New penalty structure set

Honor Council to streamline process

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As if there were not already enough of a disincentive to cheat, the Honor Council has recently made several changes to its current penalty structure for the 2009-2010 academic year to strengthen and streamline its focus.

Each fall, the Honor Council meets to adopt a standardized penalty structure, which dictates both the type and severity of penalties the council may allow for Honor Code violations. The starting penalty for deliberate acts last year's penalty structure was a grade of F in the course and a three-semester suspension, but the council decided against any alterations.

The council supported streamlining the deliberations system, and Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business, chair of the Honor Council, said, "If the degree of evidence warrants a self-accusation, students are judged based on the innovative and transparent way.

The building's usefulness, aesthetic and structural requirements were part of the goal behind its design. Vosler credited the building's unique design, which prominently features the steel supports, as a major factor behind its selection.

Glen said the building’s transparency was part of the goal behind its design.

"It’s almost like you’re not inside," he said.

Vosler said the building’s social nature, in serving as a central gathering point for the Rice community, also attracted the judges.

He also said the award recognized the multiple players who contributed to the building’s construction.

The construction was completed early despite excessive amounts of rain during the two months of construction in spring 2009, he said.

Still, the award may not change the mixed opinions students have about the building.

"It’s cold," Brown College sophomore Sarah James said. "I feel like the only people that are there are my professors.

He said though the building has a building structure, it exemplifies complexity in engineering.

"This decision was deceptively simple and deceptive," Vosler said.

The award is decided by a group of professionals in the steel building and design industry. Judgments are based on the innovative design of the building, exposed structural steel, construction methods, the building’s usefulness, aesthetic and visual impact and the sustainability of the design.

At the award ceremony last month, Whaley and Ford were presented with the award, as were the university, Raymond and Susan Brochstein, the contractor and the architect, Thomas Phifer and Partners.

Nguyen, Manager of Communications at Rice, said, "We're reaching out to the campus. It's a gateway to the Medical Center and the city of Houston by bringing buildings to the street," Rodd said. "We're reaching out to the community.

This connection to the community will be furthered by a formal pedestrian connection between Rice and the Baylor College of Medicine.

"Even if (Rice and BCM) do not merge, we want to maintain that academic relationship," Rodd said.

In the future, Rodd said Main Street could be made friendlier by the Master Plan.

The Master Plan that University Architect David Rodd presented at the SA meeting Monday lays out a potential model of Rice's campus in 50-year's time. The horizontal black line represents the current east-west axis of campus, while the vertical black line represents the proposed area of expansion along a new south axis. The yellow lines represent possible expansion toward the Rice Village (top) and the Taylor College of Medicine (bottom).
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Merger to benefit all departments

To the Editor:
I have become increasingly frustrated while on leave in Germany with the tone of the discussion of a possible merger between Rice and the Baylor College of Medicine. From my viewpoint, some of the opponents are using scare tactics, misleading statements, exaggerations, unfounded intimations of the philosophical, administration and dismissal of carefully crafted reports, authored by Rice and BCM faculty, on the extent and variety of potential post-merger collaborations involving faculty, students, and curricular programs.

For more than a century, the Rice trustees have been careful, judicious and prudent stewards of the University's finances, and they are not about to rush into any endeavor that would put Rice's endowment or its annual budget needs at risk. And they—most of whom are Rice graduates themselves—certainly will do nothing to jeopardize Rice's traditional core mission. The merger will happen only if we are absolutely convinced that the necessary financial and other safeguards are in place. No one advocates a merger unless stringent terms, defined by Rice, are met.

The trustees and administration believe, as do I, not only that the entire university's mission prof- itable and national ranking would be strengthened by a well-conceived merger, but also that a number of teaching and programmatic advantages would come to a wide range of disciplines and departments across the university, including religious studies, philosophy, sociology, psychology, economics, health policy studies and even courses and faculty in art history, English, and history. Of course, there would be significant enhancements to a broad spectrum of programs and departments in the natural sciences and engineering. The Humanities Department would clearly not be the major beneficiary of a merger, but it would still profit. Not every individual faculty member and not every department has to be advantaged for a merger to be truly important to the university as a whole. And strengthening a university is not a zero-sum game. Enhanced reputation and increased philanthropic opportunities, which are significantly appreciated, suggest university-wide improvements.

This is a critical moment in Rice's history that demands careful, informed, accurate and thoughtful discussion, not fear mongering and false characterizations. It is patently clear that the administration has not sought to keep the faculty informed or consulted. At the beginning, the president met with the deans, then small groups of faculty, then department chairs, then with schools; then with the in- dividual departments and then invited two plenary meetings open to the entire faculty (from 10 to 20 percent of whom attended). Perhaps this communication process could have been improved, but in my 27 years at Rice it was the most comprehensive effort to communicate with the fac- ulty I have ever seen.

The humanities would gain far less in some opponents of the merger propose as an alternative, Rice simply invested several hundred million dollars in a half-dozen or so science or engineering programs at Rice. Not only would that be neither cost effective nor trans- parent, but it would result in that the humanities and social sciences are cut almost entirely. I believe the most vocal opponents of a merger are aware that most faculty mem- bers have not had the time, interest or inclination to follow the pos- sibility of a merger carefully. They

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Merger does not portend culture clash

Brian Reinhart

In his presentation to the Student Association, President David Leebron demonstrated a deep understanding of the issues at hand with the BCM merger. He stressed the need for change and argued that a Rice education should reflect diversity. However, his proposal for a "living laboratory" does not fully address the concerns of many students.

Rice's current culture is a unique blend of traditions and values that are deeply ingrained in the student body. The merger will bring new perspectives and ideas, but it is crucial that they are integrated in a way that respects the current culture. We cannot simply "merge" the two institutions; rather, we must create a new identity that reflects the strengths of both.

One of the most important aspects of a Rice education is the ability to think critically and independently. The merger presents an opportunity to challenge these values and to bring new perspectives to the table. However, it is essential that we do not lose sight of what makes Rice unique.

