McMurtry, Duncan O-Week plans drafted
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The residential college system is something so distinctive from the modern operation of Rice University, so imprinted into our personal and social traditions, that any change on the level of addition of a new college becomes a matter of titanic significance that affects thousands of students. While two new colleges may or may not fit into this little patch of Houston— in the same vein, even the existence of their proper introduction into Rice life escalates exponentially. For this reason, students, professors, and administration have worked cooperatively for months to ensure that the opening of Duncan and McMurtry colleges next fall will be an appropriate and effective process as possible.

Last year, a population committee headed by Dean of Undergraduates Rob Forman and comprised of college masters, resident associates, administration, and students drafted a series of proposals regarding possible ways to populate the two colleges. The committee sent these recommendations from Rob Forman to the student body, which ultimately chose a plan in which Baker and Will Rice colleges will move into Duncan and McMurtry, respectively, while their own facilities are renovated. Lovett College will remain in Lovett while its renovations occur. Forman appeared in front of the Student Association last semester to discuss the plan and promised to keep the student body abreast of its development.

The population committee attempted to offer the best possible options to the student body. "We wanted to really go back and look at previous ideas, put something that would be real, to see what had gone right and what had gone wrong," Tonya Bucher, a senior at Baker and a member of the committee, said. "It was sort of a balancing act. We tried to get as much input as possible from students, masters, RAs, and other employees of the university who would be dealing with and in the colleges." For this reason, Forman sent an e-mail to all undergraduates informing them of the plan as it then stood and encouraging them to participate in the opening of both colleges. In an interview with the Thresher, Forman emphasized that the Duncan and McMurtry plans are part of a set of ongoing discussions and that some details of the process may not be reached until Orientation Week.

However, many aspects of the new colleges' plans, pertaining to both their initial O-Week and spring weeks and months beyond, have been settled.

O-Week
For Duncan and McMurtry, O-Week 2009 will adopt a form never before seen as the new colleges enter a unique "interim/coexisting" relationship with the existing residential college system. While each college will have an O-Week distinctively separate from that of their associated college, a close connection with an established college would give McMurtry and Duncan some guidance in their formation.

"By sharing events in separate O-Weeks," Forman stressed, "students will get an advantage of (Baker and Will Rice's) willingness to help them get started."
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Duncan, McMurtry O-Weeks well arranged, but hurried

The freshmen coming in next year at Duncan and McMurtry colleges will be in the unique position of defining their colleges' identities, traditions, and unique nomenclatures. And according to the plans, they will have some help, as Baker and Will Rice colleges will be having separate yet collaborative orientation weeks with Duncan and McMurtry, respectively. (see story, page 1).

The plan in and of itself—with O-Weeks maintaining their separate identities amidst an atmosphere that will fuse Rice's two newest colleges— is admirable, if not entirely perfect. We respect the administration's desire to avoid the situation that arose with the inception of the most recent college, Martel, which was populated by students who didn't mesh in the other eight colleges' lives. This stew of anxiety and awkwardness did not foster a ideal situation, and while Martel has since come into its own, its beginnings were impeded by lack of planning.

Invitation-only transfer process, coupled with entirely new freshman class, is better than the previous maneuvering. Likewise, landing ambassadors from the Original Nine at the New Two will help engender a camaraderie and necessary relationship between the entire collegiate living.

But when we said it wasn't perfect, there was a reason. The administration, we fear, does not realize just how rushed the entire process is. Seeing as the O-Week coordinator selections happen later this month, it would seem that those who are heading toward Duncan and McMurtry as coordinators, chosen from the re- jects pile, would be behind the ball. A snowball effect will occur,
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All in all, the release of O-Week protocol at the new colleges seems a bit pressed. There was legitimate reason, at least, as the South Colleges renovations were only finalized recently. Still, the administration could have a contingency plan for this kind of things. Instead, the college commons might not be the only things not sufficiently completed by the time the Duncan- 
or McMurtries matriculate.

Jewish studies minor holds promise for future programs

The idea of the planned Jewish studies minor, set to be imple- 
mentated after achieving $30 million in donations, has convinced us that the administration's focus on academics is expanding and extending in the right direction (See story, page 1). As the first spe- cific religious studies program at Rice, a diverse student body will have an opportunity to extend their knowledge into new realms, and potential students will have yet another reason to look at Rice with intrigued eye.

But let us not step here with this sole program. We hope that this new curriculum, slated to begin next fall, will be the harbinger of better things ahead. There is no reason for us to assume that this will be the last minor established at Rice, let alone the lone religious study program offered by the university. However, we would like to call for the continued growth in both areas.

For example, the fact that Rice does not offer a Middle Eastern studies program is something of a travesty. If the Jewish studies minor requires only an additional three professors, a Middle Eastern studies program would require even less, for the necessary religious studies program is something of a travesty. If the Jewish studies minor it can be proud of. We cannot wait to see what step they take next.

Erratum

The story "10,818: Applications for 2011 class surpass 10,000," break records" in the Jan. 16 issue of the Thresher was credited to Michelle Jin but should have been credited to Melissa Tsang. The Thresher regrets the error.
The author discussed the geopolitical implications of the situation involving Israel and Hamas. He emphasized the importance of maintaining a fair and open dialogue to resolve conflicts peacefully. The author also highlighted the role of universities in fostering understanding and promoting peaceful coexistence.

Arturo Munoz
In this article, Arturo Munoz criticized the university for its role in exacerbating conflicts rather than fostering peace and understanding. He argued that the university should take responsibility for its actions and work towards creating a more inclusive and supportive environment.

Housing problem indicative of neglected graduate experience
David Splinter
The article addresses the issue of housing for graduate students at Rice University. It highlights the challenges faced by graduate students in finding affordable and suitable accommodations, particularly due to the university's policies and the high cost of living in the area. The article calls for a re-examination of graduate housing policies and a more concerted effort to support the needs of graduate students.

David Splinter
In this article, David Splinter critiques the university's housing policies and the impact they have on graduate students. He argues that the university should take a more proactive role in addressing the housing needs of its graduate student body, particularly in light of the financial pressures faced by students in the current economic climate.

Nathan Smith
In this article, Nathan Smith discusses the experiences and perspectives of graduate students at Rice University. He highlights the importance of understanding the unique challenges faced by graduate students and advocates for greater support and resources to help them succeed.

Jared Libby
In this article, Jared Libby presents a perspective on the state of graduate education at Rice University. He argues for a more holistic approach to graduate education that prioritizes student well-being and professional development over traditional metrics.

David Splinter
In this article, David Splinter reflects on the experiences and challenges faced by graduate students at Rice University. He emphasizes the importance of a supportive and inclusive environment to foster student success.
The changes to Rice's club financial structures, which have been a point of contention for many students, will finally be executed.

Rice student organizations and colleges are about to see a change as they usher in the new BANNER system to perform all of their future financial transactions. The first clubs and all colleges will make the official switch on Jan. 31.

