Guns on campus debated

Texas legislature weighs law allowing concealed weapons on campus

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The Texas state legislature is currently considering a bill that could have serious implications for college students across the state. The bill, HB 1893, introduced in March by State Representative Joe Donny (R-Dallas), would allow concealed handgun licensees to carry their weapons on campus without requiring them to carry an open weapon. If passed, the bill would be a significant change in the current system of having individuals carry concealed handguns on campus.

The bill has been met with mixed reactions from university administrators and law enforcement officials. Some have expressed concerns about the potential for increased violence and the need for adequate training and oversight for those carrying weapons on campus. Additionally, some believe the bill could lead to a decrease in public safety and a rise in incidents involving concealed weapons.

However, supporters of the bill argue that it would provide students with a greater sense of security and allow them to protect themselves in case of an emergency. They also point out that the bill would enable students to carry their weapons without having to violate any existing university policies.

The bill is currently undergoing debate in both chambers of the Texas legislature. As it moves through the legislative process, it will be important to closely monitor its progress and ensure that it protects the safety and rights of all students.

Brown College's annual toga-themed Bacchanalia party was held last Saturday night in the Brown commons, offering stressed-out students a break from their work in the week before finals.

Rice receives grant for compiler research

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A team of Rice scientists are working on a chip that can compute on the block, rather than on the entire chip. This team includes five Rice scientists and has received a $16 million grant from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency for their research on improving the efficiency of programs running on processors.

Team members have compiled a list of functions that can be performed on the chip, including those that can be computed in parallel. They have also developed a compiler that can translate these functions into programs running on the chip.

The team's goal is to create a compiler that can translate high-level programs into low-level code that runs efficiently on the chip. This would allow programmers to write high-level code that can be compiled into efficient machine code.

The team plans to accomplish this task through the use of a compiler called "parallel compilers," which breaks a large task into smaller, simultaneously computed tasks, rather than attempting to execute the entire task on a single processor.

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The Thresher has a new policy: If any individual, group or organization wishes to donate at least $4.6 million to us, we will put their names and logos on the front page. As you can see, people are clamoring to do so, but because no members of the Rice community are allowed guns on campus, the only ones who would wield weaponry are professors. However, we should add that, were the coming zombie apocalypse abundantly apparent, we would fully support this bill. Until that comes, though, we will remain opposed to this bill's passage.

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Recessions promote humanitarian careers

**In the past five years, endowing college seniors have flocked toward jobs in investment banking or consulting, thanks to their relatively high starting salaries and the prestige they yield in a résumé. This trend is particularly true at some of the most competitive and elite schools in the nation; The New York Times has reported that 70 percent of recent college graduates go on to finance careers.**

Rachel Marcus

At Rice, the Career Services survey of recent alumni indicates that a large number of bachelor’s degree recipients who do not go on to graduate or professional schools choose banking or consulting for their first jobs out of college. However, with the current state of the financial industry, Wall Street may have lost much of its pull; Jobs are scarcer and the investment-banking world no longer holds the prestige it once did. With these sudden changes in the job market, many students who become ill paying for a higher education and are without the traditional career paths that have been available in previous years. Now, the question is, in what direction will the new generation of college students choose to go? In the 1970s and 1980s, science and technology-related industries were the fields of choice for many of America’s top students. Jobs in government and public service were considered noble, but the Cold War-era con-

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Much has been made of the notion that “the best and the brightest” have gone on to careers in finance rather than using their talents toward developing cures for cancer, for instance, or helping to solve the conflict in the Middle East. Many of those people lamenting the rise of the financial industry are saying the popularity of investment banking and consulting is a result of a greedy streak running through home business. However, I do not believe it is prudent to blame young college students for preferring to go into these fields. It is only natural to want to maximize one’s chances for success, both in terms of status and financial gain.

At the present moment, soon-to-be and recent college graduates are facing the challenge of having to make decisions about their futures rather than being able to safely forget for success. Given that in this economy, the majority of students are working at a safe in any industry, many people are turning to jobs in government and public service in an attempt to mitigate depressions, such as teaching. The competitiveness of programs like Teach for America certainly gives credibility to the notion that a new generation is shifting toward making public service careers.

**Perhaps this kind of attitude is the greatest upside to the recent financial crisis.** Now that people are beginning to grasp the promise of vast amounts of wealth in finance, they have the freedom to pursue careers that are more directly beneficial to society. In this sense, I expect that we will be entering a new era in which the potential to make a difference in society will have greater value to young professionals. There are many teaching choices, and we should expect to see some of them fail and brighten once again pursuing goals toward ef-

**flecting social change.**

Rachel Marcus is a senior in the College.

**Student insurance plan requires balance**

Rice University has instigated cost-sensible insurance plans that allow students to choose which providers offer the best coverage at the lowest cost for a Rice health insurance plan. This is a major improvement for our students. Only 50 percent of the students we talked to are able to address problems in communication and service delivery. Rice is considering the idea to re-

**view the student health plan, but not to increase the cost.** We would like to increase the premium cost for the insurance plan and not necessarily produce the same result. By negotiating directly with Aetna we were able to secure a better insurance plan at a lower cost of $1,486 per student for the 2009-10 policy year. That’s an annual reduction from the $2,193 premium of 2008-09. McMurtry students have been able to address problems in commun-

**city, one which will finally bring the north and south colleges on one side, with their own distinct traditions and cultures, and the south college on the other, further apart but in balance.**

Brian Reinhart

What made the Mongols especially formidable was that they could not attack them back. A mongol's three fingers have become an optical illusion; no central government to go to. If for some reason your empire wanted to fight the Mongols, you could do so on your own and wait for them to attack you.