The administration has promised to work closely with students to ensure that the merger is carried out in a way that respects their concerns. It is important that we remain engaged and involved in the process, as the final outcome will affect us all.

Diana Cahill

Lone, a prominent Baker College associate, asserted the development of the nervous system. As usual, she was eloquent and engaging, but her presentation was marred by some factual errors. For example, she stated that the cerebrospinal fluid is produced by the choroid plexus, but it is actually produced by the ependymal cells lining the ventricles of the brain. Despite these oversights, her talk was informative and well-received by the audience.
Students use senior project to track location of buses

by Hallie Jordan

Three electrical engineering students have taken it upon themselves to create a shuttle-tracking system as their senior design project. Hansen College senior Katherine Threlkeld and Baker College seniors Bailey Basile and Alysha Jeans are designing a way to track the buses as they travel the Inner Loop and post their locations on a Web site.

"We are hoping to be able to report statistical data to the Transportation Office to say when the buses are close together," Jeans said. Baker College senior Felona Kitchen has given the students $2,000 to fund their project. Other projects that need to get done, she said. "We will have a mobile version that people can access by phone as well. If we have time, we will try to implement another [version] later, such as a texting feature.

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Senior electrical engineering students can choose their projects from a list of options. Jeans said she picked the shuttle project because it was challenging and would integrate her studies with improving Rice. "Although I can't speak for my other group members, I liked this project because it sounded like an interesting and challenging problem that would require some creativity to solve, and it would give something tangible back to the Rice community," Jeans said.

The students will install Radio Frequency Identification readers in various buildings near the inner loop to track all 13 buses, which will be equipped with RFID tags.

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Chasing it to traffic, thereby more fully connecting Rice with the Texas Medical Center. Rodd said one way to make the street safer for pedestrians would be to have traffic run unidirectionally from the north to the south down Holcombe Boulevard.

Infill Buildings

Infill buildings— which Rodd described as “spending long hours in green spaces near other existing structures such as the Science Library and Duncan College or the Humanities building—will help expand Rice’s academic and residential space in the future. Rodd said the eastern perimeter of campus has the greatest potential for infill buildings.

“We could create new buildings and insert them into the texture without disrupting the overall DNA of Rice,” Rodd said.

Growth

Projected academic growth facilitates the creation of the south axis, which Rodd said would be used primarily for research. However, Rodd said even the south axis would be unable to accommodate all the potential academic growth needs, so replacing old buildings with new ones or constructing infill buildings would also be needed to meet the academic needs of the university.

“It’s about taking the architecture of Rice and thinking about it in a new way, with the buildings at the perimeter being a little more experimental and modern,” David Rodd, University Architect said.

As Rice grows academically, he said, the undergraduate population will also expand. While Rice is currently aiming to increase its undergraduate population to 3,500 students within the next few years, Rodd said if the future the university might further expand its student population. He added that if the larger size of McMurtry College and Duncan College, which each houses 316 students, proved effective, the older colleges might also be expanded with additional wings.

He added that there are available spaces for two to three additional colleges in the south part of campus. If the need arises, the Allen Center could also be removed to make room for another residential college.

Although Will Rice College President Kyle Clark expressed concern that the university was pursuing an expansionary policy, Rodd stressed that the master plan was simply a suggestion of where growth could go, provided university officials decided to pursue that route.

Tradition

One of the main concerns Rodd noted related to Rice’s distinctive formal and specific architectural characteristics, which he said was important to respect.

“I think [maintaining Rice’s traditional appearance] is important along the axis, but as we move out past them to the extremes of campus there’s more room for trying new things,” Rodd said. “It’s about taking the architecture of Rice and thinking about it in a new way, with the buildings at the perimeter being a little more experimental and modern.”

Wynn College President Alex Bonnel expressed concern about the south axis being more movable, but Rodd said the master plan did not include specifications about the architecture of buildings.

“The decisions on building anything come through the president’s and board, and when it comes time to build an opera theater, we need a plan for where the best place is,” Rodd said. “I will tell you that is that we move out to the south perimeter, the buildings can get taller.”

Green Space

As Rice continues to expand, Rodd said there must be a tradeoff between open space, landscaped space and buildings.

“Should we move towards a more urbanized type of campus that is higher-density with smaller quadrangles than we have now?” Rodd asked.

Since most green space lies on the east side of campus, further construction would have to occur either on this space or on the parking lots by the stadium, Rodd said.

Athletics

The recreation fields on campus also take up much of the space on campus and therefore may need to be reconsidered. Rodd said he wanted to preserve the fields around the Barbara and David Gibbs Recreational and Wellness Center perhaps enhancing them with all-weather turf and better lighting so they can be used more frequently and efficiently.

Rodd said Tuder Fieldhouse is expected to remain for at least 25 years, and that Beckwith Park would probably also remain in the same place. In the future, though, the track stadium and the football stadium might be moved.

Parking

As Rice grows, there will be a greater demand for roads and parking. Since surface parking will be insufficient to meet the university’s projected population increase, Rodd said he envisioned parking garages both above-ground and underground, as well as policy changes, such as increases in parking rates, to decrease the demand for parking.

Rodd also discussed the possibility of closing the Inner Loop off to cars and creating another loop around the entire campus for cars to drive along.

Sustainable Infrastructure

Improving storm water retention and environmental infrastructure, such as installing more rendals on the west part of campus, are two other concerns Rodd considered in creating the master plan.

“When we build on ground that’s important, we must provide a way to take in runoff that would normally get rooked into the ground,” he said.

After Tropical Storm Allison in 2001, Rodd said 40 to 60 percent of the campus lay in the floodplain; as a result, Rice must dedicate more land to retain and hold water.

Rodd said potential expansion is also limited by two lines of easement that run through the western part of campus, because Rice is not allowed to build on those acres. Rodd said the current plan for dealing with these easement lines include creating a large, open park along one of the lines that cuts from the South Power Plant to the Rice Stadium. This area would be more heavily covered with trees and include native natural grasses and wildflowers.

“We’re thinking of it as a sustainable research zone and an opportunity for education on plants, trees and sustainability issues,” Rodd said.