"Last semester all student organization treasurers were informed of the upcoming transition to the BANNER system, as in-house account for all Rice colleges, student clubs and sports clubs. Previously each club had a separate bank account at financial institutions such as Chase Bank," Vice President for Finance Kathy Collins has been working with students and Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman to iron out the details of this transition. A large part of the change was due to the legal obligations of filing tax returns, Collins said.

"It is not good financial management for Rice to continue the practice of having accounts from outside banks set up under the Rice taxpayer ID number," Collins said. "It means the activity is not captured in our financial statements or tax returns that we file.

The BANNER system will consolidate all of the colleges and club bank accounts into one system under the Controller's Office. It differs from the previous system in that it offers a comprehensive record, Collins said. She added that BANNER would make it easier for club treasurers to transition from one club officer to another and the Controller's Office says the bills and balances are captured and the reporting process.

"The main advantage from the student's perspective is the recent-funding history," Collins said. "The university's advantage is having all the activity occurring under one place, and making sure the appropriate tax reporting is done." The BANNER system will allow direct deposits for reimbursing individual students, and the online features let users download financial records into an excel spreadsheet.

Training to use the BANNER system began last Friday and will continue throughout the semester for clubs as they make the transition. Collins said she aims to get as many club treasurers and treasurers for the new system before new treasurers are elected for the coming year, with Feb. 6 as the target date for colleges and sports clubs to finish the transition.

"We're trying to get current college treasurers to be up and running on the new system and pass the baton to the new treasurers in the spring," she said.

An e-mail was sent to all club presidents last Thursday requesting a sample batch of student organization accounts to volunteer to transition to BANNER along with the colleges at the end of the month to allow for trouble-shooting before the remainder of the Chase Bank accounts are closed. One of the clubs volunteering for the test run is Kai Kapu Nu, an electrical engineering fraternity.

"I want to see it in action," Kai Kapu Nu treasurer Alshay Dayal said. "Initially, with all the requirements and changes, Dayal, who is also on the Student Allocation Committee and Finance Committee, said he does not see any inadmissible differences between the old system and the BANNER system.

"The method of doing everything is changing, but the actual functionality is still the same," Dayal, a Brown College senior, said. "Hopefully features can be added as we go along."

Given the complexities of the financial structures of the clubs involved, Collins emphasized how these changes fit into the new system. Collins said the new system allows for a lot of flexibility, saving financial records or tax returns that are filed.

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This partnership is apparent from the beginning, as there will be at least one member of each new college's team of O-Week coordinators will represent the mentor college and help the interactions between the two groups. It is a smooth transition and the黑马们 will be welcomed and made part of the new college, if they are interested.

During O-Week, the mentors will have the vital task of demonstrating and explaining Rice traditions to both their own new students and the new students of their mentor college. At the same time, the mentors will be giving the new students enough freedom to establish themselves as separate entities. O-Week coordinators will ensure that each of the mentor colleges emerges with its own identity and a clear understanding of Rice traditions.

The current plan calls for giving approximately 100 students from the other nine colleges, selected by random invitation, and volunteer commitment, the opportunity to transfer to Duncan and McMurtry for the 2009-10 academic year. "It is much better than a draft system or a volunteer-only system - to be honest, I don't know if a perfect solution exists," Forman explained.

Forman agreed with Goldsberry. "The consensus is that there should be some allowance for transfers who feel strongly about shaping the new colleges, but we prefer that most are selected by random invitation," he said.

Masters and RAs

Although the mentor colleges will open with a pre-selected master, the masters of the mentor colleges will rotate out each year. However, the addition of 25 mentor college freshmen or sophomores inRA positions can or will open a pre-O-Week coordinator will place the masters of Baker and Will Rice in sensitive positions next year.

"We have a responsibility to help our community, to be accountable, financially and socially," Wolf said, "but one parameter responsibility is to keep people safe.

To maintain student safety and accommodate the larger residential populations of the new colleges, Duncan and McMurtry have three RA apartments. For the 2009-10 academic year, the Office of the Dean of Undergraduates will use the Baker and Will Rice masters to select a third RA for the new colleges, who will focus on the McMurtry and Duncan RA residents. Forman explained that, since, faculty interest in serving as an associate or RA in the new colleges has been encouraging.

In the spring of 2009, the 75 first-years and 100 non-resident residents of each new college will have their own master.

Forman explained that this plan allows the new colleges to make their own leadership choices. "Our goal is to allow them, as quickly as possible, to make those decisions that give them a college identity," he said.

RUPD POLICE BLOTTER
The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period Jan. 14-21.

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

- Jones College
  - Jan. 14
  - Theft
  
- Wiess College
  - Jan. 16
  - Theft
  
- Martel College
  - Jan. 16
  - Theft
  
- Johnson College
  - Jan. 18
  - Criminal Mischief

ACADEMIC BUILDINGS

- Rice Hall
  - Jan. 19
  - Criminal Trespass

OTHER BUILDINGS

- Tudor Fieldhouse
  - Jan. 16
  - Theft

- Rice Memorial Center
  - Jan. 16
  - Theft

- Parking Lots

- Greenbriar Lot
  - Jan. 17
  - Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

OTHER LOCATIONS

- Laboratory Road
  - Jan. 17
  - Alcohol Violations, Driving Under the Influence

- College Way
  - Jan. 18
  - Driving While Intoxicated

- Off Campus
  - Jan. 18
  - Driving While Intoxicated
was a vital part of Wiess. It is impossible to be a Wiessman and not look at Dr. Bill as a grandfather or a teacher,” Hudnall said. “He was a walking dictionary of Wiess.”

Wilson is also remembered as an example of the ideal academic life at Rice. Hutchinson said Wilson was always looking for ways to support innovative student projects and ideas that would improve undergraduate life. Everyone taking the course receives all four books, Graphics Press LLC Post Office Box 430 Cheshire, Connecticut 06410.

The Fondren Library Research Awards

The Fondren Library is pleased to announce new awards funded by the Friends of Fondren Library for undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate extraordinary skill and creativity in the application of library and information resources to original research and scholarship. This year, there is one award of $1,000 and one honorable mention for each category. For information about how to apply, please see http://library.rice.edu/research-awards.

Individual or team projects in any subject area or media will be eligible for consideration.

The program will also include seminars with various institutions in Houston such as the Holocaust Museum Houston, and it will encourage its students to participate in study abroad programs in order to familiarize them with the academic landscape that awaits them when they return to culturally and educationally tourist Israel.

Kaplan said the initiative for establishing the Jewish studies program came from the interest of students. Most of the courses that will be included in the Jewish studies program already exist, however, currently they are not catched on with the students. The Faculty Senate approved the creation of minors in Nov. 2005. If the Jewish studies program continues forward, it will likely be up to the Jewish Studies Minors Council to begin.