**Like the Mongols did 700 years ago, McMurtry finds itself at the middle between the north colleges on one side, with their own distinct traditions and cultures, and the south college on the other, further apart but in balance.**

McMurtry College borrowed a trick from two from the Mongol play-

**book during Wiley Week last month, when the unfinished college made its debut.** McMurtry Republicans added the element of surprise and a certain theatrical flair. Their McMurtry Republicans had the advantage of being an established club, but they were far cooler and more talented. McMurtry Republicans seemed to be uniquely able to increase the plans’ premiums. McMurtry should continue to engage students as we explore choices for health care insurance plans. It is not wise to seek to improve the overall educa-

**tion as a whole. In addition, we will try our best to keep the plan afford-

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**lege's residents to decide how ex-

**actly to steadily rise to the north and south colleges.** It would not be possible to make McMurtry indispensable to campus life, even from its birth.

As we look ahead to the new resi-

**dence's opening this fall, we should ex-

**plore other ways McMurtry can cre-

**ate a Mongol sense of identity.** There are obvious reasons for supporting the idea. For one, having a "Mongol college" would make Rice unique, and for another, it would instantly give McMurtry the kind of heritage we all hope to have. We are already too late to really make McMurtry a Mongol college in one sense, of course. Students will be housed in a regular brick, modern building rather than an old brick and mortar building. But a new Mongol college would be unique, and for another, it would instantly give McMurtry the kind of heritage we all hope to have.

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**McMurtry strives to thrive by establishing Mongol identity**

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My suggestion is based on the fact that McMurry is perfect to be a Mongol. Are the Mongols poor role models, perhaps? Maybe—

**but they were no more ruthless than Will Rice and not much more alcoholic than the seventh floor of Sid Richardson College.**

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Besides, I think the benefits outweigh the risks. The Rice Mongol would be lacking in a historical connection to the north and south colleges, and they would be lacking in the prestige and the quality of our jacking culture. But the Mongols did their job very well, and they all had the same basic idea that McMurry is anything less than altogether would do well. I remember the first rule of dealing with the Mongol college: Never, ever piss the Mongols off.

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STUDENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

The following were noted at the most recent meeting of the Student Association on April 13.

- Adviser to the Dean of Undergraduates Matthew Taylor presented the plans for renovation of Baker College and Will Rice College. The discussion included commentary on the placement of the new college wings and acquisition of a portion of Baker College New Dorm by Lovett College as a temporary arrangement.

- President Patrick McAnaney announced that SA meetings for the 2009-'10 academic year will take place at 9 p.m. in order to accommodate guest speakers.

- Internal Vice President Selim Sheikh announced committee chair appointments.

- External Vice President Amber Makhani announced university standing committee appointments.

- The Wellness Advocates Transition Team provided information on the merging of the College Assistance Peer Program and Health Rep programs and the makeover of the organization, including more responsibility for members and increased training. Contact emilyg@rice.edu for more questions.

- Brown College junior Varun Rajan conducted a straw poll concerning different class schedule change options for Tuesday and Thursday class times. The schedule changes are intended to accommodate classes being held in the Biociences Research Collaborative. SA attendees voted on the first of the two options, which allowed for a class beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 9:15 a.m. and a second class beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 10:45 a.m., with classes throughout the day being separated by 15-minute intervals.

- The Rice University Bicycle Safety Committee presented the recommendations it made to Vice President for Administration Kevin Kirby concerning the issues of mixed bicycle and pedestrian traffic, bicycle registration and enforcement of bicycle regulations.

- McAnaney led the approval of three new clubs: Underwater Owls, a scuba diving club; Rice World Aid Organization, a chapter of a national organization that focuses on educating third-world communities on how to build and use technology; and the Mentorship Project, which will help disadvantaged students apply to college.

The universal language

Tolga Unalidi, here playing the reed flute, traveled from Turkey to share traditional Turkish music with Rice students at Tuesday’s Turkish Night, hosted by the Turkish Student Association in the RMC.

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working compiler. The DARPA grant is funded by the United States Department of Defense. While the technology has straightforward uses for defense, it could also have potential for other uses. "All of these technologies ultimately have civilian uses," Palem said. "Google searches are well suited for massive parallelism." Palem also noted that the PACE project would have substantial value for research education. "We may see many generations of future students benefitting," Palem said. "The mix [of specializations needed] brings together very interesting opportunities for education.

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Microfinance pioneer shares wisdom with Rice

BY LY HOANG

Jessica Jackley, co-founder of Kiva, the world's first person-to-person micro-lending Web site, spoke at campus Forum April 16. Jackley was invited by Rebecca White, director of Beyond Traditions. She is the first Rice Forum speaker from the business world. The forum was held at Rice Alumni Center.

In her talk, Jackley advocated or "unity" in Swahili, which has helped to launch the ambition of reducing the global loan approximately $67 million to individual entrepreneurs from 43 countries. There are over 10,000 institutions that works locally in the countries. There are over 10,000 institutions that works locally in the countries.

In addition to alleviating poverty by providing loans to entrepreneurs, Jackley said Kiva strives to help establish personal connections between individuals with different backgrounds. She said the Web site is based off of some networking sites where lenders can read profiles and descriptions of the people seeking loans.

"Kiva's mission is to make people look at each other equally and meet with mutual respect," Jackley said.

Kiva lenders must have a minimum of $5. This loan is then sent to a microfinance institution that works locally in the countries. There are over 10,000 MFI's in 43 countries. The MFI distributes the money to the specific individual at a small interest rate. As the entrepreneur repays their loan, the interest is paid to the MFI for operating costs, and the principal is given directly back to the lender. In effect, Kiva charges no interest and does not gain monetary benefit from the transactions.

Kiva's operating costs are covered through various means, including donations and grants. Special campaigns with corporations such as PayPal, which waives all fees for Kiva, help reduce operating costs. Jackley said anyone that is interested in alleviating poverty is also interested in helping with costs.