The landscaping for the area around the power plant and the path leading to the BioScience Research Collaborative is an example of this new vision of less formal green space on campus. Although Hanson College sophomore Josh-

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Dynamic Process

Rodd said the process of creating a master plan is meant to be inclusive. It’s something that is not a step-by-step, written-in-stone way of accomplishing a goal,” Rodd said. “It’s more of a dynamic process.”

Student Association President Patrick McAnaney said the dialogue about the master plan would continue for the rest of the year. McAnaney, a Brown College senior, said a survey would be sent out to the student body as a whole to begin gathering opinions on the different issues Rodd discussed in his presentation.
counsel could assign a maximum penalty of an F in the course and a two-semester suspension, but an extra semester's suspension was added during the year-end academic year for a total of a three-semester suspension, Secretary Kaleb Underwood said.

The additional semester allows the council more flexibility in their decisions by increasing the range of penalties they can assign. "It didn't make sense to have a
starting point and a ceiling that are the same," Internal Vice Chair Jackie Ammons said.

At the public meeting last month, which was open to students for input, Honor Council members discussed the possibility of changing the starting penalty, which was an F in the course and a two-semester suspension. The council also considered further defining student cooperation as a mitigating circumstance. Accused students who cooperate through full and truthful disclosure of information during their investigation may have their penalties reduced, but there are no current guidelines explicitly defining what constitutes cooperation.

While the Honor Council has attempted to define such criteria in the past, members have decided against it in favor of a more open environment for decision-making.

"In terms of setting a definition, we looked at having a list of bulleted points in the past," Kirton said. "We decided against it, because we like hearing things open for our council members."

In addition, for several years the Honor Council has attempted to remove Article XII of the blue book, a section allowing students to confront with an accusation the opportunity to withdraw from the university for at least two semesters within three days of the accusation and financial credit in the course. Upon returning to the university, accusations against the students would be dropped, giving them nothing more than a flag on their internal record - a detail looked some on the council to oppose the loophole in past years.

In March's general elections, 6 percent of participating students voted to remove the article, short of the required 75 percent needed for removal. While the vast majority of Rice students will not face the Honor Council, the number who do is more than just a handful. During the last academic year, the Honor Council held 23 hearings. A total of 15 students were found "not in violation," while 16 students were found "in violation." Five accusations did not go to hearing due to a lack of evidence, while another five students accessed withdrawal under Article XII.

GS A set to remain with Honor Council

BY LAWANDA TURNER
THE RICE THRESHER

Graduate students may go to Valhalla instead of Willy's Pub and attend Graduate Student Association meetings instead of Student Association meetings, but they have decided to continue to be judged by the same Honor Council as undergraduates.

On Oct. 2, the Faculty Senate proposed that the GSA establish a separate Honor Council for graduate students. However, through a vote by the GSA officers following that recommendation, the GSA has determined it will not change the current process, GSA President Kristan Stone said.

A separate Honor Council would be excessive, said members of the graduate community from the rest of the university and would require complicated implementation, Stone said. He said GSA officers considered that graduate students will have clauses in their first year or two that overlap with undergraduate courses, and that the Honor Code process should be the same for students in those courses. Stone said graduate student research does not currently fall under the Honor Council's umbrella because students work independently on their projects.

He said it would also be challenging for the GSA to implement a separate Honor Council because of the difficulty in getting students to fill all four GSA representative seats and one ombudsman seat on the current council.

"This is the first time that all of the GSA representative seats have been filled on the Honor Council," Stone said. "It is very difficult to get people to take on the leadership roles because most graduate students won't be here very long. All we can do is advertise the positions and wait for volunteers." Stone said it would take a significant amount of time for graduate students to create their own Honor Council.

He also said, however, that the GSA was interested in adding an Honor Council representative position for students in the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business. Since the Jones Student Association separated from the GSA in spring 2004, Stone said he has been concerned about students at the Jones School feeling isolated. He said that this separation may have been a result of the Jones School feeling disconnected from the rest of the graduate student body due to various background differences and a higher turnover rate of approximately two years. Stone said he hopes to continue interacting with Jones School students in the current process.

"It will make sense to incorporate Jones students, but isolate them," Kirton said.

In attempting to avoid isolating any graduate student, Honor Council Chair Lindsey Kirton said the current Honor Council system attempts to address differences between graduate students and undergraduates by providing a graduate-student ombudsman position.

"If a graduate student is being investigated, they will have someone to relate to," Kirton, a Wiess College junior, said.

Despite the Faculty Senate's recommendation, Kirton said she is not sure a separate Honor Council for graduate students is necessary.

"I want to see more evaluation," Kirton said. "There needs to be more input from students, and the new council would have to be efficient."

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RTV5 set to feature new health show

**Student graduate to use entertainment to promote health information**

**BY CINDY DINH**

**THE RICE THRESHER**

**STAFF REPORT**

Sex on television is no longer as taboo as it once was, so it may come as little shock that RTV5 is combining business with pleasure by creating a new show that mixes entertainment with a healthy dose of sexual education.

The main objective of the show, called "Top Cocktail" - will be to highlight different health issues as well as provide comedic performances in what religious studies graduate student Aundrea Matthews, the creator of the show, calls "edutainment."

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Matthews, who has friends in the film industry, said due to the number of student organizations with health interests and the proximity of the Texas Medical Center, rice was in the best position to create this show.

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Matthews said she got the idea for the show from a class she took that dealt with the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

"We can no longer be silent about the effects of our sexual practices, and we need the knowledge to be socially responsible," Matthews said. "This show will hopefully be a beacon for how we're doing public health education."

"Whatever our forum discussion, the audience will get free information and products," Matthews said. "Not only will we talk about energy drinks, we'll be able to taste the energy drinks and hold information that's tangible."

The health messages will be interspersed with entertainment features, Matthews said, catering to students who want more social events and social interactions featured. She is hoping to tap into the Houston community to feature celebrities and offer snippets of concerts and off-campus events. Matthews is working with community members to identify celebrities and ask them to give a shout-out to Rice.

