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BY LY HOANG
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Within minutes of his introduction last Thursday, George Foreman, former heavyweight boxing champion and world-renowned entrepreneur, had a crowd of hundreds laughing at his life story, from tales of covering himself in sewage to avoid arrest to his affinity for grilling machines.

During the Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship’s annual kickoff event, held in the Shell Auditorium of the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business, Foreman spoke to an assembly of nearly 400.

CEOs of big-name companies, local businessm- en, professors and Rice students turned out to hear him speak, Rice Alliance Managing Director Boustinio said.

Foreman began his talk by relating the story of him and his brother being re资产管理 out at night to hang out with the wrong crowds, he said. However, he became in- creased when his cousins told him to skip school, as no one in the family would amount to anything.

"I still wanted to fight," Foreman said.

Upon a friend’s suggestion that Foreman went on anger through boxing, he moved to California to train. Foreman quickly moved up the ranks of the boxing world and returned to the United States to fight in the 1968 Olympics, held in Mexico City. Foreman said he hit his peak style at the Games but was unsuccessful.

Despite his Open up and organizations and support to promote "Smoking," he found himself in the boxing World Championship in King- dom, Jamaica, in 1970.

"Money used to be good in the 1970s," Foreman said. "I became young people who were not accepted by the police."

Though he was committed to a new lifestyle, Foreman said he occa- sionally reverted to feelings of aggres- sion. He once became defensive when a coworker at Job Corps was talking to him about his mother.

He said he began mugging people, which once led to a police chase. Foreman avoided arrest only by covering himself in sewage to avoid detection by the dogs. After this close call, Foreman said he decided to change his ways.

"I told myself, 'I'll cut out of this, I'll never steal anything again, even if it was as a safe haven for troubled youth."

However, to support his family and the youth center, Foreman rented a room and he began to rent it for boxing. When word got out that he was entertaining the boxing ring, Foreman said he was frequently teased for being out of shape.

"People would say, 'George Foreman,'" Foreman said. "He was a hotel in Reston, Virginia."

Despite the jokes about his too big, Foreman never again returned through the boxing world and in 1974, at age 24, he re- duced, the heavyweight champion after defeating Joe Frazier. In 1974, however, Foreman relinquished his title after refusing a rematch with Arthur Holmes.

Starting in the early 1990s, Fore- man entered entrepreneurship to his list of vocations when he became a partner in the Lean, Mean, Fat- Reducing Grilling Machine. His name has since become synony- mous with being fat.

Even when he lost his last match, in 1991 to Shannon Briggs, Foreman said he continued selling his grills.

"When the news asked me what I thought after I lost, I told them I love the Lean, Mean, Fat-Reducing Grilling Machine," Foreman said.

"What does this have to do with the game?" they asked, and I re- sponded, 'It has everything to do with it. Look at me!'"

In addition to the grills, Foreman also promotes Metuche Car Care Centers and has launched eco- friendly cleaning products, a line of personal care products, George Foreman’s Life Shakes, a line of shakes and various other businesses. Foreman is also active in charity, includ- ing the “Knock Out Pediatric Cancer” campaign.

Foreman was inducted into the Houston Area Association of Dis- abled Veterans, a society which extends membership to those with remarkable achievements in face of ad- versity through self-sufficiency and hard work. Members must also have shown dedication to helping the less fortunate. Fellow inductees includes Samuel Walton, the founder of Wal-Mart, Frank Lloyd Wright, architect and author, and Robert Moses and author.

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Jones coordinator to leave

BY CINDY DINH
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After 17 years at Rice, Jones College Coordinator Lisa Howat has announced she will be leaving her position in November. She will be joining her husband, English professor Dennis Huston, as he goes to the University of Minnesota. Howat’s last day as coordinator will be Nov. 6.

Howat had a long history with Rice before she joined Jones College in March 2005. Before assuming the position of college coordinator, Howat worked in the Office of Admissions as Assistant Director of Admission from 2004-05. Prior to that position, Bryan and Huston were masters at Hancher College from 1992-95.

Bryan’s varied experiences at Rice made her a great resource for students as well as the staff at the Office of Admissions. Associate Director of Admissions Laura Villafranca said, "She had a great perspective of Rice and knowledge of it, having lived on campus," Villafranca said. Villafranca said Bryan had the added perspective of a Rice parent, since her son attended Rice.

In an e-mail sent to the Jones Insiders, Bryan said she loved being a Coordinator, but being the Jones Coordinator was an even greater experience.

