Art around Willy’s statue to honor donors

Marshall College junior Ashley Hinton’s design for the Rice University Legacy Society (above, right). The names of corporations, foundations and individuals who have given at least $5,000 to Rice will be bronze-inlaid in Texas pink granite (right).

No change in parking lot prices

BY JACLYN YOUNGBLOOD
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

If the current economic situation has a silver lining, it’s next year’s on-campus parking rates, which will not increase for the 2009-2010 academic year, Director of Administrative Services Eugene Radulescu said.

“Everything stays the same,” Radulescu said. “Everything is frozen... for everyone: for faculty, for staff, for students, for visitors.”

The University Standing Committee on Parking, which has at least two representatives for undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and staff, made its recommendation to President David Leebron, who approved the unchanged rates last week.

This year, the committee suggested increasing rates at their current levels. Radulescu said his opinion was that this proposition was made in consideration of the current economic situation, so as not to increase the burden on students, faculty and staff.

Registration for parking can be completed online via ESTHER until the first day of classes next semester. However, Radulescu said he recommended using the online registration as opposed to registering in person at the Central Campus Garage. He encouraged registration before Aug. 1 so that the administration can quickly process all the applications.

The 2008-09 parking rates represented a 4 percent increase from the 2007-08 prices. See PARKING, page 8

Student assaulted near academic quadrangle

BY EVELYN WRIGHT
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

A male student was physically assaulted while walking past the academic quadrangle on Campus Walk with a female student at 2 a.m. Tuesday, Rice University Police Department Captain Phil Hassell said.

The assailant described as a 20-22-year-old black male, about 5’7” and 190 pounds with “big eyes,” short hair and a medium complexion. Hassell said the assailant stepped out of his vehicle, yelled at the student and then struck the student. At that point, another member of the assailant’s vehicle drugged him back to a dark corner within the academic quadrangle.

According to Hassell, the suspect appeared angered and intoxicated.

“When asked he was yelling something to the students but they couldn’t understand what he was saying,” Hassell said. “I’m assuming he was drunk. It looked like he was mad at the world and decided to take it out on the victim.”

Hassell said the student reported slight bruising on his head the following day, but said he was not出资.

Officers arrived at the east end of campus within three to four minutes but were unable to locate the car. Hassell said a bicycle reportedly saw the car but did not have any other information.

Hassell said the emergency notification system was not activated immediately due to a misunderstanding whereby RUPD thought the student had been hit by a car. When they found out this was not the case, Hassell said the emergency notification system remained unnecessary in RUPD’s opinion, since the students were not robbed and nothing was taken from them.

RUPD tries not to use the emergency notification system unless there is an ongoing threat to students, Hassell said.

“In hindsight we probably should have put out an emergency notification, but gives the info we had that night from the victim it didn’t seem necessary,” Hassell said. “We want to use these as sparingly as we can or people will get to where they just ignore them.”

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RUPD CAPTAIN

Hassell said he sent out a mass e-mail via the AE Departments, U-Students, and Graduate Student Administration listservs the following morning. Hassell said he also posted hard copies of the notification around campus, when he discovered the U-Students listserv did not directly reach all undergraduates. Hassell said he contacted Information Technology to send out a mass e-mail instead. Hassell said it was understood and used the emergency notification system to send out a text message alert.

A text message was sent to some — but not all — of the students who signed up for alerts due to a glitch with the contractor rice uses to send the messages, Mr3, Barry Riebleck, Information Technology Director of Systems, Architecture and Infrastructure, said. Riebleck said the contractor normally takes an average of three minutes to send all the messages, so if it took them to send sending messages after five minutes. However, Mr3 took longer than five minutes to send out the messages this time, meaning that some of those who registered for test messages did not receive them.

Riebleck said it notified that Mr3 had not completed delivery to the allotted time, but since Mr3 did not have a list of who had already received the message, it would have to be sent to the entire campus and some people would receive it twice. Riebleck said he decided sending the message was unnecessary since the assault had happened about 15 hours before the message was sent.

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It is not meant to get to everybody and it will never get to everybody because not enough people sign up for it,” Riebleck said. “It is just one of the means of communication. The only reason text messages are important is

ASSAULT, page 8

The statue of William Marsh Rice in the academic quadrangle may be getting a new neighbor. Construction of a five-story academic quad to honor the members of the Rice University Legacy Society, a group of approximately 50 corporations, foundations and individuals who have contributed at least $5,000 each to $5,000 each to Rice University.

Construction may be completed in 2012, Rice President David Leebron said.

Marshall College junior Ashley Hinton’s design of concentric circles around Willy’s statue (above right). The names of corporations, foundations and individuals who have given at least $5,000 to Rice will be bronze-inlaid in Texas pink granite (right).