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While promoting safe sex practices is the program's overall theme, the first show's health topic will feature a panel discussion on energy drinks, including their advantages and disadvantages, and why the products are targeted to college students.

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Committee seeks provost replacement

BY JOHNNY BUTZENBERG

THE RICE THRESHER STAFF

The Provost Search Committee, like most other search committees, will operate confidentially. Lebron said those on the committee are better able to select the best candidate if the deliberations are made in confidence. The committee will suggest a small number of finalists to Lebron, who will make the final selection.

"Our hope is the recommendation of final candidates will not come later than March," Lebron said.

Lebron is set to step down June 30, at the end of the academic year. Since joining the Rice community in 2001, Lebron has spearheaded several initiatives, including the Passport to Houston program, Lebron's Vision for the Second Century and the Biocience Research Collaborative.

"Gene is a person of quite remarkable breadth and interest and knowledge," Lebron said. "He has shown a deep appreciation for the full range of academic endeavor at Rice." Lebron said Lebron's tenure as provost played an integral role in his decision.

"I try not to make any important decisions without consulting Gene," Lebron said.

Lebron will be taking a one-year sabbatical before returning to Rice as a professor of physics and astronomy and a fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy.

The Provost Search Committee seeks a provost who has demonstrated a deep appreciation for the full range of academic endeavor at Rice and a proven ability to select the best candidate if the deliberations are made in confidence.

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marries Polly, the juvenile and rebellious daughter of a shop owner, Mr. Peachum, who has power over the beggars of London. In addition to holding sway over the beggars of the time.

From the very beginning of the show, the actors made the viewers in, with their stage looks, their farcical white and curved dabbled with rough as they march on stage in celebration of the bandit Macketh. The costumes, make-up, dark scenery and soaring voices start the opera off on a strong note.

If Threepenny has flaws, they lie in overacting. Threepenny opera, directed by Daniel Slaters. The performance is formidable, but if you can imagine it being even better without the elaborate make-up and costumes, you can score two tickets, two Clutch City hot dogs, two large game time. The Threepenny Opera

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Spring 2009 Course Evaluations Results

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Average Course Quality (by department)

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Top 10
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Average Course Workload (by department)

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### SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

**AVERAGE COURSE QUALITY: 1.61**  
**AVERAGE COURSE WORKLOAD: 2.80**

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Average Quality: 1.62  
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### School of Social Sciences

Average Course Quality: 1.78
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EVALUATIONS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009

THE RICE THRESHER

ECE Civil Engineering

Average Quality: 2.09
Average Workload: 3.05

ELEC Electrical Engineering

Average Quality: 1.76
Average Workload: 3.24

ENGI Engineering

Average Quality: 1.78
Average Workload: 1.56

MECH Mechanical Engineering

Average Quality: 2.01
Average Workload: 3.07

Top 10 “EASIEST” MAJORS

1. THEA — 2.50
2. ENST — 2.53
3. NSCI — 2.53
4. ENGI — 2.55
5. HEAL — 2.66
6. EDUC — 2.69
7. ESCI — 2.74
8. BUSI — 2.74
9. LING — 2.76
10. PHIL — 2.79

Top 10 “BEST QUALITY”

1. THEA — 1.42
2. SMGT — 1.57
3. CLAS — 1.58
4. FILM — 1.58
5. MSCI — 1.58
6. SOCI — 1.59
7. EDUC — 1.62
8. ARTS — 1.63
9. RELI — 1.63
10. HEAL — 1.65

Top 10 “HARDEST” MAJORS

1. COMP — 3.45
2. SOCI — 3.39
3. SWGS — 3.37
4. ANTH — 3.32
5. ARTS — 3.27
6. ASIA — 3.27
7. ELEC — 3.24
8. CAAM — 3.21
9. HIST — 3.20
10. PHYS — 3.20
Unnecessary Farce

Directed By: Amara DiFrancesco

Now Playing: Nov. 13-14
8 p.m., Multum commons
Price: Free

The plot, originally penned by Paul Slade Smith, starts out simply enough, with police officers Eric Shevchik and Billie Dwyer (played by Wiess College sophomore Matt Banks and sophomore Matt Rhodes), who are initially involved in the case of the missing woman. What begins as a simple stakeout quickly spirals out of control, and the amount of running and chasing required is enough to make your head spin.

The homey stage is divided symmetrically into two spaces to create the motel rooms. Each is furnished with a bed and a dresser, in addition to a closet, bathroom and entry doors, as well as two more doors that separate the adjoining rooms. The action makes full use of the space, with characters flying in and out of doorways, hiding behind doors, even at times getting knocked unconscious by them. Much like the Odd Couple, Will Rice Theater’s last play before Unnecessary Farce, the set is cozy and intimate, with the front row of seats situated mere feet in front of the actors.

The actors have made their characters come across as over-exaggerated cartoon caricatures, which only adds to the fun. Even at times getting knocked unconscious by them. Much like The Odd Couple, Will Rice Theater’s last play before Unnecessary Farce, the set is cozy and intimate, with the front row of seats situated mere feet in front of the actors.

The only aspects of the play that come up short are the more physical parts of the performance, such as Dwyer trying to use her “Tallahassee Flip” takedown move on Todd, or the multiple times some of the actors end up wrestling in bed with each other. That’s not to say these portions of the play look bad, per se, but they just aren’t as strong as the rest of the performance and thus stick out.

But the uneven tackling does not prevent Unnecessary Farce from being a winner. The narrative and dialogue will have audience members groaning and laughing through the duration of the performance, and the tight execution means there is never a dull moment onstage.

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DEADMAUS
FROM PAGE 10

fan’s custom-made one, which he then donned for a couple of songs before making a show of struggling to take it off, signing both his name and handing it back to the lucky fan. Throughout the show, Zimmerman was dancing, moving, even conducting the crowd’s movements at one point. It was clear he was having just as much fun playing the music as the fans were listening to.

After closing his set with a tweaked version of “Most Ghosts N Stuff” and a remix of Daft Punk’s “Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger,” the audience clamored for an encore.

