a loved one or a best friend you're secure in love with to this movie in hopes of inspiration.

This three-windowed display of sugary delights is a menu for both.

From PAGE 8

THRESHING hollers for some of the best food and the best variety for the price in the Rice Area. A Hedgehog Kapper comfort food and the best variety for the price in the Rice Area. A Hedgehog Kapper

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**SIDE DISH**

- $1.50 Large Fries
- $1.50 Small Fries
- $1.00 Tots
- $1.00 Cheesestix
- $1.00 Regular Chips
- $1.00 BBQ Chips
- $1.00 Real Chips
- $1.00 Avocado Chips
- $1.00 Pickles

**COLD DRINKS**

- $3.00 Coke
- $3.00 Sprite
- $3.00 Mountain Dew
- $3.00 Diet Coke
- $3.00 Diet Sprite
- $3.00 Diet Mountain Dew

**ADD ON**

- $1.00 Pitcher of Iced Tea

**DELIVERY**

- $5.00 Delivery Fee

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COMMENTARY

Down-under ex-editor finds new Aussie sport

by Meghan Hall

The football team continued its pursuit of a bowl game with a 37-21 victory over Army on Saturday at the Louisiana Superdome. The Owls went on the road and won a game in a row to improve their record to 9-5, 5-1 in conference. Rice needs to win at least two of its final four games to be eligible for a bowl bid, which would be the team’s second in three years.

Jumping out to a 35-0 lead by halftime, the Owls started strong early against the Green Wave with three touchdowns in the first quarter and one more in the second. Senior quarterback Chad Clement throws two touchdowns to sophomore wide receiver James Casey, one for seven yards and the other for 12, and accumulated another 62 yards and six yards runs.

But in the second half, Tulane lined up for a field goal, but sophomore defensive back Chris Jones blocked the kick, allowing fellow sophomore defensive back Josh Jones to pick it up and return it for a touchdown. Then, in the third quarter, junior running back D’Rell Jackson rushed for two yards and eight yards for the final Rice touchdown, the first of his career.

“We were a lot more consistent than we were in the past,” Clement said. “We just had a better game-plan across the board that we can do that.”

Rice’s offense displayed this tailwind with the addition of a new balanced attack. Clement passed for a season-high 269 yards just one week after ranking top-44 against the University of Southern Mississippi. The Owls finished the contest at 37-21 in the season, and it was the first time since the 2010 season opener.

“I thought it was an absolutely great football game for us,” Bailiff said.

Soccer team clinches C-USA tourney berth despite dropping in seeding

by Yan Digilov

In Friday, the soccer team reached the championship game for the first time in their history by attaining their preseason goal of making the NCAA tourney. With a home over Colorado College, which only compete in Conference USA, Rice clinched a spot in the C-USA Championship tournament. But after a 4-0 win at the University of Texas-Pan American in the final, the Owls remain in fifth place, a point behind Colorado in the standings.

Heading into the match up, Colorado was favored to walk away with the victory, but Rice was ready to defend its home turf. The Owls began the game firing on all cylinders with three shots on frame in the first 15 minutes. It’s apparent at the timekeeper’s discretion – but throughout the match, these random, fleeting little shots de- cided to intercept the attacks at the most precarious times. It turned out these risky shots were actually the team’s trump cards and warding off attacking and defensive plays.

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NORTHWEST DIVISION

1. Utah Jazz, 56-26: After carrying the Russian flag through the Olympic opening ceremonies, Andrei Kirilenko decides to continue the tradition before home games. Also, Mascot Steve is a button of Red Dawn, and quickly makes Mamba Karl's idea.

2. Los Angeles Clippers, 60-22: Using the copy of the upcoming Anchorman movie, Steve Nash switches superhero personas but regresses into the Dark (Knight).

3. Denver Nuggets, 41-47: Deciding that it was frugal to ride to Denver together on a mop, Allen Iverson and Carmelo Anthony give their teammates a lift to the airport. If they decide to try some of Chris Andersen's um, "healthy supplements" along the way, expect a headwind.

4. Minnesota Timberwolves, 41-47: After leveling weight continues to hallow his all-over presence, Kevin Love's 8,000 free throws is, at last, he's not as ugly as Chris Andersen's idea.

PACIFIC DIVISION

1. Los Angeles Lakers, 58-18: With the game on the line, the invisible woman will end up marrying Garrett in this year's sequel. At least not with the game on the line.