To join the discussion, visit the Rice Legacy page at

http://www.rice.edu/legacy
Erratum

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30 Nights cancellation ruins excitement

If you're reading this right now, it means that we're un-happy — 30 Nights is still cancelled (see story, page 6). What was shaping up to be a great Wednesday last night — senioritis-laced seniors mixed with Element always is a good concoction — has now turned into another typical, paper-churning slog. Yes, we're complaining, and here's why:

30 Nights, with its marketing blitz and higher sales of tickets, was set to go off without a hitch. People were excited for the bikes. Bicycle World and Fit-neses were generous enough to support Rice's green initiative by offering a sub-significantly less than the $700-plus figure cited in the editorial.

To qualify for the bike offer, gradu-

To the Editor:

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Such an arrangement is disastrous

To the editor:

I could not disagree more with Catherine Bratic in the opinion that newspapers are the most important———

First, I am surprised that students receive free subscriptions from the Chronicle. When I went to college, I paid for my own. If it is for you,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bikes-for-cars article erroneous

To the Editor:

I was glad to read your editorial supporting Rice University's green initiative that offers graduate students at the Rice Village Apartments a free bike if they don't bring a car to campus. "Bike-for-
cars program almost perfect," March 27. Although you expressed concerns about a couple of points, they were

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Inadequate health plan needs greater improvements

Erica Soltero is a WILL Rice College sophomore. Dolapo Sokunbi and Kelsy Lou contributed to this column.

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Carl Hubbard

Education levels are negatively correlated with testosterone. The more testosterone flowing through your veins, the less likely you are to finish high school or graduate college.

This is especially so for private, elite colleges like Rice. This trend leads to what psychologist James Dabbs calls the "Irony of Testosterone," a phenomenon that while high testosterone was evolutionarily advantageous for millions of years, to-day's society is arranged in such a way that those with high testosterone are at a disadvantage in society. Statistically, it's the low-testosterone male who gets into the good schools and scores the white collar jobs. The high testosterone males tend to work blue collar jobs and occupy a lower level in society.

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Kissinger, Baker discuss future of Chinese-American relations

BY JOHN RUTENBERG
THE RICE THRESHER STAFF

What was once a cool relationship between the People’s Republic of China and the United States is now an open relationship, helped, in part, by Rice. To honor the 30th anniversary of full diplomatic relations between these two nations, Rice’s James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy hosted a conference on April 3 entitled, “America and China: The Next 30 Years.”

The event consisted of a panel of distinguished guests, including former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and James A. Baker III, and China’s Ambassador to the U.S., Zhou Wenzhong.

The conference was sponsored by a partnership between the Baker Institute and the Shanghai Institute for International Studies, along with a sponsorship from Continental Airlines. It is the fourth in a series that centers on Sino-American relations.

While the conference focused on past relationships between China and the U.S., it also served as a chance to think about the future of two such complex countries in the world,” Kissinger said.

“The differences do exist, and they’re not going away,” Baker said. “But we must keep lines of communication open. We have to find compromises, agree to disagree. We must be realistic and pragmatic.”

Kissinger said he left these are the same ideas that will guide Sino-American diplomacy for the next 30 years.

Along with reflecting on the past, the panel also expressed feelings about the future of Sino-American relations.

“High-level exchanges have played an irreplaceable role in U.S.-China relations,” Wenzhong said, adding that the rings came from her desire to pay tribute to the legacy members’ relationship with Rice’s founder without detracting attention from the statue of William Marsh Rice.

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From the beginning, the Chinese relationship with America was based on recognition of the importance of the ties between these countries in the world,” Kissinger said.

It was a common geopolitical presence that motivated early Sino-American talks, Kissinger said, referring to the Cold War threat of the Soviet Union.

The granite rings were designed to be one foot wide, with each member’s arced stone being two to three feet in length. The spacing and the curvature of the ellipses is flexible enough to accommodate events or any other obstructions in the central quad, Hinton said, adding that the rings came from her desire to pay tribute to the legacy members’ relationship with Rice’s founder without detracting attention from the statue of William Marsh Rice.

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New ESTHER policy in place

BY JOCELYN WRIGHT
THE RICE THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

To prevent ESTHER from crashing during registration this semester, three changes were made to the registration process. These registration start times were changed to 20-minute intervals per day and were applied Monday through Friday. Registration also started at 7 a.m. instead of 8 a.m., and progress hours were no longer included in determining a student’s eligibility for registration, Registrar David Tenney said.

The three start times were created due to concerns that the load on the system during the first few minutes of registration each day could cause it to crash, Tenney said.

“IT’S AMAZING how everyone likes the system at the exact same time between 8 a.m. and 8:03 a.m.” Tenney said. “A huge number of students register in that first three minutes, and the system gets extremely sluggish.”

Tenney said the registration times were bumped up to 7 a.m. to avoid mid-day peaks in the past professors who were teaching at 8 a.m. expressed concern that registration conflicted with class time. A large number of exams in the chemistry and physics departments are also held at 8 a.m., meaning students taking the exams would be unable to register on time.