THREEPENNY
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Each voice, from Mrs. Pawehin’s (Shepherd School of Music lecturer Rachel Buchanan) tremendous deep voice to Jenny’s (University of Houston graduate Elissa Levitt) seavy and strong tone, is impressive. In fact, when the entire chorus stands together, their combined voices are enough to send chills up viewers’ spines.

However, one cannot mention incredible singing without discussing Shepherd School of Music graduate Danica Johnston, who plays the role of malicious girlfriend Lucy. Her voice is unreal—the absolutely gliding, absolutely soaring, absolutely white-wedding dress, flirty poses and enchanting voice.

Even though Houston music graduate Darren Johnston, who plays the role of jealous girlfriend Lucy, doesn’t lag far behind in voice. One of the play’s most notable moments is when Botkin and Johnston harmonize in the “Seduction Duet.” Dressed in bigger attire, Johnston is a radiant, bouncy character, enchanting the audience in both song and movement.

One particular song to watch for is the “Pimp’s Ballad.” The scene is worth it for the costumes alone. From brothers to brightly colored tights to elaborate wings, the costumes manage raunchy poses and talented voices for an incredible number.

The stage crew and the orchestra must also be commended. Matthew Schlieff’s moody stage design is impeccable as always, and the captions carried by the make-up and props help this show go great, connecting the different parts of the show and enhancing the feeling of being transported to another world. The jazzy orchestra is also swinging, complete with a saxophone that adds attitude to the show.

It is clear that these able actors and others involved put a lot of work and effort into the production, and the result is a magnificent conglomeration of solid talent and entertainment.

RELISH
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Service
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Price
This restaurant is neither cheap nor expensive, but the quality and relative simplicity of the dishes do not warrant the full price tag. If you order an appetizer, a main dish and dessert, you can expect to pay around $30.

Tim’s recommended dish
The seafood souvlaki was my favorite part of the meal. I am usually not an advocate of barbecue skewers, but this particular dish had a tangy blend of spices and herbs, which gave the seafood a resounding taste.

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I always love spinach and cheese, but the fatty pastry crust gives the spanakopita a special pop. The dish is inexpensive and small, which for me is an ideal appetizer. It might have been slightly overcooked, but I still left with a Greek-induced grin on my face.

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SPORTS

**McWill bullies past Sid to clinch place in postseason**
Martel defeats BaDunc to solidify playoff schedule, slated to get underway this weekend

By Ryan Glassman

Entering the final weekend of the regular season, the powerhouse playoff bracket was anything but set. Martel College and Jones College were virtual locks with just one game to play, but the final two spots were still up for grabs among four teams. Both Reisen College and Baker College-Foxrun College would have to win out and get some help from a few other teams, while Sid Richardson College and Will Rice College-McMurtry College held their playoff destiny in their own hands.

In a pair of games critical to the playoff scheme, Will Rice faced off against Jones while BaDunc and Martel squared off. But the Game of the Week was a Sunday showdown pairing Sid Rich against McWill, with the winner guaranteeing a spot in the playoffs.

**Game of the Week:**

McWill '25, Sid Rich '22

With the regular season coming to a close, no two teams in the league were hotter than McWill and Sid Rich. Sid was running on a six-game winning streak and Martel, while McWill's last-second touchdown propelled them to a win over a tough BaDunc squad's week earlier. The playoff odds were close for each team entering their final Sunday, and you're in.

Sid Rich was the first team on the list of teams guaranteed to make the playoffs. In the first quarter, senior quarterback Ashley Thompson connected with senior wide receiver Salome Vansanten on a touchdown pass, putting Sid on top 6-0. But McWill's offense was quick to respond, as the tandem of junior quarterback Jess Scully and junior running back Alex Espinoza helped to march the ball down the field. The shifty Espinoza had a hand in runs on the drive and found the endzone on a carry out of the backfield, tying the game at 6-6. Neither team lead with 11 kills.

The second set was just as tight as the first, with neither team opening up any advantage over the other. The Owls dropped an 18-16 loss to the Green Wave to open the set, giving Tulane a 1-0 lead. Cole went on to post eight kills and a .615 hitting percentage for the match.

Facing a 2-0 deficit, Tulane took a 22-20 lead to begin the third set. However, and though she recorded 14 kills this time around, she only posted a hitting percentage of .171. Head Coach Jen Schamun said, "We really played to our potential and it just all worked out for us.

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*OWLOOK*
*This Week in Sports*

**OWLOOK**

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**By Paul Fitzgerald**

The volleyball team's biggest victory of the season occurred last Friday, and it belonged to the end of a multi-season losing streak against conference opponent Tulane University. The Owls (18-8, 11-4 C-USA) scored a 25-23, 25-19, 22-25, 25-19 win for their second victory of the season against the Green Wave since 2005.

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Tulane demonstrated that, once again, they would not be easy to beat, and began with a closely contested opening set. Rice opened up a four-point lead midway through the season, and Tulane responded by taking a 22-20 lead on Nov. 13, helped Rice sweep both Tulane and UTEP last season.

Senior outside hitter Jenn McClean, here going for the dig during Rice's 3-0 defeat of East Carolina Oct. 30, helped Rice sweep both Tulane and UTEP last weekend. The CUSA tournament begins in Tudor Fieldhouse next weekend.

The Owls take on Tulane, who is both on top of the league and on top of the Green Wave, trying to push Schamun to the fourth spot in the ranking. "It's a big win for us, but we have to keep working to get to the championship," Schamun said. "We really played to our potential and it just all worked out for us.

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Senior outside hitter Ashleigh McCord posted a .500 hitting percentage on 11 kills, but it was the Owls' success that led them to a victory. "It was a great game," McCord said. "We really played to our potential and it just all worked out for us.

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Football extends streak
Team shows improvement while maintaining consistent play

By Meghan Hall
Sports Editor

For the first time this season, the football team has one play they can point to as the reason for their loss. This play came at the close of the first half of last Saturday's game against Southern Methodist University, at Rice (9-9, 0-5 Conference USA) had the lead in its hands and was looking for more. Senior Clark Fagnan lined up for a 37-yard field goal, but instead of splitting the crossbars, the kick found the hands of SMU's (5-4, 2-1 C-USA) defensive line. Mustangs cornerback Bryan McCann scooped up the ball and sprinted 74 yards for the score, giving SMU a 21-20 lead they would not relinquish in the second half.

