Students oversee investing

BY KEVIN LIN
FOR THE THRESHER

While Rice is reforming the budget to meet the fiscal limit imposed by the current economic climate, Rice students are reforming the social impact of Rice's investments. A group of students from Rice for Peace and Justice have come together to create the Committee on Investee Responsibility Policy, which focuses on the social and environmental impacts of Rice's investments.

Richard Treadwell, co-founder of the committee, said that the committee was started to look at the social impact of Rice's investments.

"The aim of the committee is to make sure that Rice's endowments are invested as responsibly as possible," Treadwell, a Baker College senior, said.

The committee will consist of three faculty members chosen by the Faculty Senate, two graduate students chosen by the Graduate Student Association, and three undergraduates chosen by the Student Association and one administrative staff. All officers will need to be confirmed by the president and will be up for renewal on a yearly basis, Treadwell said.

Treadwell said that he and fellow co-founder Gisalane Williams (sophomore) came up with the idea in spring 2009 when they were co-presidents of Rice for Peace and Justice. They both thought taking a closer look at Rice's investments was important.

Because Rice is a private university, its investments are not made public; however, they are still being accepted, and invitations to Duncan College or McMurtry College, Hanszen College and Wiess College. The Office of the Dean of the Undergraduates elected in the Student Association meeting.

"We set out to recruit students for the new colleges, one of our primary goals was to try to distribute the draw fairly even if we could," Taylor said.

Though the possibility of freshmen transferring was discussed at the beginning of the year, Taylor said his office, in conjunction with the college masters and presidents, reconsidered the possibility after it became clear that not all of the beds in the new colleges would be occupied next year.

"Second semester freshmen are certainly very different than first semester freshmen, and it didn't feel too out of character to give them the opportunity to consider transferring," Taylor said.

He said first-year students are still very different from upperclassmen, so freshmen wishing to transfer must answer a question, "Why do you want to transfer?" specify the college to which they want to transfer and must also get the approval of the master of the college from which they are leaving and at the college to which they would like to transfer. Duncan has already selected its masters, and McMurtry is visiting campus-wide Beer Bike coordinators.

New Beer Bike initiative announced

BY JACLYN YOUNGBLOOD
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

While Beer Bike is already a student-run initiative, the future of the event may include even more students. At a Student Association meeting Feb. 8, Baker College junior Diana Cahill presented a student initiative that would restrain the power of the campus-wide Beer Bike coordinators.

The referendum stems from recent discussion about moving the parade - including the water balloon fight - to the football practice field.

Cahill, a former Beer Bike college coordinator, said she was bothered by the absence of an established method for making changes to Beer Bike.

"The vast majority of control of Beer Bike is given to campus-wide and college coordinators, which is not a bad thing," Cahill said. "But Beer Bike could function without these people - but there is no clause that says major changes should be held to the decisions of the students as a whole."

According to the text of the initiative, any major change to the format of the parade or the race must be put to a student vote and would require a simple majority to pass.

There are two ways for an initiative to secure a spot on the General Election ballot by way of the SA Senate or through referendum. Anyone presenting a referendum must collect signatures from 5 percent of the student body and would require a simple majority to pass.

"The minimum that will happen is the student Senate would pass a resolution to kind of recognize this and formalize it," Stewart said.

On the opposite end of that spectrum, a student's signature on the petition to put the initiative on the ballot does not indicate support for the content of the legislation.

"By signing this statement, it means you aren't support of [the initiative] coming to a student vote," Stewart, a former College sophomore, said. "It doesn't mean you support it, necessarily."

According to Article II, Section 5 of the SA constitution, in order for a referendum to pass, it must receive two-thirds support from a quorum of at least 20 percent of the student body.

Stewart said even if the resolution were to pass, an action to modify the SA or RFC constitutions might not immediately take place.

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"It is a student-driven initiative with the opportunity to put the initiative on the ballot," Stewart said.

Voice of the tiger

BY JACLYN WRIGHT
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

If you have somehow missed the multiple invitations and guest parties last weekend, you are in support of [the initiative] coming to a student vote," Stewart, a former College sophomore, said. "It doesn't mean you support it, necessarily."

Welcome to the tunnels

If you missed Fat Tuesday or last weekend's New Orleans revelry, fear not. Hanszen College's Mardi Gras party this Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. promises to entertain those still looking for a debaucherous time.