Howat declined to comment for this story.

Jones Resident Associate Director Susan (Suzy) Guerra said howat’s personality "She’s really been integral to the Jones community. There’s no topic she doesn’t have,” Howat said. "As soon as [the students] found out, they were pretty bummed out."

Howat, who is also Assistant Director of the Wellness Center, said Bryan had an open-door policy that taught students her office throughout the day. "Lisa is really available in terms of accessibility,” Howat said. "She is always there at the college, if not more so than the masters and the RA’s."

Howat’s duties at the college center included keeping very busy all day long. Students can always count on her to sit down and give them her undivided attention," the Guerra said in an e-mail sent to the Jones Associates. "Whether it’s helping them track down a mail package or listening to someone’s personal problems, students have come to depend on her warm welcome when they step into her office."

Jones junior Alex Young described the Guerra’s sentiment and described Bryan as energetic and spunky.

"Lisa is legitimately awesome," Young said. "If you tried to sneak in to get your mail, she would not let you leave without exchanging pleasantries."

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Rudy and Nancy Guerra Jones College Masters

Nancy Guerra noted Bryan’s personality. "She never met a student that she didn’t relate to, no matter their background,” she said.

Throughout her five-year tenure as Hanszen master, Bryan entrenched herself in Hanszen activities, appearing in the college’s musicals, Glenda Comby, who served as the Hanszen Coordinator while Bryan and Huston were masters, said. She said Bryan made a memorable impression at her initial interview.

"I remember at her interview for college master she was wearing a brown suit with a mini-skirt and cowboy boots,” Comby said.

Plans are currently underway for a formal student farewell to honor Bryan and the service she gave to Howat, Howat said.

"When I think of Jones, [Bryan] is a part of that picture,” Young said.

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SA President Patrick McNamara announced there will be no SA meeting next week because of the fall retreat, McNamara, a Brown College senior, said everyone is welcome to attend.

Internal Vice President Sedim Sheikh welcomed the recently elected New Student Representatives and invited them to the NSA welcome dinner tomorrow. The NSRs were introduced by a senator from their corresponding colleges.

Dan Fu, a representative from Rice’s Crisis Management Team, spoke about the university’s response to the H1N1 flu virus. Fu asked people to refrain from referring to the disease as “swine flu” because of the connotations relating to pork. Fu said anyone with underlying chronic conditions, such as asthma, who feels sick should contact Health Services or the CMT immediately. Symptoms of H1N1 include a 101- to 103-degree temperature, a sore throat and a cough. As of Monday, Rice had 60 confirmed cases of H1N1 virus, though Fu said more will likely arise.

Fu said the CMT will be supplying student kits, thermometers, pocket tissues and H1N1 informational fliers to each college. Highly-touch areas on campus are also getting cleaned more often, he said. Vaccinations will be available later this month, though only people with chronic conditions will need the vaccination.

McAnaney presented the University Court nominations from last week: College Sophomore Paul Fitzgerald, Weiss College Junior Austin Lipinski, Jones Junior Michael Taylor and Hancher College Senior Eliehong. The nominees were approved by the senate.

Parliamentarian Jathonati Stewart requested that voting members of the SA who plan to miss a meeting send a proxy to the meeting and notify the Executive Council in advance.

Stewart, a Jones sophomore, announced that club approvals and registration are now on the web site at sa.rice.edu. Club approvals will be made when the constitution is enacted.

McAnaney announced the $2 A Day Challenge, hosted by Owl Microfinance and Engineers Without Borders. The shanty town was completed and fundraisers were planned to be held throughout the week, along with organized tours.

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After nearly a year of research, the Working Group on the Honor Council presented its findings on efficiency within the organization this week.

The 11-member group — comprised of an assortment of professors, students and a representative from the Office of the President — was charged last October with evaluating the functionality of the Honor Council.

The Honor Council is a group of undergraduate and graduate students who review, interpret and oversee the Honor System and hear cases on purported violations.

Working Group Chair Evan Siemann, an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology professor, began looking into the Honor Council last year after hearing faculty members and students’ frustrations.

“We thought it was time to take a look at whether or not the Honor Council was working as well as it could,” Siemann said.

From the survey data, the group developed two recommendations that it presented to the Faculty Senate Wednesday. Discussion on both recommendations was tabled until next month’s Faculty Senate meeting.