Had this one play — just one — gone differently, the Owls would not have fallen 31-28 against SMU and continued their season without a win. Their poor performances, it appears, have now been met with worse luck.

As has happened in every other game this season, Rice's opponent was the first to score. SMU's opening drive took it down the field in six minutes and in with a rushing touch- down. The next drive for each team, neither more than three plays, ended in turnovers.

Rice then embarked on an 80-yard drive of its own, one that ended with an 11-yard pass from redshirt sophomore quarterback Nick Fanuzzi to redshirt junior receiver Patrick Hamilton. After a successful extra point attempt, every other play was fielded.

Head Coach David Bailiff said he was pleased to see one integral member of the offensive line, redshirt sophomore Jake Hicks, return to practice.

Fanuzzi, who finished 29-42 with 259 yards, three touchdowns and zero interceptions in his finest performance of the season.

"I think, offensively, we played as well as we have this year," Bailiff said. "Fanuzzi stepping the offensive line has put everybody back where they need to be. It led to Nick really taking over a football game. Nick had time to make great throw...I was really pleased with Nick's progress and his decision-making."

Fanuzzi agreed with Bailiff's assessment and attributed his success to the strength of the offensive line. "Every play is connected, and you get one play in there and you're able to buy time and get the ball to the receivers," Fanuzzi said. "It gives you more confidence for the next play so that when you step in the pocket you're not thinking so much about the guy coming off the corner."

Football extends a streak of five losses, but the Mustangs still came out on top 31-28 last Saturday.

A tackle from senior safety Chris Jones (right) and sophomore guard Travis Bradshaw (left) stopped SMU's Ryan Armstrong, but the Mustangs still came out on top 31-28 last Saturday.

A battering Junior Suleiman Braimoh battles at the rim in Rice's opening exhibition game against Sacramento State last Monday. The Owls defeated the Hornets 79-71, with sophomore guard Connor Fitzelle's 32 points leading the Owls.

A CLOSER LOOK:
Upcoming men's basketball home schedule

Date | Opponent | Time
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Nov. 13 | Sacramento State University | 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 14 | South Alabama University | 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 15 | Houston Baptist University | 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 24 | Furman University | 7 p.m.
Nov. 29 | University of Texas | 7 p.m.
Dec. 5 | University of North Texas | 2 p.m.
Dec. 16 | Santa Clara University | 7 p.m.
Dec. 29 | McNeese State University | 7 p.m.
Jan. 6 | University of Houston | 8 p.m.
Jan. 16 | University of Memphis | 7 p.m.
Jan. 20 | Southern Methodist University | 7 p.m.
Feb. 3 | Tulane University | 7 p.m.
Feb. 6 | University of Alabama-Birmingham | 2 p.m.

Registration times are assigned based on the total number of hours completed.

Registration for all students continues through Friday, November 20th.

Students who register after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20th will be assessed a Late Registration Fee.

Students can ADD or DROP courses in ESTHER through Fri, Jan, 22nd (ADD) or Fri, Feb, 26th (DROP).

Questions?
Office of the Registrar Web site: http://registrar.rice.edu/
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Academic Calendar: http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/Spring10/
By Teddy Grodek

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL 2009
Youthful squad looks to new methods to break into C-USA elite after last season’s struggles

Non-conference play
The Owls play a plethora of road games inside the state of Texas to begin the season, starting today with the University of Texas-Arlington, before coming home for their first game at Fordham University on Nov. 30 against the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. The team then travels to a Thanksgiving Day tournament at the University of Miami and returns home after that for the Gene Hackman Invitational held at Rice.

The Hackerman Invitational, which features University of Texas, Seattle and Nebraska-Omaha, will make or break the early portion of Rice’s schedule, as all three are in similar straits with Rice. However, if the Owls are able to sweep the tournament, the three wins would provide a great boost to their early season record.

The first game of the new year will be the Owls’ season opener and the toughest battle of the year, as the team travels to Washington, D.C., to take on George Washington University from the Big East. When these two met last season, Rice came out firing, taking a 44-28 lead in the first half before winning 86-76. After taking on George Washington more than a month later, the women opened CUSA play with an away game at the University of Texas at El Paso.

The non-conference schedule is relatively weak this year, hopefully preventing another slow start from last year’s 1-9 non-conference record the team compiled.

C-USA up for grabs
The Owls take to the road for a trip to C-USA this year, with games at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, Southern Methodist University, and Tulane University.

Tempered expectations
While higher levels of competition is expected by all involved in the program, a jump in the level this season would be quite a step for a team that struggled mightily last year in almost every aspect of the game. With such a young team, growing pains can only be expected. However, the women aim to build upon the success they had last year and utilize the tough lessons they learned last season.

The Owls have to be realistic in their expectations for the season, as maturity does not necessarily translate into points and experience doesn’t always translate into wins. As such, Smart said the team will be focusing all of its efforts into conference play and the automatic NCAA bid that comes with winning the conference title.

“It’s ultimately the goal of every team that steps onto the floor to make it to the dance,” Smart said. “But ultimately, we just want to be competitive in the conference.”

MISTAKES OF YOUTH?

By Joan Cain

Can you clear your record of the criminal offenses that may have affected your job search?

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SUCCESS IS BORN ON THE BAYOU

FRESHMAN CAPTURES FIRST INDIVIDUAL VICTORY FOR OWLS IN FOUR YEARS

by Paul Fitzgerald

At the David Toms Intercollegiate three weeks ago, freshman golfer Jade Scott was hot. Really hot. Five-birdies-in-a-row hot. The kind of hot that Tiger Woods and only a handful of others know, the kind that is seen only rarely in a college tournament. The kind of hot that is almost never seen in Rice golf.