Brown College and Barnard College sophomore William Garcia enthusiastically recalls classes in The Literature of Exile, taught by Kaplan, and a class in German Jewish literature and culture, taught by David Bremner, a professor from the University of Houston who came to Rice University for a semester.

"I would love to see the course offered more regularly at Rice, in order to keep in touch with students. I wish the program had been in place when she began her studies at Rice.

"If Rice had had a Jewish Studies program when I had applied, that definitely would have encouraged my decision to come here, and I probably would have been at least a Jewish Studies minor," Henderson said.

She said she plans to continue her post-Rice studies at Radcliffe at school.

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**Former Human Genome Project director blends faith, science**

By Anna Wilde

The Rice Thresher Editorial Staff

To many, science and religion are polar opposites. Dr. Francis Collins, former director of the Human Genome Project and a devout Christian, hoped to dispel this notion of absolute separation by speaking to the Rice and Houston community at the Veritas Forum Wednesday evening in the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management’s Shell Auditorium.

Over 1,300 people attended the forum, more than half of whom were Rice students and faculty. Five overflow sites were made available for those who were not able to view the event in-person.

Collins, who previously served as co-director of the Human Genome Project, related his work in science to the development of his faith. His book, *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief*, which tells the story of his path from atheism to Christianity, was published in 2008.

"Do you have to choose (between the worldviews of science or religion)?" Collins asked. "It is possible to find harmony between the two? I argue that it is. To pick one over the other is limiting when trying to answer questions.

Collins detailed his extensive educational and professional history while explaining his personal religious beliefs, Collins sought out a Methodist minister neighbor who provided him with the book that solidified, for Collins, the undeniable existence of God — C.S. Lewis’ *Mere Christianity*. After Wednesday’s talk, a free copy of the book was made available to each attendee bearing a Rice ID.

Collins synthesized his views on evolution and creation in a light-hearted manner.

"Evolution is God’s plan for giving upgrades," he said.

Collins argued that the traditional struggle for this science-faith synthesis — theistic evolution — left a lot to be desired. He suggested the term BioLogos to describe his ideas, pointing to the Greek etymological roots of bios, life, and logos, the Word.

Collins plans in the upcoming months to unveil an informational Web site to share his ideas about the coexistence of faith and science in the universe that will reflect his coined term.

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The Veritas Forum was started in 1992 by students at Harvard University to facilitate the pursuit of Veritas, which means "truth" in Latin, as encouraged in the founding mission of the university, according to the Veritas Web site. This academic year the forum has been archived at 25 campus campuses in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and the Netherlands.

Rice previously hosted Veritas in February. The weeklong series was one of the longest in Veritas’ history, according to Dan Cho, executive director of the Veritas Forum. About a year ago, Veritas and a team of campus ministers began planning a shorter but more influential visit, with hopes of continued activity in the years following the event.

"We want to be a catalyst to the community," Cho said.

Emphasized that the national Veritas Forum is not always involved in follow-up events, but plans are already in the works for a solely Rice-led Veritas event to take place next year or the year after.

This forum was coordinated and funded by Rice University campus ministries, including Agape Christian Ministries, Reformed University Fellowship, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Rice Graduate Christian Fellowship, Campus Ministries of Houston, Emory University’s Oxford, Bishop College, and Baylor Student Ministry. Church groups in the Houston area, including St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, Houston Chinese Church, First Presbyterian Church, Houston and private donors such as the John Templeton Foundation also contributed.

The Veritas at Rice planning committee consisted of campus and Houston-area ministers Andy Buxton, Billy Cram, Brad Fauett, Doug Low, Chris Guillet, Josh Bell, Mike Kamin, Peter Du, Emily Liewent, Todd Brought and Kurt Bitt. Sociology Professor Michael Lindsey, Marsel College senior Collin Muller and Brown College senior Abby Van Wyk were also part of the team.

Collins, who had been serving on President Barack Obama’s transition team up until the inauguration, also shared his views on science and public life at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy before the Veritas Forum.

Veritas was followed by a question-and-answer session moderated by Sociology Professor Michael Emerson and a reception and book signing at the Raymond and Susan Brochstein Pavilion. Follow-up discussion sessions were led by students each hour after the forum.

For some attendees, Collins accomplished his goal of not only opening scientists’ eyes to the importance of religion, but vice versa.

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Several attendees noted that the science aspect and alternative to intelligent design," Jones College junior Mary Grace Hugger said.

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Panel discusses current Israeli-Palestinian crisis in Gaza

BY CATHERINE BRATIC
THE RICE THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Despite their reputation for being politically apathetic, over 300 Rice students joined community members in the Bob Reynolds Theatre last Thursday to learn more about the current Israeli-Palestinian crisis in the Gaza Strip, while another 300 were turned away due to fire codes.

The conflict, which reached its peak over Rice’s winter break, was the subject of a panel entitled “The Gaza Crisis,” sponsored by the Rice Student Forum on Israel-Arab Affairs, Hillel and the Muslim Student Association.

In his introduction to the Q&A session, RSF1AA president Yan Digilov, who is also the Thresher sports editor, described the planning of the event as a result of a chance encounter when all three groups found themselves in the Raymond and Susan Breslau Pavilion planning individual events on the topic.

Despite the groups’ differing backgrounds, Digilov said that they did not find collaboration challenging.

“We found it remarkably simple to work together, to trust one another in the name of peace and collaboration,” Digilov said. “Today we send a message to the university, to the community, and to anyone who will listen. Not only should these conversations take place, but they can actually bring us together.”

A six-month-long ceasefire between the ruling countries of Israel and Palestine expired on Dec. 19. Shortly thereafter, Palestine’s ruling Hamas, began to launch rockets into the Israeli-controlled Gaza Strip. In response to these attacks, Israel launched a series of air strikes against Hamas under the codename Operation Cast Lead.

Four professors presented their differing perspectives on the situation at the panel which was moderated by Bill Carroll, director of the Honors Center for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance.

History assistant professor Daniel Cohen discussed the situation from a human rights perspective in his opening remarks, describing Israel’s atrocities as an overreaction.

“This is a profoundly disproportionate reaction to what could have been legitimately framed as a violation of laws of war,” Cohen said. “If I punch your nose, you’re not expected to burn down my house,” he said.

Timothy Fitzgerald, history lecturer, said he believes that much of the confusion is a result of bias influencing the media.

“There’s an initial phase where there’s a flare-up and reporting of proximate events, a flurry of activity, and it’s relatively quickly established that one party (Israel) is acting in self-defense,” Fitzgerald said. He also objected to the common assertion that the conflict was over Israeli.

“How many correspondents in this part of the world, people have always been fighting – this offends me as a historian,” Fitzgerald said. “Anyone who takes even a cursory look at the region can see how this can be denied.”

Ranan Kuperman, Alexander Visiting Scholar in Political Science, sympathized with the need Israel felt to defend itself.