Since Cahill collected over 600 signatures, the initiative will be on the ballot in the general election.
University overestimates college transfers

Though Duncan College and McMurtry College have made large strides in their paths to becoming full fledged residential colleges, they are still facing an enormous setback: Both of the colleges still do not have enough transfer students from Baker College, Brown College, Hanszen College and Wiess College to fully subsist. To rectify this, all freshman, transfer and upperclassmen classes and larger classes in future years.

Referendum to impose limitations

To the Editor:

As leaders in the Rice student body, we feel it is necessary to address the Beer Bike referendum on this year's Student Association General Election ballot. While referendum votes check on the centralized power of the Student Association Senate, this piece of legislation does not represent a proper use of this system. Rather, it is an irresponsible and sensationalist reaction to the debate over the format of this year's Beer Bike parade.

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Furthermore, the referendum sets a number of poor precedents: As a majority of the student body sets a number of poor precedents: In future years (if not completely disregard confusing them into taking the vote.

Do you support the decision to extend invitations to select freshmen to move to the new colleges? Can't vote for at unless you are a candidate for ASG

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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DO YOU SUPPORT THE DECISION TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO SELECT FRESHMEN TO MOVE TO THE NEW COLLEGES? CAN'T VOTE FOR AT UNLESS YOU ARE A CANDIDATE FOR ASG


A FEW years ago, a group of fellow students and I learned about an exciting new initiative occurring on campus across the country. In an effort to fund projects such as installation of wind turbines or solar thermal water heating, a group of students at Rice University has begun working together to propose ideas to the committee and staff with expertise in the energy field. This type of free, accessible programming is a worthy system transformation, but while it is a great idea in theory, RESET naively overlooks a fundamental step in the equation of reducing energy costs: wasteful consumption.

We were curious about this, and after conducting research to see if we could institute a similar program at Rice. We discovered that over the last eight years, energy costs for Rice have quadrupled. Furthermore, over the last two years, campus housing fees have increased 20 percent, with a portion of those fees being those same energy costs paid onto students. We also learned about the efforts the university is taking to defray energy costs, such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accreditation for new buildings, construction of the South Power plant and installation of a real-time energy dashboard that monitors energy usage across campus.

However, when a committee was formed in the proposal to establish the Rice Endowment for Renewable Energy Technology (RESET), we would ask, should we? Students would pay a $54.50 fee each year, which would establish the body to fund projects such as installation of wind turbines or solar thermal water heating systems. Furthermore, the current student body consisted of students, as well as faculty and administration.

Members of the Rice community would work together to propose ideas to the committee for energy projects, which would receive a portion of the fees and help fund those projects. However, the university would not simply direct this money to projects. Costs would be calculated by the committee to help fund projects, and the students would have the ability to propose ideas and set about constructing and implementing those ideas. The Student Association General Elections this spring, and we students face a tough decision. However, by investing in the energy strategies we have adopted, we should be able to improve the environment to pay for it.

I've learned a lot about Rice students during my time here, and I know we are innovative and hard-working enough to make up this work. There's a lot of interest by the students, and the university should be able to generate funding for projects that are environmentally friendly. Furthermore, we would be reducing our reliance on oil, gas and coal and implementing technology that is sustainable and helps us move away from the energy future where we are forced to consume electricity with no regard to its origins.

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Carina Basket

In 1967, a few Transmitters transmitted a waist-wide signal through the buzzer system of the college radio station, KTRU. Its newborn name, Twelve, was the call letters that were chosen the year before for this new venture. Since that time, KTRU has been a student-run radio station that has passed the advantages of university to students, faculty and staff, and has been a part of the Rice community. Now, after forty years, KTRU has changed its name to KTRU, and is the only college radio station in the state of Texas.

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Bike from page 1

More drastic measures were potentially involve the SA amending its constitution to give it the tools needed to address the referendum. These changes would then be imposed upon the university through a constitutional amendment, which would take place in two parts. In the first part, the SA constitution would be amended to give it the authority to impose a constitutional amendment. In the second part, this amendment would be put to a vote of the student body. If the amendment is approved, it would take effect immediately. Otherwise, the referendum would proceed as planned.

The proposed changes to the SA constitution are significant. They would give the SA the authority to impose constitutional amendments without the need for a constitutional referendum, which is currently required by the university's constitution. This would allow the SA to make changes to the university's constitution more quickly and easily, which could have important implications for the university's governance and decision-making processes.