It was only his fourth collegiate event, and Scott was cruising, somewhere deep under par. Two rounds of 67 (–5) and 72 (+1) had left him tied for eighth place in the field of 75, but a rapid-fire string of birdies to start the final round and final round shot him up the leaderboard. How far, though, he didn’t know.

The freshman asked Assistant Coach Austin Britt, who walked with Scott throughout the tournament, where he was in the standings. No idea. Britt responded. The two of them, coach and pupil, assumed that John Peterson of Louisiana State University, who had come out of the first two rounds on top, was still swinging from the top of the heap at the par-71, Jack Nicklaus-designed Country Club since Mark Phingston’s 65 at the off, Scott continued his aggressive showing from the top of the heap at the par-71, Texas. Still, there might be something to the argument about his attitude. The team attended Saturday afternoon’s LSU-Auburn University football game, where they met PGA Tour golfer and LSU alumnus David Toms. Yet meeting the major champion did not fix the freshman.

“I didn’t worry about the fun stuff we did, like meeting David Toms or going to the football game,” Jade said. “My purpose was to play well and go out and win the tournament.”

Simple and sweet, like the swing for which Jade Scott is quickly becoming known. Perhaps everyone should have seen such a terrific autumn coming from the freshman from Daingerfield, Texas. Jade Scott’s father, Johnny (Lee), played during the 1980s, and an e-mail he sent to Drew Scott alerted the coaching staff of his son’s talents. When Drew Scott traveled to Kingswood to watch Cameron, the fellow who would outplay him in a junior event, he saw Jade birdie five holes in a row, an experience that showed the coach the kind of impact Jade could have on the team.

He put his money where his mouth is. He’s a born winner.

As it often is, the assumption was wrong. Peterson had begun to show signs of slowing down, bogeying four holes in the final round. All the sudden, the scoreboard fell, Scott continued his aggressive style. He buzzed through the final round on a nearly-flawless swing, and he stepped off the green on the ninth hole with a 290.

That’s when he saw the leaderboard, and that’s when he learned he was the first Owl in four years to win a national tournament.

“We had three years to go out and win a tournament of this magnitude,” Coach Austin Britt said.

Jade Scott, whose 65 was the best round shot by a Rice golfer since Mark Phingston’s 65 at the 1986 Morris Williams Intercollegiate, had an incredible 36 holes through the three rounds, the first five birdies in a row, and he finished second on the card. He grabbed the unranked and unheralded, place in the top five, ahead of three top-50 pupils.

While Scott cited his focused attitude as the means for success, senior Chris Brown thought Jade’s curiosity was the reason for the resounding victory.

“Quadruple at whose mouth is it? Scott said. “He’s a born winner.”

But he understood that he had to play hard every week to succeed, the coach said.

“I think he’s ready. He knows he’s ready,” Drew Scott said. “I think he’s ready. He knows he’s ready. He’s ready.”

Drew Scott was willing to bet all his money on the success of his fellow freshman. He, too, believes that Jade has coaches and teammates that will keep him from getting overconfident, Drew Scott said.

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A CLOSER LOOK: 2010 Golf Schedule

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After years of malaise, the golf team has finally found a reason to be excited. Freshman Jade Scott recently shot the lowest score at Rice in 20 years, winning the David Toms Intercollegiate three weeks ago.

As for Jade Scott, he is slowly realizing that even his blossoming talent can only take him so far. After all, he still gets to enjoy the perks of being a freshman.

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with Baechler — who led the team with 93 receiving yards — to secure Rice a 27–7 lead. The go-ahead score also gave the Owls control of the second half of the season, the first of which came against the Purple Dragons of Nippon University at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17, with 37 seconds left in the first half.

Beecher said that the Owls’ sharp edge broke Clark Fangmeier’s streak of 10 consecutive made field kicks, blocking the kick and keeping the score at 17–7. The Owls then closed the half with Fangmeier’s all-felt kick.

SMU tackled on another touch- down drive in the fourth quarter, and the Owls failed to score again until late in the fourth quarter. A four-yard pass from Fangmeier to tight end Trent Dixon, with a successful two-point conversion, brought Rice to within three, but SMU recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock to ensure their 27–18 win.

Although the outcome of this game was not in Rice’s favor, the Owls have several positives experiences to take from the game and apply to this year’s eagerly anticipated matchup with Tulane University.

“Tell me what you’ve got to do to win the game,” Beecher said. “If I know why we’re capable of winning against Tulane.”

More confidence can only help as the Owls are still on the lookout for their first win tomorrow against Tulane for the Homecoming game at 2:30 p.m. The Green Wave (5–7, 1–4 Conference USA) is expected to come out with a clear victory. The Owls are plagued by an arcane offense that averages just 394 yards per game. The defense ranks 10th in the nation — slightly better than Rice’s, which ranks 10th with 352 points allowed per game.

In addition to the improved offensive line, continued progress by Fanuzzi and steady play by the defense, this performance gives the Owls a little headroom heading to their homecoming game.

“Obviously this team really hurt us, but I think the main thing we can get out of this is our confidence back,” junior defensive end Scott Tashman said. “We were running out there with a swagger about our- selves. It feels like something we can really build on. There were still a few mistakes that we need to correct, but I feel like our confidence was back in this game.”
Swimming opens new pool with convincing victories

By Floyd Ray

The team captured another first- and second-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke with junior Ashton Ackerman touching the wall first and sophomore Alex O'Brien coming in right behind her. The 100-yard butterfly marked the first event in which the team did not take the top two spots, though Wu still won the event, finishing in 52.47 seconds.

The 500-yard freestyle event opened Friday's race, the team wanted to finish the meet as much as they began it. Itmann, Danielle Spence recorded a season-best 5:31.59 to win the race, beating out four of her teammates. After the first day of competition, the team was in prime position to sweep the meet, with a 2-1-2 lead over the New Orleans and a 10-21 lead over Incarnate Word.

The Owls continued to show their dominance throughout the second day of the meet, winning seven of the 10 races. The team of Wu, Mattson, Zelnick and Bobo finished in the 200-yard medley relay, winning the first of the seven races on day two. Following that performance, the team captured another one-two-three finish. In the 1,000-yard freestyle, O'Brien led the way, followed by Cirker, Delafaye and Spence.