To gauge perceptions of the council’s efficacy, the group conducted a SurveyMonkey survey of faculty, undergraduate students and graduate students from July 30 to Aug. 15. Survey questions ranged from personal interactions with the Honor Council to the nature of violations with which the respondent had been involved.

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The card offers discounts at all previously featured restaurants, including popular eateries Swift and Mike Nicks, SA Entertainment, President Amber Mahkani said. She also said additional businesses with more practical services such as Today's Vision and Bike Barn were added this year.

Mahkani, a Marshall College sophomore, said she had made it her goal to expand and diversify this relatively new program, which launched in fall 2006.

To choose new businesses to include on the card, she said she relied on personal experience.

"I tried to think about the things I use," Mahkani said. "I just love discounts." The year's program, which expanded from 16 to 21 businesses, has grown to the point where not all businesses fit on the physical card, and additional businesses are listed at lockridge.rice.edu. Students can write reviews for the featured restaurants and shops on the Web site.

Mahkani said even more businesses will be added or their discounts updated during this coming year.

The HedgeHopper program is a capstone of Rice's impact on nearby businesses in Rice Village and greater West University. Businesses pay an annual fee to be featured on the card. To receive the discount, students must present their card and Rice ID at the time of purchase.

Mahkani said that some problems have arisen with the card because of a lack of communication between management and employees at a number of restaurants, especially at Amy's Ice Cream. She said this had been minimal, however, and encourages students to contact her at mahkana@rice.edu if they find that the card is not being accepted by a listed restaurant or shop.

Through the HedgeHopper card, a long list of participating businesses, many students are unaware of its benefits.

"I've never used this card," said junior Maggie Murphy, a Marshall College senior, "but it looks like a good deal to me."

"It helps me take all the ladies out on cheap dates," Bilstein said.
Professors win $40,000 grant
UH, Rice researchers partner to study sustainability in Houston

BY SETH BROWN
For the Thresher

With Houston as their backdrop, a team of Rice and University of Houston researchers will put Mother Nature to the test by evaluating the city’s sustainability. After being awarded a $40,000 grant from the Shell Center for Sustainability, which is based out of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, the researchers will team up to craft a set of measurements to determine whether or not Houston’s progress is feasibly sustainable.

The areas of specialty for the three researchers—Jim Blackburn, professor in the practice of environmental law; Stephen Kelbinger, sociology professor and director of the Urban Research Center of Houston; and Barton Smith, economics professor and director of the Institute for Regional Forecasting at the University of Houston—represent three key areas to test Houston’s sustainability.

“If sustainability is both an exciting and interesting area, because it combines the environment, economy and social thinking,” Blackburn said. “That is really the challenge of it. Seldom do we consider these three elements together.”

The research that Blackburn is planning to do runs in tandem with a new course on measuring sustainability, which will be offered next semester. Blackburn and his students will attempt to come up with indicators that can help determine a city’s sustainable future.

“We want to get new research off the ground and spark new areas to come up with new information,” Blackburn said.

The research, which is planned to study a variety of economic, social and environmental indicators over time, could have a large impact on the city. Blackburn said he said Houston is currently not complying with either the Federal Clean Water Act or the Federal Clean Air Act. In addition, Blackburn points to the loss of wetlands and the dangers of flood plains as indicators of Houston’s current environmental dangers.

Blackburn said these negative characteristics of Houston may play a role in the economy, which is currently undergoing a dramatic shift toward greater concerns for sustainable development.

“I think we are moving toward an economy that is defined by terms different than GDP,” Blackburn said. “I don’t think you will be able to think of growth without environmental footprint being taken into account.

If a certain company is looking to relocate its headquarters, they might choose not to be located in a place that is highly flood prone, has air that is unhealthy or has cancer-causing emissions.”

Jones College freshman Kirby Kempe said he believes now is the time for environmental responsibility.

“Now that we have the technology and the resources to know how our decisions are impacting the environment, not doing anything would be irresponsible,” Kempe said. “I think everyone has an obligation to reduce their footprint.”

It may take a long time for the fruition of Blackburn’s research to impact Houston, but for his team it’s a role in the economy, which is currently undergoing a dramatic shift toward greater concerns for sustainable development.

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Calendar of Events

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Food, water and shanties

What happens when over 70 students, surviving on only the bare minimum, set up camp in the Central Quad shanties? Beans, stench and, for a lucky few, a spot on the nightly news.