Tenney said they chose to have registration at 7 a.m. instead of midnight because staff would be available at 7 a.m. in case there were any problems.

In-progress hours were no longer included because the system could not process this in addition to the three unique start times within an hour. Tenney said some confusion was created because an advertisement published in the March 27 issue of The Rice Thresher said progress hours would be included when calculating standing for registration.

He said they realized this when they were testing the system after the advertisement was published and sent out a correction e-mail on April 1.

“IT WAS NO Problem the last Friday so we were in a hurry to get an ad in the previous week’s Thresher and it was at approximately the same time. It came out that we discovered we could not include in-progress hours,” Tenney said.

Tenney said although the days students were registering may have changed, the group of students with whom they were registering had not and so the classes that would still be open for registration had not changed.

Tenney said registration this semester was progressing without a glitch so far.

“IT HAS BEEN remarkably smooth,” Tenney said. “Having three unique start times really spreads the loads through the hour. It’s been good.”

Prospects flood campus

BY JOCELYN WRIGHT
THE RICE THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

On Wednesday, approximately 450 students admitted to the class of 2013 were able to stay overnight. Wyatt said he has seen an increase in the number of admitted students staying overnight on campus.

“We have more admitted students as a result of events this year there were any possible vents to rooming,” Tenney said.

 Wyatt said there were fewer events this year but they were better organized and had a higher turnout than those in previous years.

“Last year I remember the Fridays concert being packed every night and people sitting down, but with the coordination of events this year there was hardly any room in the chapel, which is awesome because it exposes people to big groups on campus,” Wyatt said. “There aren’t so many events that people are focused as to what to do, and prospects get to meet more of each other than they would otherwise.”

Although the number of parents attending events has increased over the years, Wyatt said fewer attended this year. He attributed this to the financial crisis that made purchasing airline for multiple people more challenging.

Wuay said a separate schedule of parent events was provided.

“The real purpose of Owl Day is to get students to know Rice, and as much as we want parents to be informed, this is their child and our new students’ experience, not theirs,” Wyatt said. “We want to begin that separation, but we don’t want to scare the parents.”

To accommodate the admitted students who were unable to attend Owl Day, three Admit Days will be scheduled for April 14, 20 and 22. Wyatt said admitted students will be able to participate in all of the day’s events scheduled for Owl Day but will not be able to stay overnight.

“We just couldn’t accommodate four nights in a row during April because it’s too busy and not fair to do,” Wyatt said.

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Freshman wins electric car

BY MARIEUX CLOLMONS

Gaston Elementary School

Move over electric slide. Lovett College freshman Josh Rutenberg, winner of the Miles Revolution Contest, is dancing to the hum of an electric car.

The contest, hosted by the Miles Electric Vehicles company, which manufactures fully electric vehicles, awarded a $3,000 scholarship to a student based on which entrant’s video, centered on the electric car, received the most views on YouTube. Rutenberg’s three-minute video trumped the others in competition by gaining 30,000 hits by the end of the competition in March. In addition to providing Rutenberg with the scholarship, the company presented a 24-kWh electric car to Rice University.

Rutenberg, an environmental engineering major, said he entered the competition high school after learning about it on a scholarship search engine. In addition to fulfilling Rutenberg’s videography class requirements at the time, the contest allowed him to utilize two years’ worth of videography skills.

“I really enjoyed the fact that the contest combined videography and the environment, because those are two things I’m really interested in,” he said.

Rice Director of Sustainability Rich Johnson facilitated the donation of the new car, which will be used by Rice’s Emergency Medical Services. Rutenberg said EMS was in need of a new transportation vehicle for on-campus driving and that the excited the car was being used for such an appropriate, philanthropic purpose.

“One of the disadvantages of this car is that it’s not really meant for regular driving,” Rutenberg said. “However, while it does have some limitations, it worked perfectly with Rice EMS needs. The car reaches about 30 miles per hour, is strong enough to carry all the supplies EMS might need and I’m glad that it’s going to their organization. I think there’s probably not a better organization that it could go to.”

Johnson also organized a ceremony for the presentation of the car which took place Tuesday in the Kelley Lounge of the Rice Memorial Center and ended with a showing of the movie “Who Killed the Electric Car?”

During the event Miles Electric Vehicles Regional Sales Manager Kevin Leebron presented the car and Rutenberg spoke on the video-making process and the significance of Rice’s acceptance of the car.

Rutenberg said that while the car has some attractive qualities — it is capable of driving 50–60 miles per charge for costs no cents — it still takes four to five hours to charge and has not been developed completely for a multitude of political and technological reasons.

“The electric car hasn’t been given enough focus,” he said. “Once you work on the logistics of being able to handle a heavier load and also the amount to which the car is able to be charged, then it becomes a feasible option.”