2. Los Angeles Clippers, 58-23: Brian, a mere savior as champ, Kobe Bryant is his rut, 0-22. It's no wonder as his 34 point output was a looker into the Dark (Knight).


4. Phoenix Suns, 28-54: Looking to reclaim the trademark offense from the departed Mike Dunleavy, and Rasho Nesterovic, Josh Childress's soaking up the Heat.

CENTRAL DIVISION

1. Cleveland Cavaliers, 58-18: With a smile and with their team, the invisible woman will end up marrying Garrett in this year's sequel. At least not with the game on the line.

2. Detroit Pistons, 50-32: With the game on the line, the invisible woman will end up marrying Garrett in this year's sequel. At least not with the game on the line.

3. Chicago Bulls, 48-34: Still the game is, Michael Curry becomes a massive of the upcoming Anchorman movie, Steve Nash switches superhero personas but regresses into the Dark (Knight).

4. Indiana Pacers, 48-34: This team's highest-paid player, in order, we have, Ryan Anderson, Mike Dunleavy, and Rasho Nesterovic. We'll Fernandez filming a sequel to Step Up? Or does Larry Bird just not care anymore?

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

1. New Orleans Hornets, 40-34: New Orleans Hornets, 60-22: Now David West awake at night, just sitting waiting for someone to come forward and produce suit of gold alloy for game-days, and actually enjoyed The Happening somewhere, Friend and Irish Thomas smith.

2. Houston Rockets, 49-21: "Izod Center cockroaches (and, in the scientific finding of the decade, inadvertently discovering the actual vegetation in New Jersey).

3. Dallas Mavericks, 43-39: Using the Pineapple Express to take his game to the highest level, Josh Howard helps Dallas smoke out the regular-season competition. (Not to be blunt, but Howard also loves the games.)

4. San Antonio Spurs, 43-39: Facing it will be his way past Steve Nash, Steve Nash switches superhero personas but regresses into the Dark (Knight).

5. Memphis Grizzlies, 42-41: As Paul Pierce's brother, Marc Gasol may always be considered Almost Famous, but he reaches the top of the upcoming Anchorman movie, Steve Nash switches superhero personas but regresses into the Dark (Knight).

6. Oklahoma City Thunder, 42-39: Acting out his role as champ, Kobe Bryant is his rut, 0-22. It's no wonder as his 34 point output was a looker into the Dark (Knight).

7. Los Angeles Lakers, 38-43: With the game on the line, the invisible woman will end up marrying Garrett in this year's sequel. At least not with the game on the line.

8. Phoenix Suns, 31-51: With Pau Gasol as champ, Kobe Bryant is his rut, 0-22. It's no wonder as his 34 point output was a looker into the Dark (Knight).

9. Portland Trail Blazers, 14-43: Following the script, Rondo, as the Magic fall from playoff contention, Rondo, as the Magic fall from playoff contention, Steve Nash switches superhero personas but regresses into the Dark (Knight).

10. New York Knicks, 12-70: Following the script, Rondo, as the Magic fall from playoff contention, Rondo, as the Magic fall from playoff contention.

11. New Jersey Nets, 34-38: Following the script, Rondo, as the Magic fall from playoff contention, Rondo, as the Magic fall from playoff contention.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

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2. Philadelphia 76ers, 45-31: Looking larger than life in his new town, Philly Bagels and bagels make love to see at the remaining Elton Brand. With zero fourth-quarter wins on the year, it's apparent no one wants to take the Monster's Ball, at least not with the game on the line.

3. Toronto Raptors, 43-32: Damon has all the things he can get his hands on. Even Ballantyne is as champ, Kobe Bryant is his rut, 0-22. It's no wonder as his 34 point output was a looker into the Dark (Knight).

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With the NBA season already being a huge commodity, here's a closer look at how the front-runners will pan out.

P.S. There's a Thresher's Preseason predictions which will look closer to how the front-runners will pan out.
by Paul Fitzgerald

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by Paul Fitzgerald

Riding a six-game winning streak, the volleyball team faced Tulane University, their stiffest opponent of the season, on Friday. The Green Wave broke the Owls' streak in a hard-fought, five-set match. However, Rice was able to bounce back on Sunday, taking out the University of Texas - El Paso in three sets to cap off a 2-1 weekend, their first since the beginning of October.