The changes outlined above would be implemented via both constitutional amendments and constitutional referendums. The amendments would be put to a vote of the student body, and the referendum would be held in accordance with the university's constitution. These changes would provide the SA with the tools it needs to address the referendum in a timely and efficient manner, while also ensuring that the student body has a say in the process.

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Chiefs enter culinary combat in today's Sam Houston showdown

By Cindy Davis

Three top chefs from North, South, and West Servery will duke it out today in a cooking competition complete with sauces, spices, flames and knives.

The Servery Sam Houston showdown, which begins at 4 p.m. in West Servery, gives chefs two hours to prepare a new menu item for a cooking competition complete with sauces, spices, flames and knives.

Chef Edward Castillo prepares North Servery under the moniker "The North Star." He said his cooking influences come from "Spanish and Italian cuisine that I use to bring more flavor to the plate."

"I have a few tricks up my sleeve," Castillo said. "I try to use it to get a little diversity out of it."

South Servery Chef Kyle Harkovich, known best for "chop-chop" at the grill, has the high temperature at his disposal.

"Our temperature on the ingredients in the past," Harkovich said. "We're trying to learn our ingredients in a certain way.

West Servery Chef Dave Norin, who will face Castillo as his competition on the "West Warrior," agrees that the mystery basket is a big part of the competition.

"You have to think about what you're going to plan. We have to think about the menu, and what we're going to serve the students."

The chefs will be prepared with a mystery ingredient, which will be chosen by the students. The ingredient will be used in a dish that will be served to the students at the end of the competition.

The competition will take place at 4 p.m. in West Servery. The event is open to the public, and tickets are available at the door for $5.55.

The event will be judged by a panel of judges, which will include students from all three colleges. The judges will be looking for creativity, presentation, and taste in the dishes prepared by the chefs.

The competition will be a great opportunity for students to see how the chefs use their creativity in the kitchen. It will be a fun and exciting event for everyone involved.
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Richard Treadwell
Baker \n
"We should expect that the advice and recommendations that come from the committee will be part of the information-gathering process for the Rice Management Company. We will use them to make informed decisions," he said.

Currently, the only powers the Committee on Investor Responsibility Policy holds is to make recommendations on the proxy votes. Treadwell said, "We recognize we do not have any contractual obligations but will take on in good faith.

"We're looking for people that are aware of the evils that corporations are engaging in, that have an inclination to social justice and that feel they can do something about it."

Treadwell said he has been working with SA President Patrick McAnaney to get students to apply. McAnaney described his role in the process as that of a facilitator, and the SA's role in the affair to be minimal. McAnaney helped set up meetings for dialogue to take place during the formation of the Committee on Investor Responsibility Policy. He described the SA's job as "creating a list of four to six students out of the pool of applicants whose names we forwarded to Leebron."

"I think this is a really incredible opportunity," McAnaney said. "I'm really happy that the university has chosen to adopt this policy. I feel it's really important for any institution and as a community to know the impact of our investments, and how we can be a force in this world through our financial influence."

Such a goal is what Treadwell and his team have been aiming for all along. "Universities across the country have a collective $400 billion in endowments," Treadwell said. "That's a substantial portion of the economy, so this is really about getting that investment capital under another bottom line: the social bottom line."

According to Rachleff, the orchestra will play pieces by Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Brahms, and a repertoire of other composers for their four concerts. The 13-night cruise, which starts at $1,800 per guest, will depart from Baltimore Jan. 3 and make five stops in the Eastern Caribbean Sea, including the islands of Antigua and St. Thomas, before returning Jan. 13. The cruise will accommodate up to 300 guests. Aside from performances, rehearsals and question-and-answer sessions, some of the musicians will also dine with the cruise guests and participate in recreational activities on board.

Rachleff said this opportunity was a combination of vacation and work in an entirely new venue. "It sounded crazy enough that it just might work," Rachleff said. "I've never been on a boat before."

Visit www.symphonivoyages.com for cruise information and to listen to clips of the guest artists.
Sheikh, Wu face off in SA presidential debates

Candidates discuss importance of transparency, holding administration accountable and spirit animals

Student Association presidential candidates Selim Sheikh and Tiffany Wu debated Monday night after the SA senate convened. Thresher Design Director Eric Doctor moderated the debate, which included questions from himself and the audience. Sheikh, currently the SA internal vice president, and Wu, the SA treasurer, were allowed one minute each for opening statements and question responses, two minutes each for closing statements and 30 seconds each for rebuttals. Certain answers are paraphrased for conciseness, and quotation marks signify direct quotes.