Although the electric car has yet to hit the highway commercially, it will soon be spotted regularly on the Inner Loop, small and white with a Rice logo printed on the side.
Body-Piercing Saved My Life

But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way, but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

Isaiah 53: 5-6

Happy Easter

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New Lovett masters prepare for college life

BY JOSH RUTTENBERG\nRice University Features Staff

The search is finally over. Lovett College will be welcoming Professor Matteo Pasqualli and his wife Marie-Nathalie Contou-Carrere as its new masters next year.

Pasqualli and Contou-Carrere will replace current masters Bernhard and Carolyn Aresu. Pasqualli and Contou-Carrere said although they were initially hesitant about the job, they quickly warmed to the opportunity.

"At first, Marie-Nathalie and I had some concerns on how to manage our professional lives with the demands of a college master," Professor of Chemistry Pasqualli said. "However, after observing the dynamics of Loveteers for about two months, I feel realized that we are just like anyone else. We like to have fun and we can juggle between professional responsibilities, have fun and still manage to sleep occasionally."

The master search began a few weeks into the fall semester. Headed by then-Lovett President Dave Helbling, a senior, the search for new masters attempted to incorporate input from a cross-section of Lovett.

"Ultimately, every master relishes the position," Search committee member Kevin Sigerman said. "There's not a canon of the mastership. What we're trying to do is find someone whose vision fits in with Lovett's, and I think we did that."

A committee was formed to interview and assess candidates. In total, 10 individuals served on the master search committee, half of which were student representatives. The other half consisted of resident associates, the college coordinator and former and current Lovett associates.

The search committee conducted several rounds of interviews. To determine those who would be the best match for Lovett, the committee assessed how likely potential candidates would be to participate in Cabinet meetings, Bean Bikes and other college activities, Sigerman, a Lovett senior, said. Most of all, he said, the committee looked for candidates who would add something new.

"Following in the footsteps of Bernhard and Carolyn Aresu will not be easy," Pasqualli said. "Clearly, they have been excellent mentors and role models for all Lovetteers, and we can only hope to live up to the expectations they set."

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because it delivers very quickly and goes to personal devices."

Ribbeck said if it did not send out an email via the emergency notification system since students had already received messages on the likewise. to prevent this from happening in the future, Ribbeck said if it had increased the time limit for text message delivery from five minutes to one minute. "It doesn't deliver in 5 minutes, it's pretty useless," Ribbeck said.

Ribbeck said he was confident that the mass messaging system would continue to be reliable in the future. Sid Richardson College senior Jeremy Morell, who is registered to receive text messages through the emergency notification system, said in this case he did not feel startled that he was not notified. He said that had the message been sent immediately, he would have felt it relevant and worth sending, but that he also respected RUPD's discretion to decide when and when not to send messages.

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previous year, Radulescu said. He said on average parking rates have increased from 3 to 5 percent each year. Emma Stockdale, a Martel College freshman, said she welcomed the news that the registration fees were not increasing from their current levels.

"I'm glad [the fees aren't increasing]," she said. "I still think the [current] prices for on-campus parking are too high, though."

Since parking fees are not increasing, new additions to the Greenbriar Lot will be the main change to Rice parking for the 2009-2010 school year. Radulescu said Rice is planning to install three gates similar to those in West Lot in the lot over the summer. With the addition of the gates, a minimal flat rate parking fee will be required of visitors who wish to park in the lot.

"It's the hardest rule from the center of the campus, so [the price] is going to be minimal," Radulescu said. "It's going to be below two dollars."

He said there will be no additions of fee for students, faculty and staff who have already registered to park in Greenbriar Lot. Those registered in Greenbriar Lot will receive a magnetic tag card, like the ones used as other lots on campus, to enter and exit the lot. The flat rate fee will only apply to visitors.

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Mikhalkov's dirty dozen

BY BRIAN REINHART
THESSER EDITORIAL STAFF

It takes guts to remake one of the greatest movies of all time, but zk, a new Russian retelling of the classic Angy Men, brings inventive daring to a new level. The plot is the same as the original—a jury votes on a suspect who appears to be guilty, but a less dis- crete change all their minds—yet the movie bursts out of the confines of the American original, thrilling in battle scenes, drug addictions and contemporary political statements to make a film that is thoroughly entertaining.

For director Nikita Mikhalkov, zk is ultimately a political statement. Its al- layed message is embodied in quota- tions which appear at the beginning and the end, juxtaposed with a sym- bolic shot of a lion running through the rain. The political message is dubious, as Mikhalkov is a well-supported of Vladimir Putin. But in terms of style, these politi- cal moments are the want part of the movie. They are unnecessary, obvious and, frankly, distracting. Even more unfortunate is that one of the most pre- viously symmetric symbolic scenes has been filmed to be black and white, making the white subtitles impossible to read. This poor political preaching forms a frame to the movie by taking up only the very first and very last scenes.