Jackley said she has been interested in alleviating poverty since she was young. She said her first impressions of people and the people it affected were heavily influenced by the image of people who were dependent on the generosity she was young. She said her first impressions of people and the people it affected were heavily influenced by the image of people who were dependent on the generosity. She said her first impressions of people and the people it affected were heavily influenced by the image of people who were dependent on the generosity she was young. She said her first impressions of people and the people it affected were heavily influenced by the image of people who were dependent on the generosity she was young. She said her first impressions of people and the people it affected were heavily influenced by the image of people who were dependent on the generosity she was young.

"I wanted to figure [poverty] out. I interacted with kids my age who were working very hard to feed themselves. Poverty now had a name and a face." Jessica Jackley Founder of Kiva.org

"The way he started his work was by talking to people, listening to them and asking the right questions," Jackley said.

Jackley said this inspired her to stay in Tanzania for three months, during which time she spoke with local entrepreneurs who shared stories of how they were able to use the profits from their businesses to change their lives. In her speech, Jackley recounted stories of families who saved for months in hopes of buying a lock for security, because they lived near the slums. Another woman saved her meager money in order to buy sugar for her tea but that she could feel proud of herself despite the fact that she lived in a mud hut.

During this stay, Jackley also witnessed the problems of other entrepreneurs. Besides the often steep interest rates of loan lenders, these entrepreneurs also had to deal with the uncertainty of their next loan, she said.

When she returned to the United States, Jackley said she decided to create a way to lend money to these entrepreneurs. Although she said she was initially nervous, feedback due to the legal issues of loaning money in certain countries, Jackley decided to continue with her plans.

In March 2005, Jackley traveled to Uganda and spoke with several entrepreneurs about their circumstances. After taking their photos and stories, Jackley asked them how much money would they need to begin their own enterprises. As she e-mailed her family and friends their stories, the $3,000 that was needed was collected overnight. Within six months of making this no-interest loan, all the money was repaid, accompanied by anecdotes of the new goat that was bought or the children's school enrollment. This evolved into the Kiva Web site.

Jackley advised those with similar goals of creating an effective solution to global issues to "know your mission." This way, she said you are able to focus on it and base decisions on it. Jackley and Kiva declined a lucrative offer from a large corporation since it would bypass the personal connection lenders had with lenders, which is the basis of Kiva's motto.

Jackley also suggested the audience "stay open" to ideas and colleagues. Because the administrators of Kiva are very open with their beliefs, many inspired members of the community expanded the idea to have a Kiva Facebook page, Kiva MySpace, Kiva毙ntron and even Kiva TV. This not only helped Kiva to grow in visibility, but also to reach out to more people.

President of Owl Microfinance Elena White said Kiva's mission to make a global impact spoke volumes to her.

"What [Jackley] emphasizes is that Kiva is about connecting people around the world," she said.

White said it was important for OMF to look at the patience Jackley has had with Kiva, watching it grow from a trickle to a support site to sometimes crashing due to too much traffic. White said that Jackley said Kiva has a surplus of lenders.

"That's an amazing thing for a non-profit to be able to claim," White said. "It's always been there to give too much support than too much demand."
The State of the University:

BY CATHERINE BRATIC
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Six months after markets began to tumble in October of last year, both private and public institutions worldwide are still waiting for a rebound. Rice University is among these ranks, struggling to stay on top of its finances while still maintaining long-term goals and its health as a top-tier institution, President David Leebron said.

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Leebron recently evaluated the measures as "very successful," saying they netted the university several millions of additional reserves, more than anticipated.

"The goal was to get people to take a deep breath and pause, before we made decisions that we might have wished we didn't make," Leebron said.

At the beginning of February, the university requested that all department budgets for the next fiscal year be reduced by 5 percent through cuts in unrestricted funding. Unrestricted funding does not include salaries. Across campus, departments are taking diverse approaches to achieve the cuts. For many departments, finding room to trim costs has been difficult.

"This fact, this is not a place with a lot of fat," Political Science Department chair Rick Wilson said about his department's efforts to reach spending-reduction targets.

Furthermore, not all divisions have been hit with the same reductions, since the 5 percent cut comes from the department level. For this reason, the School of Humanities cut its unrestricted funding by 5 percent, the Visual and Dramatic Arts Department was asked to cut its budget by 24 percent, and the Humanities Department was suspending its graduate student stipend.

"We cut from the lecture fund and will work to collaborate with other groups on campus for co-sponsorship of lectures," she said. "In a sense, we're cutting down the number of guest lectures, but we're building community."

In some cases where the 5 percent cut cannot be achieved through unrestricted funding alone, the university is asking departments to consider if any unfilled faculty or staff positions can be eliminated. The History Department, for example, trimmed three "unclaimed" positions, chair Martin Weisgerber said, adding that 90 percent of the budget cuts in the Humanities Department were due to such personnel sacrifices.

Leebron acknowledged that the 5 percent cut was difficult to reach, partially due to the large amount of expenses devoted to salaries — two-thirds of the overall university budget.

"We know that a 5 percent cut may sound modest to some, but in most schools and departments this requires very difficult decisions," Leebron wrote in an April 3 e-mail sent to all faculty and staff.

Forman said that this could be particularly challenging in cases where salaries accounted for most of the budget.

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Revenues, spending and cuts are key topics in the University's annual financial reports.

**University Revenue**
Like the rest of the stock market, Rice's endowment has taken some recent hits. It is currently down 20 percent from the same time last year, according to President David Leebron. Since endowment spending makes up 45 percent of the university's budget, this drop necessitated some significant changes.

Rice's Board of Trustees requires that Rice spend at least 4.5 percent — but not more than 6.5 percent — of the endowment's three-year average value annually, according to Vice President for Finance Kathy Collins. Staying within this cap without dramatically affecting the university's operations is what has necessitated cutbacks.