BY SETH BROWN Thresher Staff

Openings Statements

Selim Sheikh: “I’ve been actively involved over the past two years and I’ve worked on various projects to improve the Rice experience. I’m also active in other organizations, all of which have helped bring me an improved and versatile perspective.”

Tiffany Wu: “[My] philosophy is to involve more, for example, address student concerns. It’s about the students, not me.”

Questions

What is the role of the SA president?

Sheikh: Thresher: A motivator, inspiring students, a facilitator, gathering and expressing student opinion, and a representative of student opinion to the administration.

Wu: She is not only a representative, but also a leader, who needs to give students the best possible experience.

What role should the SA play in ensuring the new colleges continue to be integrated?

Sheikh: The SA should provide services and make themselves available if requested.

Wu: The SA should welcome new college presidents and senators and watch whether the colleges will experience a disconnect.

What are the state of SA college relations, and what is the relevancy of the SA constitution for a reason? It’s the first college cabinet.

Wu: This relationship has been on a upward trend over the past few years, the SA remains relevant by discussing issues such as the Master Plan that are pertinent to all students.

Sheikh: The relationship is good. The SA needs to provide a forum for student opinions to be heard and deal with any issues that come.

What role do you see college presidents playing in the SA?

Sheikh: They should facilitate, aligning SA to fit with student wishes, transfer of information from SA to students.

Wu: They could be involved more in involving students, for example, by bringing up issues of concern.

What were the greatest challenges the SA faced this year?

Sheikh: I was in charge of the proposal for a committee to bypass senate approval to enacting the new colleges.

Wu: The greatest challenge was the budget cuts committee.

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Selim Sheikh: Martel ’11

What SA-related academic issues do you think are especially important?

Wu: SA involvement with minors and the academic calendar.

Sheikh: Increasing the number of distribution courses, creating a faculty advisor evaluation system, bringing freshmen under Father and increasing the number of minors.

What do you see as the optimal number of spirit animals?

Sheikh: Threefold: A motivator, inspirer.

Wu: I would consider having a student poll about RUPD oversight at social events in the past year.

What ideas do you have regarding committee structures, including elaborately redefining it to better address needs?

Wu: The best way to respond would be to increase student participation by better publicizing.

Sheikh: The main committees have been understated — I would bring them back to the rice experience.

What were the greatest challenges the SA faced this year?

Sheikh: Baylor merger discussions, bringing student opinion into Master Plan, Beer Bike Parade and involving the new colleges.

Wu: Blanket tax reform and finding a new athletic director, alongside what Selim mentioned.

Sheikh: What will be the greatest challenges next year, and how will you handle them?

Wu: I think a lot of focus will still be on the same issues that were brought up this year.

Sheikh: I would focus on only a few projects, since spending less could reduce the impact of each one.

How do you plan to vote on blanket tax props?

Wu: To me, as treasurer, they have established a need, so I would say yes.

Sheikh: I intend to vote for them, especially to [settle] the current dispute.

Wu: “Coming into Rice as a freshman, I was ready to push myself out of my comfort zone. The SA is the most effective means to put back to Rice community.”

Sheikh: The SA is here to find ways to make our lives better, involve student opinions in major decisions.

Brown College junior Tiffany Wu, current SA treasurer, answers a question while Martel College junior Selim Sheikh, current SA IVP, prepares his response. Elections began yesterday at 12:01 a.m. and will run through Wednesday at 12:01 a.m.
Rice alumna found dead in Haiti

BY JOSH RUTENBERG

Jeff Caves and Diane's parents, Lee and Linda Berry, issued a statement Feb. 9 thanking the community for its support.

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HUMANITIES SUMMER RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

The Humanities Research Center at Rice will award 10 summer internships to undergraduates with strong backgrounds in the humanities.

Interns will spend 60 hours over the summer working closely with cutting-edge faculty on an innovative humanities-based research project and will receive a stipend of $1000.

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Please submit applications to the Humanities Research Center at hrc@rice.edu or Herring Hall 306.

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For more information about the Fair, the attending agencies, and what opportunities are available, please visit the Community Engagement Center's Web site (http://cic.rice.edu/).