“The Gaza Strip, since it was created in 1949, has always been a source of tension against Israel,” Kuperman said. “The Israelis have tried many ways to deal with (the problem posed by Hamas), and every way that they tried has failed.”

Kuperman said Israel was forced to resort to military action to effectively solve its problems.

History professor Osnat Makdisi described Palestine’s actions as an attempt to liberate themselves from the oppressive rule of Israel.

“The Palestinians naturally and understandably resist the idea of political domination and demand freedom,” he said.

“Palestinians are fighting to get to the bottom of the situation when you’re not hearing all sides of the story,” he said.

When asked to propose solutions for the region, the speakers had varying answers. Makdisi insisted that Israel must first accept all of the Palestinians, not just its Jewish members.

“The only long-term solution is for the state of Israel to become a state that guarantees the equality of all its citizens regardless of religious affiliation and gives them equal rights,” he said.

Kuperman demanded a bilateral solution in order for peace talks to be lasting.

“The only way that international organizations succeed is if all of the parties are willing to cooperate,” he said.

“There are many Israelis who are not a majority – there are many Arabs; there are many Americans; many people around the world who believe in a common vision of peace and a non-violent future,” Makdisi added. “Once that message goes across around the world, things will be changed.”

After the event, some students and supporters of Hillel believed that the event had not been more effective and better representative of the Israeli perspective.

“All of us at Rice really want to know what is happening in Gaza,” said Lauren Henderson, Hillel Religion and Education Chair and Will Rice College senior. “It’s difficult to get to the bottom of the situation when you’re not hearing all sides of the story.”

However, Hillel did participate in the selection of speakers, and Henderson said that overall, they were pleased with the way the event turned out and hope to work together again soon.

MSA president Shamam Amr, moving once again in the Bob Reynolds Pavilion planning, said the event achieved its goal.

“And I definitely think that people learned a lot about how it evolved, how Israel and the Palestinians naturally have a clash, and a considerable amount about the consequences of this crisis.”

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Austin's Achachay making cold hot since 2008

By Julie Armstrong

Who knew even Rice graduates could become rock stars?

Anyone acquainted with Rice alumnus Jordan Myers Alien (Sid '08) has been hearing that message for a while. Throughout his college career, the ebullient, long-haired religious studies major persistently proclaimed his desire to be a rock star, even listing "requestration" as a second major on Facebook. While most Rice students searched for internships and aimed at research labs, Alien formed the funk rock band Moose with Evan Davis (Brown '06), Andy Whitten (Brown '07) and Aaron Taffett (Sid '08), acting as a lead vocalist and guitarist. The band went on to win ETBU's Battle of the Bands two years in a row and even toured throughout the United States in the summer of 2003, chugging slowly across the continent in "Funkwagen von Tat Kraft," their less-than-dependable tour van.

Since his graduation nearly a year ago, Allen has continued strumming to the rhythm of his own guitar and has managed to pursue his dream. After several months spent traveling through Central and South America and making music, with new friends along the way, Allen returned home to Austin, Texas, to further his career as a musician. That's when drummer Ryan Greenblatt and bassist Charlie Casey joined the story, creating Achachay (pronounced "ah-cha-chai"), a funk rock group whose MySpace profile claims they can "turn cold her." The motto makes more sense in the context of the their name, which is Ecuadorian slang for "stamm," it's freezing."

Before Achachay rocked Willy'sPub last Thursday night — along with former Moose member Darvin on guitar, Sid Richard- son College justice Laura Lien on violin and friend Aaron Staton on keyboard — the Thresher enjoyed a brief interview with Greenblatt, Alien and a pitbull terrier named Denali.

Ryan Greenblatt:
"Last year I moved to Austin after Tulane to play music full-time, and Jordan came back from Central America to do the same thing. We have this mut- ual friend named Zark — like, we

My Bloody Valentine

Horror so scary it leaps off the screen doesn't need to take itself seriously

By Faheem Ahmed

It's official. Everything needs to be made into a 3-D. Just like the groundbreaking innovations of movies with sound and color in the early 20th century, 3-D technology is completely revolutionizing the American cinema experience, and My Bloody Valentine uses the technology admirably.

Traditionally, 3-D has been reserved for adventure rides at Universal Studios or nature exhibits at the IMAX, but now it has the potential to rejuvenate the entire American cinema experience, and it is truly remarkable that something so morbid can be perfectly suited for the genre, and it is truly remarkable that something so morbid can be

Imagine a burning car crashing through the flatscreen into your living room, a running back driving across your coffee table or, hell, two girls making out on your leather sofa? 3-D movies are perfectly suited for the genre, and it is truly remarkable that something so morbid can be

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Bride Wars’ Hudson and Hathaway all fluff, no stuff

BY JACKIE AMMONS

Bride Wars

NARRATED BY FAMOUS NEW YORK WEDDING PLANNER MARIAN ST. CLAIRE (THE WOMEN’S CANDICE BERGEN), BRIDE WARS DOUBLES THE TYPICAL WEDDING MOVIE FUN BY PRESENTING TWO WEDDINGS AND TWO BRIDES, KATE HUDSON AND ANNE HATHAWAY. THE TWO BEST FRIENDS HAVE DREAMED OF GETTING MARRIED IN NEW YORK’S PLAZA HOTEL. ALTHOUGH IT BELONGS TO A SERIES “BRIDEZILLA,” WHILE BRIDE WARS IS A REPEL FROM THE OVERWHELMINGLY VOMIT FILMS THAT HAVE DOMINATED THEATERS RECENTLY, IT IS NOT YOUR TYPICAL CHICK Flick. IN FACT, IT IS NOT YOUR TYPICAL FILM, AS AUDIENCES USUALLY DON’T EXPECT TO SEE BRIDES GOING ABSOLUTELY NUTS CHASING EACH OTHER.

Bride Wars is not your typical chick flick. In fact, it is not your typical film, as audiences usually don’t expect to see brides going absolutely nuts chasing each other.

Bride Wars stars Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway as Liv and Emma in the vapid Bride Wars.

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both know him really well — who
informed. Jordan Allen: We met and just
clicked. We started jamming to-gether
and ended up playing a 90-minute song. That was at the end of August.

Thresher: Ryan, what’s your history with music?
RG: I grew up in Houston, I’ve been playing drums since I was eight. I had other friends who were into music, and they all had their own instruments. Drums were what was left. My dad kind of thought it would be a phase, but it’s been 15 years now. I played rock and jazz bands in high school and in the Talaraz Jazz Combo. And if you asked me whether I’d rather be blind or deaf, I’d definitely say blind. Music is such a big part of my life, I’m the guy who doesn’t notice when the light turns green because I’m meaning with my dad.

Thresher: Do you feel over-whelmed as young musicians in Austin?
JA: I think we have an advantage
because we’re different from the usual. There’s a lot of country rock and indie rock, but there aren’t that many rock’n’roll bands. And we’ve had good luck with shows, we’ve played with some big-name musicians. There are a lot of opportunities. The only prob-lem is that Austin musicians can be
flaky and never get back to you.