However, other areas of the university budget are doing well. The 18 percent of revenue that comes from tuition and fees is relatively stable, Collins said. With the student body growing, and factoring in next year's 5 percent increase in tuition, Leebron said things can only get better.

To thanks the Centennial Campaign, gifts are also up, helping to compensate for some endowment losses, Collins said. Donations to the university rose 14 percent this year, Leebron said.

"The German Studies Depart-

**University Expenditures**

"We're now going on the basis of what I used to say were pessimistic assumptions, and I now say are more realistic assumptions," Leebron said.

Leebron suggested that additional budgetary cuts would be made in the next three fiscal years in order to manage the university's finances. By the end of the day, we have to live within our means," he said. "It's vital to the future of the university that we not overextend, but that we work.

Nonetheless, Leebron maintained that Rice is currently in a good position financially, with student increases and rising donations both helping the university make up losses.

Student applications for the fall class were up 14 percent this year, Leebron said, passing 10,000 for the first time in the university's history. Additionally, the increases in undergraduate class sizes planners in the Vision for the Second Century will increase tuition revenue for the university, Leebron said.

Furthermore, the Centennial Campaign has helped to increase charitable donations to the university by 45 percent in the past year, he said.

Leebron said the president noted that the university was still on its feet financially and was its continued cycles of faculty growth. Although some departments have given up currently unfilled positions, the university is also adding to its faculty, hiring 22 tenure and tenure-track positions so far this recruiting year. "We are seizing opportunities," Leebron said. "We are trying to achieve our goals. We have not shut down hiring processes, which are, at the end of the day, the single most im-

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**Office of the President**

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**German Studies Department**

The German Studies Department will lose two currently vacant faculty lines, chair Uwe Steiner said.

**Physics Department**

The Physics and Astronomy Department is reducing its student positions budget and giving up an instructor position that was not yet filled, chair Barry Dunnig said.

**Humanities Department**

All unfilled faculty positions in the Humanities Department were recycled by the university, according to its department chair Martin Wolner.

**Kinesiology Department**

The Kinesiology Department will no longer offer SMOT 364: Sport Law, and will not hire an outside lecturer to teach a class this year, Director of Sport Management Clark Haptonstall said.

**English Department**

The English Department will no longer offer the courses ENGL 368: Literature and the Environment, and ENGL 472: Native American Literature, English Department chair Helena Michie said.
 Engineers Without Borders teams to travel to Central America to assess needs, offer solutions

BY MICHELLE IN
Saturday, August 17

Putting aside problem sets and final projects, students in Rice’s chapter of Engineers Without Borders will travel throughout Central America to serve communities in need this summer.

According to its Web site, EWB-USA is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing service to fulfill the basic needs of communities in developing countries. Members of Rice-EBW are working on one of four student-led projects in Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras. These projects focus on various aspects of helping local communities, from installing water storage tanks to launching educational campaigns about how to purify their water.

It was very heart-wrenching to see this community,” said Siegfried Bilstein, a first-year visitor from New York and one of the project leaders.

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Nicaragua I

Six students on the Nicaragua I team plan to travel to the town of Collado in an assessment trip from Aug. 20 to 29. They completed an exploratory trip in February, which they visited multiple communities to determine what community they will work in. The exploratory trip is followed by an assessment trip, when EWB students will work with the people in the community to determine what services will best suit their needs.

“What's nice is that we don't impose a project that we come up with on them,” project leader Maggie Murphy said. “We have them develop the projects and we make sure that what we're trying to do is something that the locals want and that they need and that they recognize will solve their problems.”

Nicaragua II

Seven people from the Nicaragua II team will be traveling to Pueblo Nuevo del Sur from April 27 to May 5. They will be working with Las Crucitas, which they began in 2004, because they decided it was both structurally and economically too difficult to carry out, Duenas said.

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Before the start of the project, the team must then do an assessment trip to take data to determine how to implement their project. They plan on making measurements, deciding where to place the new constructions, and taking health surveys, Duenas, a Will Rice College junior, said.

On this trip, she said the team will gather information to plan out the project for the Collado project, which will include constructing a rainwater catchment system, a solar panel lighting system and building a school. The team also plans on taking an educational approach to instruct community members on how to maintain their water flow system.

In January, the Nicaragua I team discontinued their bridge project, which they began in 2006, because they decided it was both structurally and economically too difficult to carry out, Duenas said.

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“Other than that we are also thinking of starting a new project in that community, because they are really great people, and we'd like to work with them more.”

Lisa said the team is currently working on projects such as building a small health clinic, a small community meeting house, or another water supply system for the community.

Honduras

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Rice professor set to blast off to space

Mechanical Engineering Professor Mike Massimino is preparing to fly out of this world. He will be launching into space for the second time on May 12 aboard the space shuttle Atlantis. While in space, Massimino will make repairs to the Hubble Space Telescope.

Massimino was too busy preparing for the launch to speak with The Rice Thresher, but he is conveying his experiences via his Twitter account at www.twitter.com/Astro_Mike.

According to Twitter, "Astro Mike" is spending his final days on Earth practicing simulations of the mission, takeoffs and landings in the space shuttle.

On April 10, Massimino wrote he was "[training on how to re- place the communications box that sends the cool pictures from the Hubble space telescope to Earth."

— Jocelyn Wright

GUNS
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may have good intentions, it would likely lead to safety issues. "More people carrying weapons — seems like a recipe for more shootings, not greater safety," she said.

Taylor said he does not completely disagree with the premise of the legislation based in the Bill of Rights.

"The second amendment of the United States Constitution says you have the right to carry arms... for self protection," he said. "This debate is a difficult argument to make."

Rice's current policy prohibits concealed weapons on campus.

"Someone who lives in a dorm has to store [their gun] at the RUPD office," Taylor said. He added RUPD currently has 12 weapons locked in a vault at the police station belonging to the Earth Science Department, which uses them to conduct seismology experiments.