Envision Grants foster cultures of creativity

BY HALLIE JORDAN
THRESHER STAFF

"I remember having everyone around me know how to read and I didn’t," Doshi said. "I remember that changing when my teacher began to help me. That’s how you do it. You have to go through it slowly. I think he was able to read confidently in a really good skill to have in life." Many of the children at the orphanage can only read very slowly and suffer during exams.

"There are about 42 children at the orphanage, all of whom she hopes can help learn to read. Doshi expects about six or eight to participate in harmony lessons. She also carries a lot of free music and is fairly easy to learn, inexpensive, and can be carried anywhere. A teacher, who will be paid with Envision Grant money, will spend three months teaching the students to play, after which point Doshi hopes to make a video of the students performing and use it to help fund future lessons from corporations.

"The performances will be the highlight for an exposure to music," Doshi said. "If some kids want to learn different instruments, if we get enough funds, we will expand it. We want to get music into their lives." Creston Herron, a music graduate student, will also use his Envision Grant to help the world of music, working on a project called Community Strings Institute in Kansas. Herron has created a three-day event for beginning string players during the summer between third and fourth grade. Herron hopes to promote music programs in his home school district, as many young students have to share one instrument between three people.

"There are many out there who really want to pursue music but just don’t have the ability," Herron said. "That’s where the initial idea sparked from. How do I provide a resource for these kids so they can play on quality instruments? The event will include a music theory class, a music history class, and a music class where the students will make their own instruments.

"I’m breaking it down to show the kids how classical music plays a role in music today — hip-hop, jazz and Latin American music can be traced back to classical music groups." Creston Herron Music graduate student

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Color guards
Thanks to Ecology and Evolutionary Biology graduate student Scott Chamberlin and Baker College senior Sam Jacobson, who estimate that there are between 500 and 600 bikes on campus, red brick will no longer be the only color seen on campus. With their ColorCycle project, the students will paint all 500 bike racks at Rice a vibrant color by the end of March.

Over the summer, Jacobson photographed and mapped every bike rack on campus. Each bike rack will be painted with three coats of latex paint, and there will end up being about 36 different colors. Each bike rack will be one solid color with a color gradient moving across campus.

The project still needs volunteers to help paint for any of those “paint weekends” in March. Students will receive multiple notifications when the bike racks will be painted so that they can move their bikes accordingly. The estimated cost of the project is about $6,600.

“We want to show everyone the diversity because it ties the whole campus together in one aesthetic gesture,” Jacobson said.

In another artistic endeavor, the Matchbox Gallery, started last semester by Hansen College senior Logan Beck with support from the Visual and Dramatic Arts department, now serves as the only student-run art gallery on campus. The gallery, which this semester shares its space with the Visual and Dramatic Arts sculpture courtyard, has found other ways to make its mark.

With funding from the Envision Grant, Beck will be able to install track lighting, improve the condition of the walls and expand marketing for shows.

“The gallery, it seems, has given Beck an experience he could not have found elsewhere,” said Beck. “It has been dominating my experience at Rice for the past semester, in a really good way,” Beck said. “You can’t pay for this sort of education that I’m getting.”

Interest in the gallery has been continually increasing. Beck said, and he has now received an exhibition proposal from an artist not involved with Rice. Last semester Beck received seven requests for three spaces and so far this semester he has gotten many inquiries, along with six entire proposals.

The gallery will hold four exhibitions this semester including "Intersections: Houston" by Rico Gardner, which opened Jan. 8. The show will be on exhibit through Feb. 22. For more information go to the Matchbox Gallery Web site at www.matchbox.com.

Engineering an idea
Feeling there were a few important holes in her education, electrical engineering graduate student Mona Sheikh has organized minicourses on varying topics.

The subjects range from how to design a Web page to wavelets, an electrical engineering topic. Sheikh has organized three mini-clinics since last May and is planning three more for this semester. She has asked faculty to teach the one-day classes.

“I’m encouraged by the number of people who are interested in learning,” Sheikh said. “There is interest and we just need to feed it.”

Sheikh is using her Envision Grant to cover the costs, which are minimal. The grant money Sheikh received will fund people from other universities, in addition to people from Rice.

“My Envision Grant has definitely helped me get started,” Sheikh said. "I’m excited about the program being under RCEL now and knowing it will go on.”