Thresher: Could you give an ex ample of your songs?
JA: “Rock People” is a groovy jam.
Bob people to the mall wear-ing suspenders. Rock people sheat The Gap. Rock people are but
towels, ask Jenny, she knows. Rock people rarely call you back.

Our other song on MySpace is called “Why So Serious?” At some point I’d really like to cover “Fire In My Pants.” Or the entire Chili Peppers album Blood Sugar Sex Magik.

Thresher: What are some goals?
JA: I play guitar and do most of the singing and songwriting. Casey plays bass. Ryan usually sticks to drums and back-up vocals, but to-night he’s singing lead on a song for the first time.

Thresher: How do you guys get around? Has Jordan found a re-placement for the Pumpkang?
RG: We have an old school bus
called the Rio Bus, because “It’s
Kiss Kiss” is one of our songs. We’ve
even had to stack the car, Ryan turns the key while I pour gas into the engine and please “God, don’t let it ex-plose and rip off my arm.”

RG: She can run on vegetable oil, but we have a problem with the
solenoid.

JA: I think I’d want to be an imagi-nary animal, but I also want to ex-pand. I used to like wolves and foxes. I like wolves because they’re indepen-dent, but they also travel in packs. It’s a personal vision.

RG: I’ve been told I evoke the wolf. Maybe because I have a re-ally long tongue.
JA: I think I could also be a dol-phin, or an archipelago. Dolphins are smart, curious and frequently naked.

Thresher: Anything else you’d like to say? You’re recording any songs coming up?
RG: We’d like to record an EP sometime soon. We’ve had some good couple of months, but we want to have the facilities to do a good job, so we’re trying to save money for that.

RG: We do have some shows coming up. We’re going on tour in June, at the Red Eyed Fly in Austin. We’ve played there twice before, but this’ll be our first Thursday show, which is more like playing a weekend show.

You could check out Achachay online at myspace.com/achachay.
**Men's track team starts season with key win**

Strong performances from freshmen and upperclassmen alike spur Rice to victory over UTSA, Houston

by Jonathan Myers

If you witnessed last Friday's Leonard Hilton Invitational at the University of Houston, you would have watched a men's track and field meet that was a competition in name only. Rice used incredible individual performances in all events to earn an impressive 112.5-point win, easily beating the University of Texas-San Antonio's runner-up total of 68.25 and Houston's third-place grab of 62.75.

Head coach Jon Warren (Jones '88) said even though Houston's showing was in its infancy, the same was true for Rice.

"We had a couple of our 600-meter guys not run, as well as some other handicaps," Warren said. "Overall, we can put our best foot forward, and those that did compete did pretty well."

The amazing effort put forth by the freshmen continued to impress Warren. The seniors standout included Clayton Chavers, who ran the 60-meter hurdles in 8.43 seconds to finish third, Collin Shubert, who finished fourth in the 400 with a time of 49.06, and Jack Spinks, who had a solid high jump of 6 feet, 4.25 inches.

"It was the first indoor meet of their lives for most of them, and obviously the first college meet of these freshmen," Warren said. "It definitely proved well given the circumstances."

"The two best freshmen by far were Chasney and Shubert. They just had super starts. That's really great of Shubert to run sub-90 on that track."

But Rice did not win the meet just on the backs of the new faces for the Owls also had excellent efforts from some sophomores. Chris Kant took home second place in the pole vault with a vault of 16.7', and fellow vaulters Garrett Stafford rose to 15.7' to finish in fourth. Meanwhile, Clay Baker won the individual title in the shot put by throwing for 59.3', and Ugo Nduaguba had a triple jump of 33.7' to finish second, even though he only took three jumps due to a "minor range" in his leg, according to Warren.

The upperclassmen also provided excellent results for the team with a couple of familiar faces from last year's cross country team scoring big points. Senior Justin Max- well turned in a first-place finish in the 5,000m run with a time of 15:30, while junior Simon Buckwell won the mile in 4:06.

Warren said he felt that those three were Rice's top performers. "Obviously the best performances were the winners in Buckwell, Land Maxwell," Warren said. "It was an impressive win, a very good start for us across the board."

Alex Zinchenko, a freshman from Lisbon, Portugal, arrived on campus before the start of the semester and threw the shot put for the first time on Friday. His technique appeared a little shaky, but overall he seemed to be ready to challenge Baker for dominance in the event.

Looking ahead to the rest of the season, Warren took the seniors on track as he led with the cross country team, highlighting a win at the conference meet as the main goal for the team.

"The only meet we need to make a statement at is at Conference last year that was February 27 at Houston's Yeoman Fieldhouse," Warren said. "We'll definitely run everybody that's healthy at the Franx Sevigne Cless (in two weeks in Berlin) and at the Texas A&M Invitational this time next week at College Station, Tex."

In the meantime, the squad will pick up some athletes from the football team to fill its seats at short distance events. Janeses Chris Watts, All-American 110-meter hurdlers Jordan and Ahmad Sweeney, all wide receivers on the gridiron, will look to run the 100 and 200 events, while lanky freshman punter Kyle Mar- tin, one of the field goal specialists, will attempt the shot put and discus. "Watts' best jump in high school was 6'0", and he finished fifth in the high jump at the South Dakota state meet this junior year."

The Owls will hope to maintain their momentum when they participate in the Houston Indoor Invitational on January 30, but if their season's beginning is any indication, the Owls could see a strong showing at the meet will require little more than fine-tuning for this well-oiled machine.

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**Initial women's meet brings two provisional times**

Sophomore Ari Ince clears the bar while pole vaulting last weekend at the University of Houston. Ince's vault of 3.95m was a nine-inch improvement in her personal best.

by Natalie Clericuzio

After winning both the conference indoor and outdoor championships last season, as well as earning a spot rank- ing in Conference USA, the women's track and field team opened the indoor season with plenty of expectations.

With a win in their first meet of the season last Friday, where they defeated the University of Texas and the University of Houston, the Owls' team has already completed a provisional qualifying vault by 9 seconds. Sophomore Allison Pye left the competition behind by clearing 4.24 meters.

"I feel like I'm at home in the mile," sophomore Nicole Mericle said. "It's a really comfortable distance for me."