Fortunately, everything within that frame is outstanding. Like the origi- nal, it takes place almost entirely in one room, reining on great acting and plot directing for success. Luckily, it receives both. The actors on the jury are so uniformly perfect that the movie almost be a master class in theatrical performances. The fruit work in perfect sync, and the monologues—mostly reach one are delivered with impressive power.

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I Love You, Man: Best bromance ever?

BY FAYEEM AHMED
THESSER STAFF

The 21st century has ushered in more thermal waves, text messaging and bromance connections. This new genre has been spearheaded by comedic guru Judd Apatow, who has brought us a slew of smart and funny scenes—of outstanding performances by super- stars—especially the heart- achingly beautiful Jan and, somewhat randomly, Jim Fahey, the director of Man Men.

As presenting a remake of a classic, these scen- e's precedents are numerous: The film is outstanding. Like the origi- nal, it is a master class in theatrical perfor- mance. The jurors work in perfect sync, and the monologues—mostly reach one are delivered with impressive power.

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At bat with Rookie of the Year's Ryan Dunson

BY JOSH LEVIN
FOR THE THRASHER

On April Fool's Day, The Rice Thresher had a phone conversation with Ryan Dunson, the North Carolina-based pop rock band Rookie of the Year. They were on tour as a band, Sweet Attention, Rookie of the Year are playing at House Jazz tonight. Their music can be heard at http://www.purevolume.com/rookieloftheyear.

Rice Thresher: How did Rookie of the Year get started?
Ryan Dunson: The band started kind of organically, used to be in another band, a heavier band, from Orlando, Fla., and we were on descent albums, and we'd come back and be sitting at home for four weeks, just relaxing and doing whatever. All the other guys would work, and I would just start doing acid shows and the back of it, or jump on other shows.

And then I just came up with Rookie of the Year so I could have a name on the flyer. It was just a fun thing for a little bit, and it wasn't supposed to be serious. It was just to make extra money, and then from that I was at a show and a record label guy randomly was there for that band, let's say, and then gradually it came to what it was today. It was kind of a big, spontaneous like, this is the band happening out of it. Kind of weird.

RT: Tell me a little bit about the songwriting process with your band.
RD: We're kind of Kramer clan, the other guitarists, we write all the songs. I think there were two songs on the new record that I just did, and then on the old record I did pretty much all of it besides three songs. But the new record was more me and Mike writing everything. My process kind of like, I'll come up with an idea of something or come up with a structure, or something, and then I'll do all the melodies and vocals over it, and then I'll show it to the band. Then I'll add my little parts to it, and we bring it to the band, and then the band adds the drum parts and bass parts after we've written a song.

RT: So it's a gradual process?
RD: Yeah, it kind of takes a while. Songs definitely become something different once you're actually going to record it when I first write it. It will become more heavy, more poppy, faster, you know. It depends on the vibe that you feel.

RT: What artists do you most admire?
RD: Have you ever heard of a band called Wheat? They're awesome. They have a huge record deal and they released an album with a huge single, that song "Mil A Girl." That song was huge for a while, but the rest of that record is amazing. I'm a big Go Goo Dolls fan, though I've only ever really written with them on one big single, that song "Mel A Girl." That song was huge for a while, but the rest of that record is amazing.

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RT: We're here to talk about the new album, "Waltz," which is coming out on March 30. Did you have a chance to write all of the songs on this album?
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RT: What one thing would you want people to take away from your music?
RD: I should be cheery and say for the people who have been hurt before.

But it doesn't always do so, at least in the case of the newly released action-adventure movie "Duplicity.

In Duplicity, Claire-Sternicke (Charles Wilson's War's Roberts) and Ray Koval (The International's Own) are double agents tasked with undermining the intelligence operations of two major factories, running by given CEOs (Gold's Paul Gauntlett and Val's Vienn's R. Cameron). Through a series of flashbacks, the audience learns that not only are Claire and Ray double agents, but they are double-double agents, if you will, acting on their own self-interests by using cut-throat business tactics to protect their own interests. It was awesome.

RD: I was going to ask if you'd been to Texas before, but clearly you have. Have you ever played Houston before?
RT: Is there a band you've been really impressed by recently?
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The album is a collection of 12 of their best tracks that range from bubbly and happy to spacey and introspective. Ghost Mountain's lyrics are delivered in a lighthearted and clever manner and forgoing a more traditional stage setup, Flanagan has devised clever, immersive staging where the audience is seated surrounding the small stage an action happens all around them. At certain moments, this creative approach in a home run, drawing the viewer into the story even though it lags. But more frequently the actors face the front of the stage, which results in their backs facing a good portion of the audience. It is unfortunate that Flanagan's originality is not as successful in this arena as in her directing and writing, but the show is not irremediably tarnished by these awkward audience perspectives. The cast and crew of The Visitors should be applauded for their pre-show preparation and dedicated portrayal of Flanagan's story. Although the plot is lack-luster, there are many impressive individual performances that are well worth seeing. Though far removed from Shakespeare, Chekhov or even Billy Van Zandt, The Visitors is a successful testament to our multi-talented and creative community at Rice.