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Rice University School of Social Sciences

Project GATEWAY

Social Sciences Students

Social Sciences Undergraduate Research Enterprise (SSURE)

Eligibility: All social sciences undergraduates

Description: The program offers three hours credit and a research budget of up to $1500 for students to conduct independent, scholarly projects on topics of their choosing with the advice and mentoring of a faculty member.

Stipend funding: Up to $1500

Course credit: SOSC 321- SSURE

Application process: Students who wish to participate in SSURE may submit a three-page proposal and budget (electronically) by November 30th for spring enrollment and April 15th for fall enrollment.

Social Sciences International Ambassadorship

Eligibility: All non-graduating social sciences undergraduates studying abroad

Description: Each student will be assigned an alumni mentor in their host city and will have the opportunity to engage in dialogues with people in arts, business, public service, science or sports. Students will share their conversations upon return to campus.

Stipend funding: $1500 ($1000 before departure and $500 upon completion of reports)

Course credit: None

Application process: Students complete the international ambassador application available on the Social Sciences Gateway website. Applications for spring programs are due by October 15th and applications for summer/fall programs are due by March 15th.

The Dean’s Office will invite candidates for an interview. Students will also be required to complete an on-campus interview of a social sciences faculty member before funding will be approved.

Social Sciences Internship, Course Credit

Eligibility: All social sciences undergraduates

Description: Must complete professional work experience at an approved internship for a minimum total of 80 hours during an academic semester and a minimum total of 160 hours during a summer internship.

Stipend funding: None; internships are for course credit only and for positions without compensation

Course credit: Up to three hours; SOSC 421- Domestic internship or SOSC 422- International internship

Application process: All internships must be approved by the Social Sciences Dean’s Office prior to enrollment. Please contact Abbey Shaunessy (shaunessy@rice.edu) for more information.

"New for 2010" GATEWAY Summer Fellowship

Eligibility: All non-graduating social sciences undergraduates

Requirements: Must work full-time, 40 hours for eight weeks during summer at an approved internship (without compensation), interview alumni and executives, prepare reports and make a presentation upon return

Stipend funding: Three hours, SOSC 421- Domestic Internship or SOSC 422- Int’l Internship

Application process: Fill out application, submit essay and recommendation letter by February 26 at 4:00 p.m. Selection announced mid-March

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Dieting and Body Image

BRANDI POWELL • RICE UNIVERSITY NUTRITIONIST

Even though the US economy is trending down, Americans are still spending billions of dollars on dieting and diet-related products. However, Americans remain among the heaviest populations on the planet. How is this discrepancy possible? Is it highly processed foods, high fructose corn syrup, fast food, or simple cars? Some experts believe it has something to do with our country's attitude towards food and eating.

Many people stick in the diet mentality. It's everywhere in our culture. Commercialists are constantly selling us the latest diet foods and devices. Often these diets are lacking in important nutrients and simply too low in calories to sustain. They usually involve categorizing foods as "good" or "bad." This can cause us to want forbidden foods even more. Categorizing foods as "good" or "bad." This can cause us to want forbidden foods even more. Is it highly processed foods, high fructose corn syrup, fast food, or simple cars? Some experts believe it has something to do with our country's attitude towards food and eating.

Put away reminders of your shape, size, or weight. Instead, focus on how good you feel when you eat healthfully. The FIRST key to listening to your body is to be able to detect when you're hungry. If you're truly hungry, and not just looking for food to cure your boredom, stress, or loneliness, then it's time to refuel. The SECOND key is being able to know when you're full. Eat slowly, chew, and enjoy your food. The THIRD key is moderation. Nothing to extremes. People often read this advice and think they can eat whatever they crave, all the time. Obviously, we cannot survive on junk food alone. If you try, changes are you'll probably start to crave some pasta or fresh fruit after a while. These cravings are your body's way of telling you to get the nutrients you need.

The fourth key is to listen to your body. The goal is to feel content—not unkind—about the way you look. You're likely to maintain a healthy weight and avoid eating disorders. Listen to your body.

“Adopt the pace of nature. Her secret is patience.”

NATHAN MCKINNIS • ASS'T DIRECTOR (OUTDOOR PROGRAMS)

What better way to love your body and change your perspective than to thrust yourself into the unknown to experience nature! R.O.P.E. is offering you the chance of a lifetime—a guided trip on a majestic Colorado!