1. Students use all the tools in their arsenal to construct Rice's first shanty town, completed on Monday, the day before students moved in.
2. Students living in tents on two dollars a day struggled to avoid the temptation of a latte from the nearby Brochstein Pavilion.
3. Wiess College junior Jeremy Goodreau dishes on the shanties Wednesday morning to ABC 13 reporters, who didn't sign up for the rain.
4. Challenge participants sit on makeshift seats, made of cardboard and plywood, awaiting their dinner of rice and beans — the same they get at every meal.
5. Jones College sophomore Elizabeth Ramirez stands outside her shanty, daydreaming about her comfortable bed back at Jones to which she will return once students move out this afternoon.
6. With only the light of a lantern to guide them, students trek down the road to academia. It appears that not even poverty can deter Rice students from their homework.
7. Jones freshman Samuel Whisler scoops himself a serving of rice as he enjoys an apple, leaving Jones sophomore Stephen Haff to look on in hunger.

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New Visual Arts coordinators seek more student art in Farnsworth

**ARTICLES**

**Arctic Monkeys explore new musical paths**

**BY STEPHEN MORRIS**

**FOR THE THRESHER**

As is the case with many aspects of Arctic Monkeys' latest album, the title Humbug draws attention because of its uniqueness.

The word's meaning nowadays is akin to "nonsense" or "garbage," but fortunately for listeners the songs themselves are anything but. Arctic Monkeys march in very different directions for influence and inspiration this time around, and the resulting collision between their old and new styles works impressively well.

The choice to diverge from their old style was certainly a bold one. Arctic Monkeys have been a huge success with their lo-fi sound, but they're not afraid of new paths.

In the past the band has displayed a range of influences, from punk to alternative rock. But for the album Humbug, the band has taken a more experimental approach, incorporating elements of jazz and indie rock into their sound.

The result is an album that is both familiar and new, with songs that range from the soft and melodic to the loud and frenetic. The band's lyrics are also more introspective, with themes of uncertainty and the unknown.

Despite the change in direction, the album still has a strong sense of identity and manages to strike a balance between the old and the new.

The band's choice to explore new musical paths has paid off, and the result is an album that is both exciting and intriguing for fans.

**Favourite Worst Nightmare**, the band's previous album, was a instant classic, setting fire to the energy Stateside as well.

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**ACROSS TOWN**

**Sprucing up the Pavilion**

**THE WEEKLY SCENE**

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

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**STAGE EXTRACT**

Mike Judge Extracts a winner with latest comedy

**BY KAIT CHURU**

**FOR THE THRESHER**

When peering into the blue-collar workplace, Mike Judge's Office Space is at the top of the paper heap. It brings his comedic intelligence back to the stack in his latest route, Extract, focusing on the owner of a fast-extract company in Podunk, U.S.A., in this smart and amusing satire.

While Extract is unable to live up to its scopic promise — and may not have the cultural impact of Mike's earlier — it isn't worth the cost of admission. A strong cast combines with an original and mischievous plot, allowing Extract to be the intelligent comedy that will fill the current vacuum.

Jason Bateman (directed development) plays Joel, the sex-deprived owner of Reynolds' Extract Company, who is unable to live up to his workers' expectations. He is at the top of the paper heap. Judge's latest film is a instant classic, setting fire to the energy Stateside as well.

The clues were many: wearing Black Sabbath shirts to photo shoots, listening to Cream and Jimi Hendrix and working with producer Josh Homme, better known as Queens of the Stone Age.

They continued to impress with minutely detailed lyrics, made it an instant classic, setting fire to the charts in Britain and drawing plen-
Despite star power, My One and Only delivers nothing but boredom.

BY JACKIE AMMONS
THERSE IT STAFF

The 1950s, or so the stereotype goes, were a time of peaceful picnics and families happily cruising in four-door Cadillacs. Staid and calm, they were borderline uninteresting and often uneventful. With its pearl-neckled housewives and tweed-suited fathers, My One and Only nails this stereotype just right.

Aside from a slight dose of feminism, this film contains nothing unique, nothing special and nothing that makes you stop your Cadillac-cruising to go see it. Kevin Bacon strikes up the band as Anne's ex-husband Danny Deveraux in the underwhelming film My One and Only. His character was based on real-life bandleader and ladies' man George "Spike" Hamilton.