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With 5-1 run, including sweep of Tulane, Rice now first in multiple national rankings

by Meghan Hall

Over the last nine-game home stand, the men's baseball team proved it could play without its top two bats, junior Jenny Glover and Mike Ojala, who are still out with injuries. Traditionally, the Owls (22-7, 7-2 Conference USA) did more than play. The team won two weekend series against CUSA rivals, taking two of three from the University of Memphis and swept Tulane University.

Those conference series were interspersed with wins over Dallas Baptist University and Sam Houston State University. With this record, Rice is squaring its best start since 2000.

The Owls have jumped up six spots to seventh in the CUSA rankings, as well, with their last two weekend series putting Rice in the top five. Baseball America ranks Rice third, while Rivals.com has them at No. 4. Rice is also holding down second place in the CUSA standings, one game behind East Carolina University.

The main worry for the Owls is coming to terms with the losses of their two starters, Berry and Ojala. This year was epitomized in one loss against Memphis (14-12, 5-6 CUSA) on March 27. The Owls were set to win, but Lasorda was not able to get through the game, and while the offense was still strong with seven runs, the pitching staff gave up 11 to the potent Tigers.

In the same game, freshman southpaw Taylor Wall stepped up in the starters’ absence and threw a season-long seven innings, striking out only four runs. The Rice offense, led by freshman Anthony Rendon’s three RBI, did more than make up the difference.

The Owls then took the rubber game on the strong performance of another freshman starter, Matthew Shurbet (1-1), who likewise had a career-long outing with 5 2/3 innings. Senior Jordan Boggs, who has a 2.75 ERA and leading five wins, demonstrated his strength as a long relief pitcher, and while Rice was held to nine runs and 13 hits.

Since the Memphis series, the Owls have scored 78 runs and given up only 44. While the young pitchers have stepped up considerably, it has been the bats that have kept the Owls winning. "I think the bats stepped up a lot," Head Coach Wayne Graham said. "There’s no question we’ve been hitting the ball real well. That’s the main thing that happened.

The offense was certainly imperative in the team’s standalone game versus Dallas Baptist, which was a comeback thriller. The Owls were down by six in the sixth inning, but they cut the deficit to two in that inning and then got the game away with a five-run eighth. Sophomore Chad Mezino led the charge with five RBIs.

Junior Jared Rogers (2-3) was the next to step up in the series opener against Tulane (17-15, 5-4 CUSA). Following the pattern set by his older brother, "I see BASEBALL, page 17

Track teams travel to Austin for Texas Relays

by Jonathan Myers

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by Natalie Clericuzio

While their classmates enjoyed the long weekend, the women’s track and field team went to work at the Texas Relays in Austin, Texas last week. Their work paid off as the team made three of three of the allied rivalry at the meet and qualified two runners for regionals.

The distance medley relay led the way for Rice as the four-time national champion relay team at the Victor Lopez Bayou Classic. The Owls performed well in the 82nd Annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays in Austin, Texas. During a fifth-place finish in the 4x400-meter relay, senior John Warren (300) spotted some star performances, as senior Simon Bucknell took first place in the 1500-meter run and won the record. Sophomore Collin Shurbet finished third in the 400-meter hurdles.

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Inconsistent play brings men’s tennis tough losses

by Casey Michel
Sports Editor

If your heartbreak sounds last week, it was not Rice’s new electric car taking a spill, but the men’s tennis season’s season starting its tumultuous final stretch.

After coming within a breath of downing then-No. 18 Pepperdine University at home on March 27, the then-53rd-ranked Owls dropped a gut-wrencher against then-No. 41 University of Oklahoma last Sunday. But these losses — the Owls’ seventh and eighth by a score of 6-1, did not hurt nearly as much as a 5-2 face-plant against the then-No. 29 University of Tulsa. The Golden Hurricane, which had been treading with three losses in its last four games against ranked foes, showed Rice that it was still the team to beat in Conference USA.

“If you like losing, it’s not frustrating,” Head Coach Ron Smarr said. “But hell, I don’t like losing. Maybe if we could coach better we wouldn’t be losing all these 4-3’s and 5-2’s.”

After spending the first half of the season on the road, the Owls were happy to be back at John E. Walker Tennis Stadium for a second week in a row when No. 17 Pepperdine came to town. Rice was still on a high from its three-match sweep from a weekend before, but by the conclusions of doubles the team was back on the ground.