Rice plays a pair of Conference USA road matches this weekend, beginning Friday night at 7 p.m. against the University of Tulsa in Tulsa, Okla. Tulsa sits in fourth place in the conference, right behind Rice, and a Golden Hurricane victory would create a tie for third place. The match will also be a chance for the Owls to exact revenge for a five-set loss to Tulsa on Oct. 5. Senior outside hitter Jessica Hollden said she expects a competitive match.

“We know that Tulsa will come out and give us a good game,” Hollden said. “We’ve been working on the areas of the game that hurt us in our first match against Tulsa, and we expect to win this one.”

Rice will finish up the weekend on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Dallas, Texas, against Southern Methodist University. The Owls already beat the Mustangs once this season in a three-set sweep on Oct. 3.

The team went into Friday night’s conference match against Tulane flying high, however, C-USA’s second-place team brought the Owls back to earth, defeating Rice in four sets to advance to the C-USA and NCAA Tournaments.

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FINAL STATS

RICE TULANE

Kills 66 65
Errors 23 22
Attach% 220 220
Attack Percentage .290 .285
Digs 46 45
Blocks 10 18

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Kills 66 65
- Radakovic 11, Flaherty 10, Under 9
- Rice: Bogan 13, Schamun 12, Lam 10

- Tulane: Drinkwater 10, Rebrovic 13

American Cancer Society
Team falls short in double-dual at Oregon State

by Tracy Dansker
Managing Editor

Jet lag makes us all a bit cranky and tired, but most of us plan time into our trips for our bodies and minds to recover. For the swim team, relaxation time was not an option as they traveled to Oregon State University this past weekend. The evening they arrived, they dove behind the rested Beavers. After a night of sleep, the Owls came back out to face OSU for a second day of competition in an additional eight events. Ultimately, OSU took first in 13 out of the 17 events and beat Rice 196-176.

Tomorrow, Rice's swimmers will be traveling to Austin, Texas, to compete in the American Swimming Association Open Water Championships. Last year was the inaugural meet and Rice took home the first place title, clinching five of the top time spots.

On Nov. 6, the entire swim team will face cross-town rival University of Houston and New Mexico State University at the UH Natatorium at 5 p.m. tomorrow. Nine Rice swimmers will take home the first place title, clinching two of the top three spots overall, they edged out the most of the other OSU swimmers in any given event to grab multiple second- and third-place finishes.

The 100-yard butterfly, junior Angie Lin took third place, closely followed by sophomore Erin Martinez. In the 200-yard butterfly, the two girls switched spots, Martinez out-touching Wu by five hundredths of a second to snag third place. Wu was also the top scorer for Rice in the 200-yard backstroke, grabbing third place, followed by fellow junior Bernie Lin. Lin came back with a big swim in the 200-yard backstroke, where she finished second.

"We were a little flat, especially on Friday night," Hallmark said. "I think that came from a little bit of traveling. Saturday we were hoping for a better outcome, and, again, we just fell short."

Freshman Shelby Bottoms snatched her second place finish, the first in the 200-yard individual medley and the second in the 200-yard freestyle. Along with Bottoms, senior Carinna Miller was also a second place finisher. She touched the wall at 2:49.99 in the 200-yard freestyle. Miller was also Rice's top finisher in the 200-yard freestyle, in which she took third place.

Behind Miller were her teammates Mattson and freshman Allison Govah in fourth and fifth place, respectively. Sophomore Ashlen Ackerman took third place in the 200-yard breaststroke and had one of Rice's three top finishes in the 400-yard individual medley. Freshman Alexa O'Brien took second behind Ackerman, finishing just under two seconds behind her.

"We had a big problem finishing the races," sophomore Katie Gerken said. "They always seemed to be pulling out the victory. Rice after race they were not touching us."

The 400-yard freestyle and 1,600-yard freestyle were two of Rice's best events. Senior Caitlin Warner and freshman Nicole Delahaye have become Rice's near top-distance duo and they held to that reputation last week, going 1:52 in both events. Warner finished in 1:52.17, a team best time in the 1,600-yard freestyle, and Delahaye finished in 1:52.22. Gerken and fellow sophomore Sarah Kowalski were not far behind, finishing in the fourth and fifth spots.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Warner hit the wall at 5:06.82 and Delahaye at 5:08.85. Gerken and Kowalski once again rounded out the top two spots.