Taylor said he has concerns for the Texas colleges and universities should the legislation pass. Taylor said if an RUPD officer reached a scene in which two active shooters — a Good Samaritan with a concealed handgun license trying to stop a malicious shooter — were involved, the officer would not be able to determine which shooter presented a threat. Officers are trained to eliminate an active shooter, Taylor said.

"We don't wait for SWAT," he said. "We can't. There are people being killed."

David Splinter, secretary of the Libertarians of Rice University club, said even if the legislation passes, most institutions will not see much of a difference.

"The legislation probably only applies to a few students," Splinter, an economics graduate student said. "Only the people that already have a CHL, probably a really small percent, would be allowed to bring their weapon onto campus."

Should the legislation pass with our an exception for private institutions, Thaire said many members of SCIT will likely file an appeal in court. She said the issue of concealed weapons on campus is something that each institution should have the power to regulate for itself.

"We hope Rice students... wouldn't feel that they needed to pack heat to be safe," she said.

Peter Crews, a Will Rice College junior, said he does not feel threatened on campus. He said he is in favor of the legislation but does not think it would be feasible to implement at Rice.

"Rice is a safe campus," Crews said. "We have parties in our moms, where the guns would be."

Fall 2009
Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall
Hans 200, 3 credits; Tue 7-10pm
Instructor: Klaus Weissenberger

Lectures plus public speaking and graffiti contests

Against the background of WW II and its aftermath, this course investigates the political and socio-economic reasons for East Germany to construct the Berlin Wall in 1961 and the dynamics of the peaceful revolution for its fall in 1989, which manifested itself in the political, literary, and religious arena as well as in the graffiti on the Berlin Wall. The course includes a public speaking competition on worldwide reactions to this event and a graffiti contest.

The class will be divided into six groups; each will submit one speech and one graffiti entry. All of the graffiti entries will be transferred onto the front glass wall of Hanszen Commons to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and is awarding cash prizes for the best entries in the public speaking competition and the graffiti contest.

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Comfy seats

Three pairs in the Rice Social Dance Society got their grooves on at last Friday's RSDS Jazz Soiree, the group's annual swing dance. With the Rice Jazz Band providing the beats and these guys providing the seats, the dance was fun for all who danced and all who just watched.
Summer Construction Plans

1. A recent aerial view of progress on Duncan and McMurtry colleges. Rice's two newest residential colleges are nearing completion, according to project manager Ed Bailey. As the O-Week move-in deadline nears, work is taking place seven days a week. Both structures are now up, and almost all of the brickwork has been completed, Bailey said. Work recently began on both colleges' roofs.

2. A rendering of Baker College after the south colleges renovations project. Renovations planned for Will Rice, Lovett and Baker colleges will begin as soon as students leave and will be finished by the fall of 2010. The project, which is currently in its preparation and pre-construction stages, will add 82 new beds to the colleges, project manager Larry Vossler said. Throughout the 2009-10 academic year, Facilities, Engineering and Planning will provide monthly progress reports and tours to Baker and Will Rice so that the new freshmen do not feel disconnected from their true homes, Vossler said.

3. Current progress on the BioScience Research Collaborative. Work is in progress on the five classrooms that the BRC will host, as well as on its lobby and faculty offices. The BRC's progress was greatly delayed due to Hurricane Ike, which caused a loss of six weeks of work due to damage, as well as 60 lost work days due to rains at the project's start, project manager Kathy Jones said.

4. Current and past college presidents took a tour of the Barbara and David Gibbs Recreation and Wellness Center site last Friday. The new Rec Center, which will host two indoor basketball gyms, a dance studio, a cardio and weights room, two squash courts, four racquetball courts and both a competition and a recreational pool, will be open to students this fall, according to FE&P Communications Manager Susann Glenn. The project is currently 58 percent complete and has over half of its exterior finished, project manager Joe Buchanan said. Work on the roof and the recreational pool is taking place this week.

Not pictured:
- Brockman Hall for Physics: Brockman Hall, which will house the Physics and Electrical and Computer Engineering departments, is planned to be completed in January 2011, project manager Erik Knezevich said. Currently, the site is little more than fences and holes in the ground, but visible work will pick up starting this summer, Knezevich said. Throughout the next academic year, all efforts will be made to ensure that construction does not interfere with events at nearby Hamman Hall, Glenn said. Currently, utility lines are being relocated to make room for construction.
- Over the summer, a pedestrian path will be paved connecting the new BRC to the south corner of Wiess College.
- Immediately after the end of finals, work will begin to make Sewall Hall handicap-accessible.
- All entrance number signs will be replaced over the summer.

First weeks of June:
- Will Rice College '55 wing demolished

End of May:
- Work begins on Baker College kitchen
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- Fences go up on south college renovation
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- July 22:
- Duncan and McMurtry — substantial completion, furniture installation begins
- August 11:
- Duncan and McMurtry — students move in
- August 27:
- Gibbs Recreation and Wellness Center — substantial completion date
- August 4:
- Duncan and McMurtry — servers and commons completed

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ERIC DOCTOR
Miley's latest flick is "Best of Both Worlds"

BY JACKIE AMMONS

Every girl, whether she is six or 60, has at some point in her life dreamed of being a superstar. Be it a pop star, a movie star or a concert artist, the dream of stardom is always the same. While most of us never get to see this dream fulfilled, there is a new movie this year that we can all watch: Hannah Montana (a.k.a. Miley Stewart, Miley Cyrus), your regular girl next door secretly living the life of a singer and movie star.

Chariot

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For my start there, but officially was when I moved to New York. It was wonderful to work with big names like Vera Wang and autumn green KUHF-FM will be screening Fritz Lang's "Metropolis".

Minnie's Magical Journey on Ice Presents Mickey and the Roadsters, a dance-along-country version of "The Electric Slide" - are crown pleasers. Hannah Montana presents the picture-perfect life that any little girl would dream of having.