Tuesday, February 14

Women's Basketball vs. UTEP
7 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. Texas A
6:30 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. East Carolina
7 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse

Women's Basketball vs. Houston
7 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse

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Upcoming Sports

**Sunday, January 25**

Women's Basketball vs. Southern Miss
2 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse

**Monday, January 26**

Men's Basketball vs. Sam Houston
1:30 p.m. — Yeoman Fieldhouse on UH campus

Women's Basketball vs. Southern Miss
5:30 p.m. — Yeoman Fieldhouse on UH campus

**Wednesday, January 28**

Men's Basketball vs. Tulane
7 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse

**Friday, January 30**

Swimming vs. Houston, New Orleans
3 p.m. — Baines Pool, USM

Men's Track at Houston
All Day — Yeoman Fieldhouse on UH campus

**Saturday, January 31**

Women's Track at Houston
All Day — Yeoman Fieldhouse on UH campus

**Men's Basketball vs. East Carolina**
1 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse

**Wednesday, February 4**

Women's Basketball vs. Houston
7 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse

**Wednesday, February 18**

Men's Basketball vs. UTEP
7 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse
Seniors honored versus SMU in season’s only home meet

by Tracy Dansker

THREESHER STAFF

The faux wooden wall was painted with an artistic array of owls, the Rice spirit bird, but felt to some like a backdrop of balloons and lights. Perhaps it was because it was the home opener, with the lamps on their feet, cheering and waving signs. It was the beginning of the new season at Rice pool, and the home meet was all but a no-brainer in terms of attendance. The crowd was loud and enthusiastic, replete with a teammate, Jada Hallmark (Sid ’01), the graduate student pub. We all predicted victory, but the times didn’t reflect that. The times didn’t reflect that.

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Rice grad student places 11th at Houston marathon

by Jonathan Myers

Most undergradautes at Rice do not venture into the dark bowels beneath Keck Hall that house Valkalla, the graduate student pub. We all surmise that amidst the crazy paintings on the wall and the loud music pumping against the walls, some of the best beer-lovers graduate students are sharing a beer or two, discussing plans far beyond undergraduate studies.

Some undergraduate students do not have time for running. In fact, there aren’t many of us, and then two years ago, and lined tunnel and bouquets of flowers on the wall and the loud music pumping against the walls, some of the best beer-lovers graduate students were kind of torn down from training, Hallmark said. “We hung in there and raced the top spots in races.

The winner of the marathon was a marathon.”

“Maybe it was because it was the lone feet, cheering and waving signs. “I just like getting out and running long distances. It’s nice when you win a conference title, with Rice placing top spots in races.”

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The weight throwers — junior Katie Dollinger, sophomore Tisha Robinson and freshman Brittany Brown — all improved on their lifetime bests. Dollinger reached her first final of the season with a throw of 11.12 meters. Finally, the 4x400m relay team showed promise for improvement upon last season. The team was missing Washington, but Bevan wanted her to rest and not worry about being in her first meet of the year. However, the team still finished fourth overall with a time of 3:41.54.

Overall, Bevan said that the meet was a good first of the season. “I was very pleased,” Bevan said. “It’s nice when you win a meet. Even though this wasn’t very much about team scoring, we did beat Texas, Houston, UAB and Louisiana Tech, four good schools.... The biggest things are we came out of the meet pretty healthy, we won the meet [and] we competed hard.”

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A CLOSER LOOK:

Women’s Track Results from Leonard Hilton

Event 1st Place 2nd Place

100m 7.39, Anderson (UT) 7.49, Stewart (Wisc)

200m 24.96, Darrington (TSU) 25.56, Prentiss (TSU)

400m 58.09, Scroggs (BAB) 58.52, Taylor (Wisc)

800m 2:13.95, John (Rice) 2:14.99, Waite (Rice)

1600m 4:00.44, Rice 4:00.44, Rice

5000m 14.33m, Pulliam (UH) 11.83m, Gates (TS)

300m hurdles 8.36, Ashen (SU) 8.59, Cobb (La. Tech)

4x100 relay 4:05.71, UT 4:05.71, UT

100m hurdles 10.80, Davis (UH) 10.80, Davis (UH)

High Jump 1.75m, Hooker (UT) 1.75m, Hancock (TSU)

Pole Vault 3.35m, Inte (Rice) 3.45m, Matthews (SU)

Long Jump 5.97m, Maloney (UT) 5.76m, Ogunde (UT)

Triple Jump 12.36, Williams (SU) 11.83, Gates (SU)

Shot Put 16.07m, Brown (UT) 16.33m, Kohlman (SU)

Weight Throw 19.33m, Marshall (SU) 17.53m, Brown (UT)
Women's Tennis 2009

Owls start the second part of their season as underdogs, but hope that their spot in the rankings is meant to be closer towards top

The Owls kick off their spring season after a strong showing this past fall under new head coach Elizabeth Schmidt. The Owls have proven in the nation looks to improve upon their ranking this year and earn a bid to the prestigious NCAA tournament behind the leadership of junior Jamie Chao and seniors Emily Beard and Rebecca Lin.

Last season, women's tennis went 7-5 and finished as the sixth best team in the nation after starting out at 7-4. The Owls have room to improve this year after a season that did not meet their expectations. The semifinal matchups in the Conference USA Championships on April 19, resulted in a close 3-5 loss to the sixth ranked Marshall, but the team still managed to have its best season since 1993.

Elizabeth Schmidt took the helm of the tennis team after the resignation of former coach Roger White. Schmidt is a former player for the University of California-Los Angeles and coached at the University of Notre Dame prior to coming to Rice.

"I love my new job," she said. "I think Rice is a great place because of its academic and athletic tradition, it's a combination of both." Schmidt also said that she really enjoys being around her hard working players.

"We have lofty goals," she said. "Our team wants to win Conference USA and be ranked in the top 40. Every day I just want us to improve, though, in finding things to improve upon so we can get better both on and off the court."

Other additions to the team include freshmen Ana Guzman and Alex Rasch, both import players from Guatemala. They bring a new dimension to the Owls locker room and contribute to a more diverse culture as they both not only add to the talent level but also to the team's personality.

As newcomers, though, the squad gets an emphasis on team before the individuals.

"We are trying to build for last year and win conference," Schmidt said. "There are several returning talent in the conference, but we are one of them. We just have to go out each day, just play our game, and keep improving." The fall past season began with the Midland Collegiate Invitational from Oct. 10-12 in Midland, Texas. Chao, Beard and sophomore Madison all won their opening rounds in the first tournament of the year. Guzman particularly stood out because she nearly pulled off the upset against fourth seed Madelaine Biehler of Nebraska, losing 6-2, 6-2, 10-8. Soon after, the Owls moved on to the Holiday Inn Aerocenter Rice Classic from Oct. 17-19 at Jake Hess Stadium where Chao, Lin, Beard and sophomore Veronica Santan-Shanker all reached the singles championships in their respective flights. All but Chao, who lost a 6-4, 6-3 decision to Lee College's Ana Veselov in Flight I, left with a singles championship. The success in this tournament demonstrated the high talent level and resilience the Owls possess.

"Our modest goal is to reach the top 35, and I feel we can reach that goal," Jessica Jackson said.