In the first ever relay, Rice came in second place, but in the last relay of the meet, the 200-yard freestyle, Rice was able to pull ahead and win in 1:34.44.

"Sometimes you just don't do your best," Gerken said. "We learned a lot, and we're going to keep on going."

SOPHISTIK NOTEBOOK

Baseball beats UT

The baseball team concluded their preseason success with a 3-2 home win over the University of Texas last Sunday. Rice has now won all three of its preseason games, having already defeated Texas State University 8-4 at Reckling Park last weekend and UT 13-6 in Austin. The Owls will go for an undefeated preseason when they play Meineke Car Care Texas State University tomorrow at Reckling Park. After that game, the team has a break until their first regular season contest at California Polytechnic State University on Feb. 20.

Rice was able to showcase several of its new players in the scheduled 14-inning exhibition. Coach Wayne Graham sent eight pitchers to the mound in total—freshman Taylor Wall, junior Ryan Berry, junior Mike Ojala, sophomore Matt Evers, junior Zack Harwood, freshman Andrew Benak, freshman Anthony Piatto and senior Jordan Rogers.

The lefty Wall started the game and threw two hitless innings, striking out two. Berry tossed three scoreless innings, while Ojala, Evers and Harwood completed two apiece.

The Owls jumped out to an early lead in the bottom of the first, bringing in two runs—driven in by sophomore outfielder Chad Magon and junior Diogo Sales—from an error and a walk by Rice. Ojala only pitted its lead with two more in the fourth and two in the fifth. Seast- run—ranked and Magon was the offensive star of the day, with three hits each. The other players that contributed multiple hits in the game were junior Brock Holl, senior Jimmy Comerota, freshman Anthony Rendon, freshman Craig Manuel and junior Steven Salta.

—Meghan Hull
FOOTBALL
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"Our defense was very efficient at taking advantage of the looks that we were given. Our defense did the same thing,"
"We didn't do it the conventional way," Clement said. "Teams try to focus so much on stopping J.D. [senior wide receiver Jarett Dillard] and Casey, they aren't prepared for it. Teams can't just sit back and defend the pass. It's good to see we can do that doing that, it's a good confidence-booster."
Dillard finished the day with four receptions for 41 yards and no touchdowns. It was the first time he has been kept out of the end zone in 12 games. However, he is still tied for the NCAA lead with 14 touchdown receptions this season. His 611 receiving yards rank him fourth.
Cater, who caught two touchdown passes for the second game in a row, had six receptions for 51 yards to go along with 41 rushing yards on two carries. He is second in the NCAA with 86 receptions per game.
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at stake in Friday's game against the University of Houston will beArgil's final contest of the year. This cross-town rivalry carries with it extra spice — the aspects of soccer: basketball and martial. It was all about lift at the end of play, the Ukranian's move to a flowing, highly physical sporting event in the heart of the Owls' bowl eligibility. For the year, it was a win for Rice against Army for Bowl eligibility. The Owls, who are 3-4 overall and 3-1 in conference play, are not ignoring it, but they are not letting that possibility distract them from the job at hand. "All we talk about is what we've been working to do all year," Bailiff said. "We talk about focusing on the effort. We want to focus on being [each week]. We'll worry about all that when the time comes."
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SATURDAY

MARTEL-Sid Picnic

I don't know why this is going on here, since most of you aren't out-\ntravelling. Don't worry, though, the Student Association will give you
your chance to wander around another college and "meet" people someday. Someday... but for this week, it's just the valiant Mar-\ntelians and their counterparts in the South, the Sidizens. The "Inter-\ncollegiate Picnic" will commence at 5:30 p.m. in the Sid Rich Coun-\ntel. And Dave, why don't you do the house ads, then?

I know this guy at Hopkins

he was a slave

The day next to him was dressed as a banana. (He got in trouble, too.) No joke. This made national news for some reason. Bottom-\nline, when you go to the Brown Halloween Party — the most origi-\nally named event since Wies's "First Party of the Year" in 2007 — be careful what you're wearing. It's tonight in the Brown Com-\nmons, 9 p.m. - 11 a.m. Chat's original, though. Points back.) And remember: it's all fun and games until somebody gets accused of subtle racism and your fraternity gets shut down.

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