Almost better than Hannah herself are the cameos performances.

Hannah Montana: The Movie

Starring: Miley Cyrus, Emily Osment, Mitchel Musso
Rated: G
Released: April 10

It should not come as a surprise then that her new film, Hannah Montana: The Movie, is just the peak of the Disney Channel's popular television series, Hannah Montana transitions back and forth between the home life and the public pop star life of Miley Stewart (aka Miley Cyrus). When Miley puts into a slow drive with Tyra Banks ("The Tyra Banks Show"), her sister ("Hannah Montana's" Billy Ray Cyrus) decides the fame has gone to his daughter's head and sends her home to Tennessee. While it's there, Miley catches up with her grandmother (The Winning Season's Mary Mastroianni), brother ("Hannah Montana's" Jason Earles) and best friend ("Hannah Montana's" Emily Osment). Toils in love with her childhood friend Disney of the Day's Lucas Till and learns to have a little humility.

The best thing about Hannah Montana is that it's fun. There's no complicated plot and no sadness. It's a signature Disney film. Hannah Montana sings and dances her little heart out and then smiles and laughs for the audience. Her voice, music and songs - such as the Classic "The Best of Both Worlds" and new songs "Butterfly Fly Away" and "Broomed Twist" - are crowd pleasers. It's almost better than Hannah herself are the cameos performances.

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From there, we happened to meet while sitting next to each other at the Simon Malls Fashion Now show a few weeks ago. I had such a blast indulging in the perks of being a rock star, like having your very own private jet. With cup holders. Goatees and funny hats cost extra.

Tell me how you got started in fashion.

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KTRU Pick of the Week: One Day

BY DAVID WANG
FOR THE THRESHER

The album One Day features several great talents in the world of electroacoustic improvised music. On one side of the album, the Tokyo-based trio of Nakamura, Nakamura, and Nakamura, one of the origami units in the genre of electroacoustic music. On the other side, in English, the duo of Joe Foster and Bonnie Jones. Nakamura performs on no-input mixing boards, while English features Jones performing on a grid of boards and delay pedals. As Foster tours the album with various effects utilized at will.

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The album has plenty of surprises hidden throughout, instead of drawn-out waves. Bursts of minute pulses and static noise percolating through an old AM radio and a lot of minimal noise and electric humming with some sparse activity rising to the top. There are plenty of surprises hidden throughout the quiet sections, however. The tracks are long, but pick a different starting point other than the beginning and fade out at will or as your tolerance dictates.

The first track, "long time," begins with a thin layer of flickering ticks buzzing low to the floor. Persistent elements like a low tone ring, sharp piercing sounds and static. There are ground level, ranging from quick buzzing low to the floor. Persistent elements like a low tone ring, sharp piercing sounds and static instead of drawn-out waves. Burst of minute pulses and static noise percolating through an old AM radio and a lot of minimal noise and electric humming with some sparse activity rising to the top. There are plenty of surprises hidden throughout the quiet sections, however. The tracks are long, but pick a different starting point other than the beginning and fade out at will or as your tolerance dictates.

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But when these songs fill up your earbuds, you won't have any qualms about returning to any of the other tracks, regardless of how many times you've already listened to them. Just try leaving "Stay" or trying a distraction while listening to "Mountains." Try remaining still with "Dancing Shoes." One Day manages to bind together the art forms of Nakamura and English for a weird yet pleasing collection. It's going to be a long walk, and you know what you can lose, when you've got mountains to move. Carrying the weight of the Rockies in his voice, DeGraw's "Mountains" may not get much airtime, but that won't keep it from rattle around your brain for days.

Despite the album's brevity, a couple surprises come through. "Free" seems to be one of them. It's hard to tell whether DeGraw yelled, leaving the audience in need of a motion-sickness bag, and "Why Do The Men Stay" feels like little more than a side, a possible shout out to his charity. Stripped albums of 10 songs mean filler on an album that waited only 10 months.
Above: Rice band Stranger Still invited all its fans onstage for the last song of their set last Friday at Wiess College's annual Jamfest.

Center: Ted Leo strums and croons at KTRU's Outdoor Show on Saturday night.

Upper Right: Rapper Fat Tony keeps it real in Willy's Pub last Thursday as part of RPC's ongoing weekly concert series.

Right: A drag queen struts his stuff at Queers & Allies Annual Drag Show last Friday at Willy's Pub. The event raised over $1,500 for HATCH, a young LGBT organization based in Houston.

**FASHION**

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that while thinking outside the box can be challenges too, depending on what's going on.

RT: Despite that though, you seem to really love your work.

AD: Oh yes, of course! It is the ultimate high to take a woman in jeans and a T-shirt and choose an outfit that's perfect for her. After I find the perfect dress, then add shoes, bags and accessories. Many women don't know how to carry their bags.

RT: What do you mean by that?

AD: Oh, well, they just stick it under their arms! If you're carrying a skinned clutch, there's a way to hold it to show off the skin. If it's an envelope type, you can hold it in book form close to your chest.

I think the best example was when I was dressing for the inauguration. I took one lady that came in — she is one of the women I can really say that I've made over — and told her specifically not to fidget with her dress because it was perfectly tailored to her, how to hold her clutch... all those things. She said she was complimented on everything and that she never noticed how much women messed with their clothes until then.

RT: What are your thoughts on fashion in Houston now?

AD: What we wear in Texas is going to be very different from New York, which is going to be really out there. Texas is very conservative. For example, women in the corporate world will think they have to look as much like their male counterparts as possible. You'll find more women in traditional business suits and who will tell you, "Oh, no, I can't wear that to work, it's too feminine."

RT: What do you think is most important about developing your own style?

AD: Finding your trademark, what works for you. For me, every weekend I'm seen in an ascot, which was big in the 1930s. You just need to find your own little niche and ride it out.