The final tournament of the fall season was held on Oct. 24-25 at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center on the Texas Christian University campus when seven of the first six matches materialized into wins for the Owls. A particularly important tournament because it serves as the first test among other teams in the region, the ITA Southwestern Championships set the stage for a pair of victories from Rasch and Shiva Shankar. The most promising victory in opening day was the upset of ITA's 98th seed Sarah Lancaster and Matt Maxell from the University of Texas at Austin. Rasch was playing rough cutthroat matches that they used to build upon their confidence for the upcoming week. Chao and Guzman pulled off the upset against seventh seed Da-vide Debon and Laurant from the Uni-

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Strong play in face of adversity not enough for Owls

by Yan Digilov
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Even the best teams need to be lucky sometimes to keep winning. The opposite can be said of the women’s basketball team. The Owls (5-12, 0-4 C-USA) have been struggling of late. A win over Memphis (1-3, 0-0 C-USA) in the opening game of the season was the team’s only win of the year following an 0-12 start.

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But what Home lacked in ball control, the rest of the team made up for in opportunism. Uncharacteristically, they shut down Memphis (8-10, 1-4 C-USA) defensively from the start of the match, limiting the Tigers to only 25 percent shooting in the first half. The Owls dominated play for most of the game, turning the Tigers’ offense off-balance with an uncharacteristic first half.

McKinney made it a five-point game with two minutes remaining after hitting a three-pointer to take the lead for a 69-64 victory, giving the Owls their third conference loss of the year. Even though Smart did not return for the following game on Sunday, the Owls squad gained confidence from their previous performance without their young leader.

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Men's tennis flexes muscle in home competition

by Casey Michel
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Only a week into its season, the men's tennis team is racking up the accomplishments. Downsizing their first conference opponent? Check. Facing a ranked foe? Check. Dropping only three points in the first five matches of the season? Check.

It's official: After their hottest start in years, the Owls are moving in the right direction and appear to be on the right path in the Conference USA. The team is racking up the accomplishments, downsizing their first conference opponent this past weekend.

Men drop difficult games against conference foes

by Brody Rollins
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After picking up their first win in Conference USA play in over a season last weekend against Southern Methodist University, the Owls took a step backward Saturday, losing 77-54 to the University of Central Florida.

The loss drops the Owls to 6-10 overall, and 2-9 in conference play.

Playing their last game without injured freshman forward Lucas Robs (who broke his wrist during practice last Thursday), the Owls struggled to find a rhythm on offense and shot just 33 percent in the game, compared to 52 percent for UCF.

Kapetsky, the team's third leading scorer with 13.9 points per game, missed the past six to eight weeks. His return coincides with the last of the Owls' four straight games against UCF and rallied UCF to a 7-0 stand-and-shoot, making him all-out a pair of three-pointers by Kapetsky forward Suleiman Brahim with 19 seconds left.

In the second half, the Owls were unable to penetrate the zone defense employed by UCF that led to 15 of 26 shooting for 57.7 percent of those shots coming from behind the arc.

"We did our best to break the zone," junior guard Cory Pfeiffer said, "we got open shots, but couldn't knock them down.

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UCF pulled away from the Owls shortly afterward, adding 12-0 run that put them ahead 29-18 midway through the half. Senior guard Taylor, the Owls' leading scorer, contributed nine of those points, making him all-out a pair of three-pointers.

Defensively, the Owls played well early, limiting Florida to 15 points in the first half, and shot 39 percent in the first half. 39 percent of the games, and finished the second half with 15 points.

The Owls were able to do just that, showing Florida into picking up fouls in the less than 90 minutes of action.

There was also a stretch during the first half when the Owls held the Knights scoreless for nearly four and a half minutes. After the Owls fell behind 17-3 in the first half, the Owls allowed UCF to score just 21 points in the second half. The Owls were also able to hold UCF to 12 points in the first half of the game.

During their 14-0 run, UCF went three for three beyond the three-point line.

"Mistakes we're trying to get out of our defense," head coach Frank Brown said. "We have a lot of options and you have to be really organized. I thought we didn't communicate like we were when we were playing defense in the first half.

There were some bright spots for the Owls. Freshman guard Connor Fitzgibbons weighed in at 281 pounds, scoring over 60 percent in the game, and finished the night with 16 points.

Robert Ford, who broke UAB's single season scoring record earlier this season, finishing with 14 points per game, was really good," Braun said. "He took one dribble, burst to the basket, pulled up in the face, and was really good."

The Owls were held to just 44 shots and 26 points, well below their season average of 69.7 points per game.

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But Rosa found a way to best the then-No. 7 Hurricanes with his 6-11, 22 point performance, highlighted by senior Christoph Muller, who broke UAB's single season scoring record earlier this season, finishing with 14 points per game.

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And unlike the opponents they faced in last weekend's doubleheaders, Rice's upcoming foes will not be the kind that simply will over before the matches begin. On Sunday, the Owls will take on the 13 University of Miami, arguably the biggest game in the Owls' history.

"It's a fun team to be a part of this year," Rosa said. "I'll call him up for a beer. If I lose, I'm just going to go."
Sophomore Clay Baker prepares to let go during the weight toss at the Leonard Hilton Memorial Friday at the University of Houston.

An Owl sandwich Freshman Michaela Reynolds, left, and sophomore Becky Wade, right, sandwich a Blazer during Sunday's powderpuff.

THE LEGACY DESIGN COMPETITION

$5,000 Prize

This is a design competition to create a permanent donor recognition tribute for Rice University's Legacy Society. Legacy Society members are individuals, corporations and foundations who have given gifts to Rice University totaling $4.6 million or more, the same amount William Marsh Rice left in his will to establish the university.

Competition is Open to All Rice Students
Individuals or teams may participate, but all participants must be enrolled at Rice.

Submission Rules
- The design must cost no more than $50,000 to construct.
- The design must be able to have names added to it in perpetuity. Approximately 50 names will initially appear on the design.
- The design will be a permanent monument to honor philanthropy.
- The design should require minimal maintenance and cannot include a water feature.
- The design must include an explanation of what the Legacy Society is.
- The design should be placed in an area of campus where the campus community and visitors can easily see the installation. However, the university reserves the right to accept the design and placement suggestion but choose an alternative site.

Office of Resource Development-MS 81
5620 Greenbriar (across the street from the stadium)

Display Board Requirements
- All entrants are required to submit designs on one 30 x 40-inch mounted board (lightweight foam core board preferred).
- Write your name and contact information on the back of your board. Jurors desire to judge the designs without knowing the identity of the entrant.

Jury will include President David W. Leebron, faculty, alumni, staff and design experts.

Please note: The university reserves the right to reject any or all submissions. The winning design team or individual will be required to sign an agreement granting to the university certain rights, including, among others, ownership of the design and the ability to modify it.