Although the Owls grabbed a win at No. 3, the Waves’ 10th-ranked doubles pair of Ramanendran and Shirin Altman swept against Rice’s top duo. No. 3 Christoph Muller and Toby Stock, in a 6-0 come back victory. Junior navigator Fakhy and freshman Matthew SGlatt back against Rice’s last hope for victory, struggling with the doubles point. Rice showed little gusto in the final set, rolling over to lose in the deciding set.

Senior Tobias Scheil sets up a forehead return while partner senior Christoph Muller looks on in Rice’s March 27 match against Pepperdine, the first of three dropped matches over the past two weeks.

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Applications are due by Monday, April 13th at 5:00 pm.
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“His experience with the Houston Heat was the biggest factor in his quick success at Rice,” said Wayne Graham Head Coach. “I was a little intimidated because [College pitchers have a] quicker.”

Rendon first picked up a baseball at the age of five (4) and has not looked back since. Before South Main, he played for Lamar High School and the Houston Heat, a travel baseball team in the area. The list of honors Rendon garnered while a shortstop at Lamar is almost endless, no doubt due to his stellar statistics: In Rendon’s final high school season, he hit .686 with 16 home runs and 56 RBI’s. He was named to the 2008 All-State 5A first team, the 2008 All-State 1st Team All-State, the Texas High School Baseball Coacher’s Association All-Star Game team, the District 20-5A. The other player who shared that title? Rendon’s current teammate Taylor Hague, a product of Westside High School.

“Anthony is a good baseball player,” said Rendon to Lance Berkman, who played at Rice from 1995-99 and is entering his 15th year in the major leagues. “His judgment at the plate is very good already, and I’ll get even better.”

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The Owls head to Wallace, N.C., to play in the River Landing Intercollegiate, the team's penultimate tournament of the year, hosted by North Carolina State University. The field at River Landing Country Club will include Duke University, the University of Virginia, Wake Forest University and the University of Maryland. Though the Owls do not have a chance of making the NCAA Tournament as an at-large team, they still look to finish strong and possibly earn an automatic bid at the conference championship.

The Morris Williams Intercollegiate, hosted by the University of Texas, featured one of the toughest fields Rice has faced all year. Oklahoma State University, a top-five team and one of collegiate golf's most storied programs, headlined the field, which also included top-25 teams Texas Tech University, University of Southern California and the University of Arkansas.

Rice shot 304 (+20) in the first round of the Morris Williams, its best round of the tournament. The Owls' score was good enough for 14th in the 18-team field, as no school shot under par during the windy first round. Senior Erik Petersen and sophomore Robert Burrow led Rice with matching 75's (+4). Though the Owls' score was higher than their scoring average, the difficult course affected the entire field.

"A combination of wind and firm greens, along with tough pin locations made the course as difficult as we've ever seen this year," Ince said. "This can obviously be seen with the fact that only one player shot in the 60's."

The Owls looked to move up in the standings during the second round of play, but fell off at a hot start, moving into the top 10 midway through the round. However, a disappointing finish dropped the Owls further down on the leaderboard than where they started the round. Rice shot a 307 (+35) and was led by junior Christopher Estes' even-par 72. Tureen's round was one of the lowest of the entire tournament and the Owls' lowest of the day.

Head Coach Drew Scott was happy with the play of Brown.

"Chris doesn't have the length as some of the top players, so he has to battle twice as hard on a long, challenging course like Morris Williams," Scott said. "Though he didn't play his best, he really went out there and battled."

Despite their previous two rounds, the Owls found themselves in position for a top-10 finish with a strong third round. But Rice could never get going, shooting a 327 (+43). Brown was once again the low score for the Owls with a 74(+1). Rice's weak finish in the tournament helped the Georgia Tech team to overtake the Owls. The Owls ended their season by finishing 16th, with a final score of 1,207 (+115). The Owls will now move on to the NCAA Regionals, with the possibility of earning an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships.

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Known as the father of the program, Ince understands the importance of connecting with the campus.

"It was good because it was easy for Rice students to come out and see that we've been working hard and see us in action," Ince said. "It's good to have friendly faces around while you're competing."

The next couple of weeks in late April and early May will be crucial for the team, as they will face each other, beginning with this weekend's meet at the New Mexico Invitational. The meet will be a test for the team's speed and strength, and will help them prepare for New Mexico to gain experience in a competitive meet.

Even though the team has been performing well across the board this season, Ince believes there are still other competitors who will earn recognition in the next few meets.

Senior Naquanza Alfred and Anvers Wade, along with the team's hurdlers and throwers, will travel to New Mexico to gain experience in a competitive meet. The Owls will be looking to improve their qualifying times and work toward the NCAA Championships.

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Golf falters to 17th at Morris Intercollegiate

by Paul Fitzgerald

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At least that’s what I’m hoping for from the Wear Art Show. The exhibits will be on display in the 12th floor Commons all week-end, but today from 2-4 p.m. there will be a wine and cheese reception.