And so dear readers, if you won't listen to me, listen to Mr. Drayton and take the time this summer to do just that. Find your signature style. Experiment. Live a little. There will be plenty of time next year to trudge around in sweats, ignore my fashion dares and listen to me harp about wearing crocs in public.

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Return of Ojala brings Rice series win over ECU

By Meghan Hall

Two days after a 9-7 come-from-behind loss to the University of Southern Mississippi,.context.

Rice won the opener of the series against ECU last weekend, giving up only two earned runs in seven innings with nine strikeouts, but the Owls started their Conference USA lead off with a complete game three-hitter with no earned runs in ECU's 1-0 win. Off the bench and stroked a bases-loaded double to put Rice ahead for good in the eighth.

The second game, however, did not fall in Rice's favor. Freshman Taylor Wall (4-2) pitched a solid game, giving up only two earned runs over seven innings with nine strikeouts, but the Owls did not score. Starting Seth Morris threw a complete game three-hitter with no earned runs in ECU's 1-0 win.

Rice head coach Wayne Graham said, "It was an incredible comeback." Ricestriked back to a 9-7 win. His 1.43 ERA leads the team. Sophomore Matt Evers (2-1) gave up three runs, two earned, to put the Owls back when the Aggies lost for the series. He gave up seven earned runs in his 1.1 innings of work, and after two innings Rice still trailed by a run. By the end of the fifth, the Pirates were leading 15-11. and looked like the dominant team that had been in place all season.

In the series finale on Sunday, Rice had won after more than three weeks off and, over five innings, gave up only one run and seven hits and cut into Rice's lead. It was a really good day on the court. I'm really happy about how we played as a team.

The final two matchups of the season highlighted the Owls' inexperience and youth, but showed that these characteristics do not necessarily translate into a weak squad.

Women's track places in first at New Mexico meet

By Natalie Ceruzzi

Usually, lightning storms and track meets do not mix well. That was not the case this weekend as the women's track team overcame cold and windy conditions, in addition to lightning delays, to take first place at the New Mexico Invitational.

The Owls placed no singles, winning all six singles matches in straight sets and closing out all three doubles contests easily.

"We played really well," Jackson said. "Northwestern State was a really good team, and today we just had a really good day on the court. I'm really happy about how we played as a team.

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**Fight for Rice: Moriah achieving world recognition**

by Jonathan Myers

Many taekwondo enthusiasts, and probably some Rice students, are not aware of three of the four members of the 2008 U.S. Olympic taekwondo squad hail from nearby Sugar Land, Texas. But what most do not know is that Steven, Mark, and Nir Moriah's trip to Beijing would not have been possible without the unflappable efforts of some Rice student.

As Mark took silver and Steven and Tal took bronze in Beijing, Rice senior Nir Moriah, the Lopez training partner, was nine years old. Knowing that his work with the Lopez's had gotten America a trio of medals, the experience was an amazing experience," Moriah said. "It was a great example of where hard work can get you. It emphasized helping in yourself and giving 100 percent commitment."

Born in New Haven, Conn., Moriah and his younger brother, Tal, a junior at Rice, moved with their family to Israel, where they attended high school and trained to become world-class taekwondo fighters while completing their military service. They moved to Houston in 2004 after receiving an invitation to train at the Elite Taekwondo Center under the instruction of Jean Lopez, one of the preeminent taekwondo trainers in the world and the 2003 United States Coach of the Year.

Soon, Moriah found himself among the world's most elite taekwondo fighters. His practices with the Lopez siblings and training under Lopez and Coach Paris Amanti allowed for constant advancement in his abilities, pushing his abilities past what he thought he could do. "It's like going to practice with Einstein," Moriah said. "Every practice is a development of my skills. They emphasize the mental and physical attributes needed to be a champion. I've trained all over the world, in Korea and Japan, but those guys only see part of the picture. Lopez and Amanti see the whole picture needed to develop your skills."

Moriah's career as one of the top taekwondo fighters in the world largely flies under the radar here in the United States, but he added to his lengthy list of accomplishments last month, when he claimed second place in the 39th National Collegiate Taekwondo Championships held at Brown University in Providence, R.I., on March 21-22. This was just another of the multitude of competitions where Moriah represents Rice, a streak that will continue in the upcoming World University Games, held in Belgrade, Serbia, this summer.

Unfortunately, taekwondo seems to be another of the more obscure sports that seems to only gain publicity in the American media every four years during the Olympics. Moriah expressed disappointment at the lack of recognition that taekwondo receives: "It frustrates me that just because taekwondo isn't (an NCAA sport), that people don't understand that we are competing for Rice," Moriah said. "In 2009, I represented New University at the World University Games. The opening ceremony had 70,000 fans there, and the events are nationally covered in Korea, but they get barely any coverage here in the U.S. We won the U.S. Nationals and my brother Tal won third, but it doesn't make the news because it isn't a traditional NCAA sport."

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by Paul Fitzgerald

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"I just made some key putts, didn't make any bad decisions and finished off my rounds strong," Brown said. "I had prepared, didn't make any bad decisions and finished off my rounds strong.

Rice had opportunities to put up solid scores in all three rounds but could not finish off the rounds on a high note. On the last four holes of the final round, the team shot 16 over par. If they had cut that in half, they would have finished two spots higher on the leader board."

Head Coach Drew Scott (Wesley '98) recognized the missed chances the Owls had throughout the tournament.

"I think overall we definitely could've played better," Scott said. "I think we had shades of greatness during the first two days, but we could never finish any of the rounds.

At the top of the leaderboard, Duke University used a final-day surge to move past host North Carolina State University. The Wolfpack had led the tournament after two rounds but Duke's final-day score of 308 (8) pushed them past the hosts. N.C. State's Matt Hill led the event from start to finish, shooting a three-round score of 206 (6) to defeat Duke's Matthew Pierce by four strokes. Hill's victory was his third in a row, solidifying his place as one of the nation's top collegiate golfers.