Kevin Bacon is the stuck-up, selfish woman who is older than the characters she used to scorn. While each of these plot points are interesting, the film never develops any of them fully. The film includes characters who don't quite fit into the usual picture of the 1950s. Anne discovers the period sets (such as an old-fashioned diner), the swinging tunes and the fantastic costumes (Anne always wears white gloves).

Interestingly, My One and Only also stays true to the high level of boredom wrought by the decade. Aside from a slight dose of feminism, this film contains nothing unique, nothing special and nothing that makes you stop your Cadillac-cruising to go see it.

As a new husband with deep pockets, Anne and her sons visit, there is a slight twist in the plot. In St. Louis, one of her sons discovers his talent for writing; in Hollywood, the same son lands a studio contract; and in Pittsburgh, Anne begins to open up to a middle-class neighbor she used to scorn. While each of these plot points is interesting, the film never develops any of them fully. The film provides the beautiful way in which the film presents the images of the 1950s. The period sets (such as an old-fashioned diner), the swinging tunes and the fantastic costumes (Anne always wears white gloves) are as interesting as curdled milk. Zellweger and Bacon are certainly talented actors, but their characters are one-dimensional.

Stood Still's Eric McCormack) fools around with a younger woman and then wants to get his wife back. Because of the glue's lack of development, the characters have no room for growth and are subsequently stale and too little time with her children. Bacon is the cheating husband who, after numerous failed attempts, Anne learns that you don't have to be married to live a happy life.

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For more information about the fair, the attending agencies, and what opportunities are available, please visit the Community Involvement Center's website: www.cic.rice.edu/cic.
William's brings sober performance in World's Greatest Dad

By Brian Reinhart
Thresher Editorial Staff

Robin Williams has a serious actor's talent trapped in a comedian's body. Progress in his funny movies, he is best when acting with restraint: Williams's talent trapped in a comedian's role or the way his character in Good Morning Vietnam changes as he realizes that war is not a joke.

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Dear Denver,

I have all these burning questions that need answering. Who should I ask?

—Questioning Cathy

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—Denver Greene

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as the main man behind Queens of the Stone Age. All were acts with plenty of magnetism, but not ones that seemed like appropriate influences for the band.

Humbug indeed puts the breaks on the tempo, but rather than slogging through the mud as some feared this album would, it is instead a glorious trip through the mud, filled with images of fools, sharp as ever, but without guilt. We've had people who may not always be there for just the artwork. "We're not the Rice Gallery or the Rice Media Center, although the people who work there are indecent, which is completely against their nature," Lee said.

The first exhibit the coordinators have planned for Farnsworth involves about as different acts and examines the different ways that Houston uses water, it doesn't have an official name yet, and will run for the month of October, and instead of being a special event, instead it refers to them as "Dekoras," and the hard-to-reach people with Alc everywhere. Both Simmons and Affleck steal their scenes, but the best supporting char-acter goes to another Simmons — Gene Simmons (The New Guy). Flapping tongue left at home, Gene Simmons plays the lawyer Joe Adler, who only gets the business of hope that Joel's Claythorne (Kevin James) — the one- track-minded victim of the freak accident — because of his bus stop advertisements. While only appearing in the movie some 10 minutes, Simmons is able to provide the film's most memorable momen- ts — such as repeatedly reminding Joel that the only situation in which his client will settle is if he could smash 711's own balls in the door — and adds inane flavor to the movie. Overall, the plot of Extract remains true to the spirit of Office Space. While Office Space provided a look into the life of desk workers, Extract offers insight into the life of the management. However, the workers in Office Space had some brains, the people who work at Beyond's Extract are downright morons. Thus, the audience ends up sympa-thizing with Bateman more than they did Gary Cole, Office Space's manager. In general, the humor of Extract provides the audience with an inedited comedy — meaning there probably won't be an unrated version that comes out on DVD — and an all-star cast, guaranteed to offer their audience an hour and a half of forgetting if they e-mailed the correct cover sheet to their boss.

The walls are bare for now, but Lovett junior Teresa Lee (left) and Hansen junior Amy Lin (right) both have big plans this year for the Farnsworth Pavilion Art Gallery, such as increasing its visibility and visibility as another venue on campus for student artists to showcase their work.
Football falls to UAB as new crop continues adjustment

Twenty-point opening loss highlights holes at quarterback, questions about defense

by Meghan Hall

The beginning of the contest was promising: The Owls defense, which was returning eight starters, was on the field first and forced the Blazers to go three-and-out. As an aspect where the team can improve, Head Coach David Bailiff said, "We have to control those things. You look out at all those points we left out on the field. As soon as the attempt was blocked, Rice was sent to the floor as part of its Conference USA-record-setting performance for topping units in a game by a quarterback — 194 yards total on 20 plays — Webb took UAB down the field and had a first down within the 10-yard line, but three consecutive shots to the endzone fell short. Senior Clark Hargreaves came onto the field for his first field goal of the season, but the 26-yard attempt was blocked, and the series set the unfortunate tone for the team.