Is it not a 22-hour show?

RTV’s mammot 24-Hour Show runs today from 12:01 a.m. until 12:01 a.m. Saturday. Stop by Super Smash Brothers Melee Tournament (3 p.m.) and a four top College Catamaran team from Time’s Faust at 9 p.m. I’m betting the top题 is going to be Miami’s two shots of Butlers Caramel Cream, a healthy dollop of Bervoys’s syrup and a teaspoon of Tabasco sauce. Yum.

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APRIL 11

TUESDAY 11

Taxing

Anything you should be paying by tomorrow? Or perhaps you should be paying taxes you have already missed out. This year you made mowing laws last summer is stored in Geneva. If so, for good for you.

Standard procedure

The Rice Standard’s Year in Review issue comes out today. Read it!

AFPhet olsun!

That’s Turkish for “Bon Appetit.” And it’s what you should say to openers on a Hippie-styled fate at Turkish Night, the Turkish Student Association’s big evening of dinner, dessert, live music and dancing. Oh, and Turkish tea and coffee. If you’re lucky, someone will read your fortune in the coffee grounds. Anyways, it’s all happening from 6-9 p.m. at the RMC Grand Hall, and tickets are $3 for Rice students and $5 for guests.

Fun fact regarding the event listed above

The Calendar editor is Turkish. Well, he’s half-Turkish, but he really knows how to enjoy his heritage, which is why cooler than you. You’ll recognize him at the event because he’ll be the guy wearing the bright red Turkish flag T-shirt and eating massive quantities of dones kebabs.

Best Blogs Ever: Roger Ebert

Roger Ebert’s blog stands in a category by itself. It’s a collection of casual, unedited essays by one of the world’s most consistent film critics and writers of non-fiction in America. Roger Ebert is to blogs what Homer is to adventure stories, and he doesn’t just write about movies. Contrary to what some naysayers say from non-fictitious stories about his first days as a teenage newspaper beat writer to his frequent appearances on the obituary pages of the movie Watchmen, from a 4,000-word essay about etymology and evolution to his admission that he cries at happy endings. Ebert’s blog is one of the most consistent, most consistently fascinating blogs on Earth. He is.

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Weekly Live performance by Rice's Andrea Lindsey

Music starts at 10 p.m.

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4 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.- 11:00 am

(his Serenade for Strings tonight at 8 p.m. in the Stude Concert Hall. Brought by the way, the concert was sponsored by the Philadelphia Orchestra and the rice Student Government.

Cassey Michel owes me one

Our dear Editor-in-Chief made a campaign promise to put a Sara Falah joke in every issue of the Thresher, but I just printed the Best of all his aforementioned. Cassey a maverick? You betcha!

Seriously, pretty much all the events this week were on Friday.

What the heck, Rice? Oh, wait a minute. It’s the week before finals week. Don’t have the time to do anything anyway.

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At least that’s what I’m hoping for from the Wear Art Show. The exhibits will be on display in the 12th floor Commons all week-end, but today from 2-4 p.m. there will be a wine and cheese reception.

Is it not a 22-hour show?

RTV’s mammot 24-Hour Show runs today from 12:01 a.m. until 12:01 a.m. Saturday. Stop by Super Smash Brothers Melee Tournament (3 p.m.) and a four top College Catamaran team from Time’s Faust at 9 p.m. I’m betting the top题 is going to be Miami’s two shots of Butlers Caramel Cream, a healthy dollop of Bervoys’s syrup and a teaspoon of Tabasco sauce. Yum.
What Rice gets:

- Enough free Apple stuff to make Doc shit lightning
- Black turtlenecks and jeans for the Help Desk staff
- A spokesman with a little more charisma

What Apple gets:

- A campus-worth of hipster Apple zealous
- Willy’s Pub will be converted into a Genius Bar
- Dedicated faculty who can make the iPod Nano truly nano

Who knows what Rice and Apple tasted so pretentious?

What Rice gets:

- Oh God, Have you ever BEEN to a liquor store?
- A full bar at Pub and CHEAPER drinks at Valhalla
- Not that anyone cares but I think they sell nice cheese, too

What Spec’s gets:

- About 5,000 young, overworked customers looking to get drunk
- An on-campus location
- Saved by your parents after you pick your brain with Jagermestre

What House of Pies gets:

- About 5,000 young, overworked, drunk, hungry customers begging to be fed MOAR pie
- Tasty pie flavors such as Beer Castast and Durant Nanotube
- Full-time access to Rice’s pimped-out server kitchens

What Rice wants:

- Alumni to call alumni to tell them about the Annual Fund. $5/hr plus bonuses. Flexible hours. Flexible evening shifts start Thursday-Sunday. Contact: 713-348-4363.

What UH wants:

- An all-access pass to Rice’s multi-billion dollar endowment
- A chance to finally win a few games at Reckling Park
- Respect

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