Junior Christopher Brown finished tied for 14th at the River Landing Intercollegiate after posting an outstanding score of 67 in the final round.
Strong freshman play lifts Owls over Aggies

Headed into the C-USA tournament as No. 2 seed, Rice looks to end Golden Hurricane's three-year run

By Casey Michel

Texas A&M was the perfect way to end the season — is now all but assured for Rice. The Owls, who entered last weekend 13-9, were going to have a shot at an NCAA Tournament berth, they would need their young guns, a mix of untried, unheralded freshmen, to step up.

Last week, the coaches got their wish.

What seemed like a distant shot — Rice's seventh consecutive NCAA appearance — is now all but assured after a 7-0 outing into the Texas A&M's third-ranked Texas A&M's third-ranked duo of Conor Pollock and Austin Krajicek easily handled Rice's squad, with a 5-2 win at home only a week ago.

With the match's first point hanging in the balance, Saravia and Garforth-Bles, in only their seventh match as a pair, dug their heels in against Wil Spencer and Marcus Mann. With the score now at 3-3, Saravia began his third set against Klores, trying to drive home with another 4-3 loss,
**WOMEN’S TRACK TOP FINISHERS**: NEW MEXICO TAILWIND INVITATIONAL

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**Baseball**

After 3 weeks ago.

There is little doubt that Tulsa will make it to the finals. The Owls, however, may have a tougher road. Even though they destroyed the Mustangs on Friday, SMU, which will probably face Rice in the second round, will likely not roll over as easily this time around.

**Golf**

As Rice’s scoring leader, Brown’s strong performance at River Landing sent him into the Rice record books. Brown now has the lowest career scoring average and the most rounds of par or better in Rice golf history. Brown’s score was also the lowest under par for the season for the Owls and the second-lowest score since 1971. Brown has improved his game at Rice, coming from sixth place as a freshman to the Owls’ strongest and most consistent contributor this season.

**Track**

finishing touches on his first-place finish, sophomore Clay Baker was adding to the overall point total for Rice. Going up against the best-discuss throwers the University of California-Los Angeles had to offer, Baker did not shy away from the challenge, taking fourth place with a throw of 20.34 meters, only 0.43 meters away from his personal best. Baker wasn’t finished at Drake Stadium. After the discus threw, he turned his attention to the shot put, once again facing only the best competition, as he was competing in the invitation-only division. Baker shone yet again, placing seventh with a throw of 15.56 meters, only one meter away from his personal best.

**Tennis**

last season, so Bevan is happy with her progress. Bevan said, “We are in a position to think we’re the favorites at all.”

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SATURDAY 18

Today is the last day of scheduled admission for students.

The Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra presents their final program of the semester tonight, featuring Igor Stravinsky's iconic Rite of Spring. It's a ballet based on pagan virgin sacrifices. You know, like Dis-O. So you should go to Martel's sundee at 10 p.m. To be fair, they had a table full of tons of food, including s'mores, Apparently it is big. There will be tons of food, including s'mores, as well as free massages and more. The party begins at 9 p.m. and goes on until 1 a.m.

Re أغسطس و / مي ritmo / Bueno pa' gozar / Mulata

The Rice Jazz Ensemble presents an outdoor concert of all Latin jazz at 4 p.m. in Lovett courtyard. Amazingo Pa' gozar mi tremendo mambo / Pa' gozar...

SUNDAY 19

The Candy Man Can (Buy a Medical School)

This is the last night for Velociraptor Awareness Day! Nasa' funeral for Velociraptor who wrote "Oye Como Va," "Raan Kan Kan" and other great salsa hits. Also, a happy birthday to jazz legend Lionel Hampton and classical conductor John Eliot Gardiner, who recorded my all-time favorite CD of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

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According to Facebook, today is:

Velociraptor Awareness Day! Educate yourself on the ever-present velociraptor threat and prepare Rice for attack by posting warning signs on particularly vulnerable parts of campus. For more info see the gray box below.

TUESDAY 20

Continue not going to class

It's still study period, and there's still nothing to do but study.

In Texas, they teach it hands-on

Rice for Choice sponsors a screening of "The Education of Shelby Knox," a movie about sex education in Texas. The film is at 6 p.m., in Huma 119, and there will be free food.

RALPH WALDO MOZART (OR: YES! MORE DVERKSH!!!)

Antonín Dvořák, the official Calendar Composer, returns for the third time this semester! Tonight in Hamman Hall. Come celebrate RPF's 80-year anniversary. Tickets are free, but you should ask them to sing "Da Da" by Trio. Trust me. It is a beautiful, heartwarming song.

Happy birthday!

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And that's final

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WEDNESDAY 21

Consider this week’s editorial cartoon a fair warning

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WEDNESDAY 22

Hotel Derek Jacob? Hotel Bo Derek? Hotel Derek Zoolander?

The Senior Gala is at the Hotel Derek (near the Galleria) tonight from 7-11 p.m. For the very first time, poor old Beethoven was so dead that he continued conducting after the music ended, and a singer had to turn him around and show him that everyone was clapping. If you don't have this incredible piece on CD, drop by Fondren's circulation desk and ask for CD ANGRY, Vol. 2.

On this day in 1894

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The Backpage is satire and is written and drawn, poorly, by Timothy Fadul. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Rice. We had some good times.

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YOUR BACKPAGE FOLD-IN

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS BACKPAGE FOLD-IN!

It’s been a big year for Rice. Between Baylor, BANNER and a bowl game, the Backpage has had plenty of opportunities to say something about our little world. Sometimes, though, we’ve had to self-censor in the name of propriety. What did we really think about the 2008-’09 year? To find out, fold in the page as shown.