Bottoms had a great performance in day two, as she came in first in the 200-yard freestyle and led the Owls to a one-two-three finish in the 100-yard IM, with Chua and Godbe behind her. Wu finished first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 56.92 seconds, helping the swim team secure the meet against Tulane. Wu also finished the day off impressively with a victory in the 200-yard butterfly. Zelnick and Boles also finished the 100-yard freestyle with 1.2 seconds between them for first and second place.

The team secured two second- and third-place finishes in the 500-yard breaststroke and the 400-yard freestyle relay. Zelnick swam the breaststroke in 1:58.43, finishing only .2 seconds behind the leader. For the second record, the team of Zelnick, Mattson, Godbe and Bottoms finished the relay in 3:41.41 minutes.

According to Zelnick, the sound defeat stemmed from the electric swimming going around the new pool.

"This was the first meet to be held in the new owns, our new home," Zelnick said. "We wanted to go out there and perform at the best of our abilities in front of our fans while celebrating coming into a new facility."
game. The extra point attempt failed, and the ball was then advanced with a score of 26-24. However, McWill again was quick to respond on offense, putting the ball deep into Espinoza's territory. Following a passing play, Sid got the ball down to the two-yard line and scored on just one yard run, finding seven points with a playoff spot on the line. On the game's final play, Thompson dropped back to pass and threw to a receiver running a slant pattern over the middle. However, the route was jumped and the pass was intercepted by the McWill defense. The ball was then turned over to the 10-yard line to score, giving McWill a 2-0 win and a spot in the playoffs. Despite the loss, Sid was able to finish the perfect season with a win over McWill in its overtime victory. The final match-up was between McWill and Martel, which was not anticipated in the postseason. Martel reached the final round for the first time with a strong performance in the air. Chidi and Dunlop were unstoppable as Martel scored on pass plays by Williams and Jones. In the other semifinal, McWill took on Sid, which was quick to jump on top with a touchdown on its first possession. The extra point was missed, giving McWill a 14-0 lead. McWill then scored on a pass play to go up 21-0, making the game all but over. However, the game ended with a high-scoring third quarter, where both teams scored multiple touchdowns. McWill advanced to face Sid in the semifinals. Lovett, Brown 13 After the teams had settled on the opening drive, Lovett came back to score on its first possession and converted the extra point to go up 7-0. Martel gained yards on its next drive but was again forced to punt. Lovett drove down and once more put the ball in the endzone, making the score 14-0 at the end of the first half. After the Brown defense shut down Lovett to start the second half, Brown put points on the board when offensive tackle Jackson's toss and returned it for a touchdown. The extra point, however, was called back due to an ineligible receiver downfield call, and the repeat try was converted on the extra point. On their final drive, the Browns were unable to score, falling in their final game. Jones 14, Wiess 0 Both defenses held off on touchdowns, so neither team scored points in the first half. However, on Lovett's first series of the second half, the West Fighters broke away for a run through the offensive line. The defensive line scored the first touchdown, converting on the extra point. West's offense stepped back on the hula, but Jones intercepted a pass by Chidi Jackson's line and returned it for a touchdown and extra point. Neither team scored in the remainder of the second half, as Jones outscored the seventh series of the season and eliminated Wiess' chance of the playoffs. BaDunc 33, Wiess 0 Out for blood after its loss to Lovett on Sunday, the BaDunc team entered the game with a physical mentality. Although the team's typical bread-and-butter running game was not effective against the BaDunc defense, the team found success in the air. Chidi and Dunlop were unstoppable as BaDunc scored on pass plays by Williams and Jones. The team found several long passes to help BaDunc rack up the scores. Wiess' offense was unable to put up any points, and the team fell to 2-6 on the season.
FRIDAY 13

Unnecessary funny?

Guys and Dolls

FRIDAY you go see the show tonight or you aren't a Rice student. Saturday at 8 p.m., it's last two performances. Bring $5, or $7 if you buy a dinner ticket. There will be a free reception tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Rice Memorial Center Chapel. It's free and there will be ale along with the sound of music!

Return of the best study break ever!

TUESDAY 17

Douglas Hofstadter is a legiti- mate interesting person. Part scien- tist, part philosopher, Douglas Hofstadter also knows a thing or two about poetry and composing music. He's the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Gödel, Escher, Bach and I am a Strange Loop. And he is at Rice tonight to present the President's Lecture in the RMC at 8 p.m. His subject will be "Analogous" the book he was writing about while the webcast team hasn't uploaded it yet. And it takes about a day or two until they finally do.

Shoutout to Michael Maas’ Shoutout to Michael Maas’ a cappella group, will give their last performance at 8 p.m. in the Rice Memorial Center Chapel. It's free and there will be ale along with the sound of music!

The other contender

Reliable sources inform me that last week's Science lecture with Harvard Medical School alumnus Lincoln and backspin, was fascinating, one of the most intellec- tually stimulating talks Rice has hosted in years. Check out the on-line recording of Backspin's lecture anytime at webcast.rice.edu, as the webcast team hasn't uploaded it yet. And it takes about a day or two until they finally do.

Shoutout to the Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra!

Post-30th Birthday Orchestral Magazine

The Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra played last weekend, recorded its performance on this day in 1985.

WEDNESDAY 18

Blow out the candles


Donate for Dracula

The Campus Blood Drive is today between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Fondren Pavilion. For more in- formation, or to register to give blood, visit clc.rice.edu/MBloodDrive.

THURSDAY 19

Present at the creation

One nextStop for man, one giant leap for Coca-Cola

Business for Rice, Rice's undergraduate business club, is presenting a music festival, a 12-hour sequence of consecutive free concerts. This should be an amazing weekend! I'll be there.

Shoutout to Jennifer Dirkes!

Present at the creation would be a good student to name the piece of music: Yeah, Richard Strauss and Donald Milhaud have pretty much done it already. And how does this work?

On this day in 1865

Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address (see back).
A NEW FUTURE VISION FOR THE MASTER PLAN OF THE SECOND CENTURY

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