Call Michele Arnold at 713-348-4673 with questions.
Centennial Campaign information: www.rice.edu/centennialcampaign

William Marsh Rice's Philanthropy

"Texas received me when I was penniless, without friends or even acquaintances. And now in the evening of my life, I recognize my obligation to her and her children. I wish now to leave to the boys and girls struggling for a place in the sun the fortune I have been able to accumulate."
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2009

**Woop woop! That’s the sound of the police.**

You’ve probably heard something by KRS-One (Knowledge Reigns Supreme Over Nearly Everyone), even if you don’t know it. One of the most influential MCs of all time kicks off the first leg of the 20th anniversary of the “Stop the Violence” movement at the Meridian tonight. Doors open early (7:00 p.m.) and tickets are $5 in advance, $8 at the door.

**And some people think modern music is accessible!**

Guest composer Joan Tower and friends from the Shepherd School faculty present the latest installment of “SYZYGY” tonight at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. Programmed as a ‘surf’ piece,” “SYZYGY” is defined classically by the appearance of the sun, moon and earth aligned in a straight line. At Rice, however, it has something to do with the performance of new music. Fun!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009**

Four-part threesomes

The Rice Philharmonics, in their first on-campus cappella concert of the semester, present the Princeton Footnotes and Texas A&M’s Apotheosis. I didn’t see the Phils at all last semester (which I regret, as I have a fresh man in the troupe) but now that running redhead and fellow Wisconsinite Kyle Clark is back the sexual tension which holds the Phils together should keep every audience member on the edge of their seats. It gets real at 30 p.m. in the Wise College Commons.

Happy Birthday, Mischa! At know you’ve been anticipating for months now, it’s Mischa Barton’s birthday! The English starter of “The OC,” turns 23 to-day, which is still totally within my boy range. Maybe this year she’ll return my e-mails.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2009**

Glutton for punishment?

Calvin Trillin is the most funny comedian I’ve seen, but at least he’s got balls. Not many folks would steal so many toes so brazenly—including the “Hi, Mom!” bit he stole from Bill Cosby, Bill Cosby of all people! If you’re looking to punish yourself past the passing of some one thing, swing by the Toyota Center at 7:30 p.m. and you’ll find my hand in your soul.

**Call your mother**

Today in 1915, Alexander Graham Bell opened the first transcontinental phone service. Now, 96 years later, we have cell phones and Skype, and you have no good reason not to call Mom or Dad or some other special person and say hello.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2009

**MAKE YOUR OWN OFFICER 220 CUTOUT DOLL!**

Take photos of Officer 220 stopping parking violators, posing with attractive females or just goofing off around campus and send them to the Backpage! Our favorite entry wins a special Backpage prize package: a backbrub, a flower or G.I. Joe and twenty bucks.
The Backpage RUPD Fun Page

CATCH THE BICYCLE THIEF

Officer Ruth needs to catch the bicycle thief! Can you help her catch him and avoid running into a 40s party, wine strung up between trees by Will Ricers, traffic cones, and Baker 19?

DECIPHER THE MESSAGE

4342218332746361
3231738241744391
2162818163742353
5381432361816939
6382613328216132
4362216231372374
6362
80085

RUPD confiscated this lost cell phone from the sixth floor of Fondren Library and received this text message, probably from a drug dealer. Can you crack the code and save the day?

ADVICE FROM OFFICER 220

Dear Officer 200,
This year at NOD, I drank too much and hooked up with a boy from my floor, and he’s just say it molded poorly. We used to just be friends, but now I want more. He doesn’t seem interested at all. How can I make him see me that way again?
— Where’s the Love?

Dear Where’s the Love?
Looks like u got urself a real NOBODY boy there!!! hahah!! look some- times a man has got to do what a man has got to do when I lived in CAL!!! I ran in with a chik who wanted a bit More of the 220 MAGIC and lets just say I had to — SLASH HER TIES— if u know what I mean
— $90!??!

Dear Officer 200,
I hooked up with a girl after Pub Night and now I think I might be at risk for an STD. I’m afraid that if I get tested my roommates or parents will find out. What should I do?
— Burning Question

Dear Burning Question,
hey man!!! just play it cool thats just what life is about gotta HANG LOSE off I am sure that will be fine!!! if it itches = scratch it = $90!?!?!?

Dear Officer 200,
I’m not sure if this is the right place to ask this question, but I got busted by RUPD for pot last week, and now I might wind up on Judicial Probation. What can I do?
— Bliss of Glory

Dear Bliss of Glory,
AS MY BOYS NWA say fuck the police Hahaha!!! i cant really say this brace im a cop !!! OK so no wey WE GOT U SUCK- WE GOT U 6000 sh*t!!! no lam — just a peaking cop but eat my shirt Hahaha!!!! = no worries tho Hahahaha!!!

RE-STACHE OFFICER ANDERSON

Oh no! Officer Anderson seems to have lost his trademark mustache! Can you help him out and draw him a new one?

There’s more RUPD fun to be had on the Calendar page!

The Backpage is satire and is written, poorly, by Timothy Faust and Eric Doctor. It always makes the chuckle to see how different Americans are from the rest of the world.

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HELP WANTED

Evening/Weekend Job Available at Rice Join other Rice Students in calling alumni to tell them about the Annual Fund. Work hours, bonuses, incentives, flexible evening shifts all included. Email classifieds@rice.edu

Attention Graduate Students! Starts driving crazy! Save time and saucy! Statistical and marketing experience required. Email classifieds@rice.edu

The Rice Children’s Campus is hiring part-time classroom assistants working with children ages infant - 5 years old. Work schedules can be tailored to fit. Please contact Karen or Carrie at 713-798-5457.

Looking for a female writing tutor for a 4th grade girl. Call 281-277-5998 to discuss. Prefer English Major.

Medical Center practice needs help with data entry and scanning. $10/Hour. Fax resumes to 713-798-7986.

Family looking for a babysitter for a 4 year old boy & 3 year old girl bi-weekly on Saturdays from 5-9 PM. Residence within two blocks of Rice University. Please email Kelly, villiernosr@rice.edu with short overview of your background and experience with children.

Rice Alumni Seeking after school nursery for 2 daughters ages 3-4, 1 days per week from 4-6:30 in West U. Car + good driving skills required to pick girls up from school/activities. Contact mcho@wireless-wisdom.com.

MEMORIAL AREA FAMILY is seeking part-time help. Job description: experienced female who can care for our 14 year old Daughter. Safe and good condition car required. Hours are 3-6 during school year and noon - 5 in Summer. Looking for a commitment of at least one year. Call Joe at 832-265-3275 or Patty at 713-229-7848.

The Weekly Family YMCA of Houston is looking for Swim Instructors and CERTIFIED Lifeguards to work morning, afternoons, evenings and/or weekends. Lifeguard Candidates must have CURRENT certifications in Lifeguarding (YMCA or Red Cross), CPR - R, and First Aid. Lifeguard classes held April 26th-28th and May 10th-17th. Training will be provided for Swim Instructors. Contact Holly Jenkins at hollyj@ymcahouston.org.

HOUSING

Free housing for a Korean Female student wanting to live with senior citizen. Couple welcome. Minutes from Rice campus. Please call 713-591-6405 or email mcho@wireless-wisdom.com.

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