"With [nine] new starters out there [in defense], we felt a lot of points out there, especially early in this football game," Head Coach David Bailiff said. "Even when you're on the road you need to take advantage of those opportunities to get the points on the board, and we didn't do that in that loss."

Senior defensive back Andrew Sendejo tackles a Blazer during Rice's 44-24 defeat last Saturday. Rice hopes to bounce back from its opening losses against run-and-gun Texas Tech in tomorrow's contest.

San Francisco sweep jumpstarts volleyball season

by Paul Fitzgerald

The good times kept rolling for the volleyball team as the Owls thrashed three opponents over the weekend in the University of San Francisco Challenge. The victories improved the Owls' record to 7-1, cementing their status as the Conference USA favorites as the season goes into full tilt.

"We're going to have to work hard for our emotions in check so we can execute our game," Genny Volpe said. "The team was a little bitter about how it ended last year's loss in the NCAA Tournament against Wichita State," Head Coach David Bailiff said. "We're going to have to work hard for the first set, never give up."

Senior outside hitter Jenna McLean (right) earned MVP honors at last week's tournament, leading the Owls with 48 kills during the three-match sweep. Now boasting a 2-1 record, Rice has a chance to avenge last year's loss in the NCAA Tournament against Wichita State Sunday.
SPORTS

The largest squad is 22 members — the largest in university history — with half the squad new to the team coming in as either freshmen or first-time runners. With so many runners to choose among, Bevan is still trying to figure things out.

The first meet of the season, the Texas A&M Invitation, held in College Station, Texas, tomorrow, will provide Bevan the opportunity to see the effect of competition on his expansive squad. And competition this meet can offer — somewhere between 15 and 18 teams will be present, including Rice’s biggest regional competition: the University of Texas, Texas A&M University, Baylor University and Southern Methodist University, to say nothing of the University of Arkansas, last year’s South Central Regional champion.

Returning senior Claire Shorall says the opening meet will be most important as an assessment of the squad’s inner positioning, not as a competition for a team still sorting itself out.

“Opening meets are always important,” Shorall said. “We’ll all get to see how we respond to competition, and it gives us an opportunity to see new runners in the lineup... Every race is important, but if we had to win one, this is the one to kill ourselves over.

“When the team runs up in College Station this weekend, however, the swirling of the ranks will not easily separate the loss of Lauren Waite (Brown ’08) and Laura Hadson (Baker ’06). Both Waite and Hadson ran at nationals last fall for the Owls, helping the team place 18th overall in the country. Bevan said the team will miss both of them, but is continuing to mold them into the team’s new, younger look.

“The main impact will be the loss of competiveness,” Bevan said. “When you have a younger team, though, you have to shape them.”

Two senior stand ready to fill those leadership roles Shorall and Britany Williams. Both are earning their final year of eligibility, and on a team brimming with freshmen, Bevan believes both can provide mentoring to the younger team. “Britany and Claire are both great leaders, and Claire especially has been instrumental in helping the freshmen make the transition to college as smoothly as possible,” Bevan said. Shorall, who admits to not being one of the squad’s top performers, said she is looking forward to being able to be a leader in practice, though not necessarily competition. “I feel old, and in some ways always felt old,” Shorall said. “It’s nice because I’m never going to be the leader on the course. That’s the reality of my situation. I’m really comfortable leading in practice and away from competition. I’d really see some of the younger kids develop because I can’t lead from the front all the time.”

There are plenty of young runners to whom Shorall will have the opportunity to lend a helping hand. After only a couple weeks of practice, Bevan says that he has been pleasantly surprised by the plethora of talent on the team. “A number of young ladies are learning a lot about college athletics so far and have a lot of talent that, with time, will coalesce into their being top performers,” Bevan said. “At this point, they just need to get their feet wet in competition.”

In addition to Williams and Shorall, there are a few other runners where the new runners can learn from the seniors. Sophomores Michelle Reynolds, Keltie Jon, Marie Thompson and Hunter Fowler all have a full year of competition experience that will allow them to be leaders in their own right on the team. The junior class of Allison Pye and Becky Warne, along with senior Nicole Mericle, round out the returning team members.

Pye and Mericle, however, will have to sit out the first meet because of injury. Bevan expects Pye to return next week, but Mericle is in a different situation. After a freak injury to her hamstring on theDepot during NCAA Regionals last spring, Mericle began training again only recently after a two- and a-half month hiatus from running. Bevan said the plan is for her to wait and see how training goes before making a decision on her competition status at the end of September.

One factor that may affect the decision about Mericle will be the strength of Conference USA this season. Last year, after a two-year winning streak, Rice fell to a strong SMU team at the C-USA meet. The Mustangs return two-time C-USA champion runners, Sille Fjortoft. In addition to three new Scandinavian recruits, one of whom has been running with Fjortoft. With that strong of a roster, the Mustangs will likely be a threat to the Owls this season.

The improved strength of SMU is endemic of the level of competition throughout conference this season. Bevan has seen that nearly every team has returned with deeper rosters this year, creating that much tougher of a challenge for Rice to reclaim its place at the top of the conference, besides SMU, the University of Tulsa, East Carolina University, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the University of Texas at El Paso and the University of Houston return with stronger squads.

“Conference will be the toughest it’s ever been,” Bevan said. “We have not worked out for ourselves to reclaim our title.”

On the way back to the conference championship, Rice will attend some challenging meets. Bevan expects the biggest challenge for the team to come in two weeks at the Texas A&M Corpus Christi Invitational. The terrain at the meet contains killing hills, and there will still be the Texas heat for the team to run in.

Other competitive meets will be the Rice Dome Invitational and the Pre-National meet, due to the high quality of schools expected to attend. Both of those meets fall in October, making that a key month for Rice’s positioning for post-season competition.

Although Bevan can say what meets will be challenging for the Owls, he is unsure about where to place his team’s chances this season. According to him, however, the team has the potential to win conference, win regionals and compete well at the national meet yet again.

**KOC of the Month**

A CLOSER LOOK: Hometowns of Rice’s new runners

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Emotional weekend for soccer brings first win

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The corner kick was contested in the 85th minute, and the Owls went on to win the game 2-0. The moment from the squad’s win carried over for the home game against TCU on Sunday. The Hornets fought Rice 2-1 in overtime last year and came in ranked fourth in the region. An early goal from Taylor in the 3rd minute gave the Owls the cushion that was being sought after saving a ball off of sophomore Annie Kadota, who found junior defender Jamie Zivick to lead Rice to a first-place finish on campus.

The Owls were also on the Ladyjacks’ low man midfield that created confusion across the field. But after the dust settled, the midfield deficit slowly began to wear down.

Taylor, who was back for a second goal from sophomore Annie Kadota, who found junior defender Jamie Zivick in the 79th minute. With the momentum on their side and the confusion at midfield behind them, senior striker Erin Smith made an impressive run between several Ladyjack defenders and dished a ball out to junior Korey Taylor in the 77th minute, forcing the game into overtime.

The final piece of the comeback arrived, and sophomore Hope Ward put the net thanks to a great run by TCU’s Julia Barrow scoring in dramatic fashion with fresh confidence and heart won the game.

As an especially impressive feat against anyone, but they did it.”

“Finally, a light bulb went off in Houston’s head. "It wasn’t a day for the game," he thought I tipped it and it hit the top crossbar." Houston said. "I think this is exactly the kind of game that they get pumped for," she said. "It’s a team coming in ranked in the top 20 in the nation. They know what they are up against. We think these girls are going to come out ready to play."
Special delivery at the hospital

MEN'S XC

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due to the incoming rain! If Hurricane

Brian in the lead. It just started raining.

Rice will take some of the same
team against a weak squad,

with Houston and Sam Houston State

most likely running at the Rice Invita-
tional. "We'll know the moment a bit

the week of that race and try not too much.

The coach will be looking

for a vast up in the quality of the
defense, and a continued improve-
ment in the offense and a higher
quality of play from a young team

facing an extremely difficult opening
to the season. After Texas Tech, Rice

will stay on the road to face another
Big 12 powerhouse in Oklahoma State University

before coming

home for back-to-back games

against Kent State University (0-4) and the University of Tulsa (0-6 —

two of the three teams the Owls lost
to last year.

but tough players, do, Bailiff said. "We're continuing
to work hard and get a football team out

that we can be proud of."
MONDAY

You know what would be good? Bacon waffles

It's Waffle Night at Willy's Pub! The Pub will be serving up blueberry, apple cinnamon and chocolate chip waffles, and in case that's not sn Kemping enough, chocolate syrup will be available. Start waffling at 7 p.m.

You know what would also be good? Pot Pies for all of us

And spaghetti waffles. Okay, you probably figured out that I am joking, but would not you at least try Thai chili curry waffles?

TUESDAY

"Skills: Strong Work Ethic, Attention to Detail, Team Player, Self Motivated, Attention to Detail!"

That's a quote from an actual resume! Don't let it be yours. The Center for Student Professional Development is hosting a seminar on writing effective resumes, cover letters and other professional documents today in the Hull House (formerly the O'Connor House). It's called "Write, That and Will help you write for your audience and show yourself off. For details and RSVP, click the events tab on RICElink.

More fun resume blunders, courtesy jobmec.com!

Again, don't let these on your resume! Actual quotations: "Hobbies: enjoy cooking Chinese and Italian." "I'm working today in a furniture factory as a drawer," "Interested in jail to keep my parole officer out of putting me back in jail." "I am great with the public." and "Reason for leaving last job: mutiny leave." Also, one employer told Fortune magazine column Ask Annie that "I once received a resume with a head and shoulders picture in the top left of the first page. The picture was of a bike's head, wearing a coat, shirt, and tie.

This Is Not Spinal Tap

But It's a movie about a rock musician, and it is being screened for free here at the Rice Cinema (across the street from the police station). The documentary begins at 7 p.m. and is presented in conjunction with Houston PBS.

FRIDAY

Never forget

The Rice Chorale and its direc-
tor, Dr. Teri Schuster, will present the annual September 11 Memorial concert, "In Memoriam," a world-premiere performance of the Requiem by Houston composer Peter bios. Admission is free.

SUNDAY

Sleepover in the servery!

As you know, the event of the fall season is the Sleepover in the servery! The Pub will be serving up blueberry, apple cinnamon and chocolate chip waffles, and in case that's not sn Kemping enough, chocolate syrup will be available. Start waffling at 7 p.m.

INTERVIEW WITH THE VEMPLOYER

In a follow-up to Tuesday's "Write This, That," the Center for Student Professional Development presents "Say This, That." This time they'll be helping you get ready for the professional interview process with tips on what to say and how to say it. Again, for details and RSVP, but this event tab under RICElink.

Mitzvah, Mitzvah, MRRRAAAAAZ!

I like saying "Mitzvah." Some people like listening to the music. If you are one of them, go to the woodlands Pavilion at 7:30 p.m. and enjoy a group of zoo.

The 50 will get you swimming, but if you want to be closer to the stage, bring the extra dough.

Cheapier than Jan Mraz, but not as fun to say

Open, Rice's literary set magazine, kicks off its monthly free service series with a screening of Shoreh in the RMC's Kelley Lounge. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Jim Emerson of the Chicago Sun-Times calls it "magical" and "healing," but IMDb's parental advisory says that "every single scene in this movie is about sex," so only go if you're mature enough to handle such things.

Obligatory non-geeky filler

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AFTER SCHOOL CARE with reliable transportation needed M-F 3:40 to 6 to 6:30. Requires picking up a boy from Roberts Elementary, bringing home (15 mi from Rice) and feeding him. If interested, call Nevaen Gottsoll 713-320-1291.

EDUCATIONAL CLINIC in Bellaire is looking for interested college students to tutor high school students in math and or science. Great part time job for one or two afternoons a week. Email interest to chiu48@rice.edu or call 713-566-9453 and have a message for Carolyn Hollier.

DRIVER NEEDED for Fixie's Mobile Transport female high school student home after school. Must have own car, current insurance & good driving record. Total trip around 300. Pay is $50 per trip (up to 3 trips).

VIDEO GAMES COACHES - Need experienced "gamers" to work part-time in Games2U mobile video game theater. Work parties, videogame launchers, tournaments, grand openings, sporting events, etc. during some daytime hours, but mostly evenings and weekends, to show customers how to play library of Plantation, Xbox and Wii games. Must pass criminal background check. Fixie's Traveler's license and transportation, and be bondable. $8/hr plus tip. Email apkoloff@games2UHOUSTON.com. www.G2U.com.

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