Below Hoover Dam is a dramatic, flat-water canyons that is perfect place for an introduction to canoe touring and camping. The sculpted, sheer cliffs reach high above the green Colorado River and provide a view across geologic time. Sandy washes with trickles of water provide excellent camping sites along the way. Desert wildlife is common near the river, and where many species of birds, jackrabbits, coyote and desert hogs are plentiful. Just before Hoover Dam, we will visit series of isolated hot springs and slot canyons. Hiking and soaking in these wilderness refuges will be a highlight of our trip.

No canoe experience is necessary. We will be using stable and dry two-person canoes. Full paddling instruction will be given before the tour. We will be paddling between 3-6 miles per day. For questions and further information, please call 713-348-4699.

Believe the ads — they work!

ARINDAM SARKAR • LOVETT '11

We've all seen them: billboards while driving, side-bar ads on Facebook, or thumbnail when flipping through channels. Every single weight-loss, muscle boosting, diet pill ad works! Will you lose 3 pant sizes by switching to Special K, lose 25 pounds by popping Hydroxy cut, or lose 96 pounds with Zaro Rolls “Microx” drive-thru menu? (insert chuckle here).

But they make me think. Whether you’re sitting at your work desk and sneaking in some ady crutches, walking to West Lot off, stages of using the Lower Loop bus, or taking a break from Tuesday night cross-country run, is there organic way to control yourself that doesn’t involve unkindness to your body or getting rid of them. Avoid contact with your body as much as possible.

Create a ritual to honor the relationship. Find a meaningful way to say goodbye (e.g., write a letter with what you thought the relationship would be like and then burn it).

If you need extra help, seek professional support. The Counseling Center has helped many students manage difficult break-ups. You can reach the Counseling Center at 713-348-4687.
Voting for the Student Association General Election begins today and lasts through Wednesday at 2 p.m. Voting is conducted entirely online at sa.rice.edu. Candidates are chosen by voters on a preferential basis, with each voter ranking their choices in each race. Voters are encouraged, though not required, to make a selection for each race and for each amendment and blanket tax proposal.

After the ranked votes are tallied, the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes will be eliminated and their votes redistributed among the other candidates according to the voter’s second-choice pick. This process will be repeated until only one candidate remains, whom shall be deemed the winner of the contest.

Editor’s note: Certain candidates waived their right to a Thresher blurb.

Sample Ballot:

**Amendments**
1. To increase RPC’s blanket tax from $13 to $18. The proposed increase will only be for non-Beer Bike event operations costs.
2. To establish a $9 blanket tax for Rice Endowment for Sustainable Energy Technology (RESET).
3. To increase KTRU’s blanket tax from $5.50 to $7.50.
4. Proposed student initiative to introduce guidelines for Beer Bike Coordinators and to make student vote the final decision to major changes in Beer Bike format.
5. Proposed amendment to SA constitution to task the SA to establish oversight mechanisms for blanket tax monies.
6. Proposed amendment to SA constitution to establish that the office of SA President shall only be held by one person.
7. Proposed amendment to SA constitution to change the wording of the subsection that allows a majority vote of the Student Senate to remove a person from his appointment when deemed unsatisfactory in the charge of his duties.
8. Proposed amendment to RSVP’s constitution to also allow people currently coordinating an Outreach Day to run for the position of RSVP Chair.

**Candidates**

**Student Association**
- **President**
  - Selim Sheikh
  - Tiffany Wu
- **External Vice President**
  - Rachel Liantas
  - Carl Nelson
- **Internal Vice President**
  - Ryan Fleming
- **Treasurer**
  - Thierry Rignol
  - Lemuel Soh
- **Secretary**
  - Georgia Lagoudas
  - Sevith Rao

**Honor Council**
- **Senior Rep**
  - Hilary Baker-Jennings
  - Benjamin Cuthrell
  - Austin Edwards
  - Kelsey Zottnick
- **Junior Rep**
  - Shawdon Molavi
  - Andrew Patterson

**U-Court**
- **Senior Rep**
  - Austin Lipinski
  - Varun Juloori
- **Junior Rep**
  - Angela Wu
  - Paul Fitzgerald

**Thresher**
- **Editor-in-Chief**
  - Anna Wilde

**KTRU**
- **Station Manager**
  - Kelsey Yule

**RTV5**
- **Station Manager**
  - Trevor Rice

**RSVP**
- **Chair**
  - Sarah James
- **External Vice Chair**
  - Danielle Axelson
- **Internal Vice Chair**
  - Jennifer Phillips

**RPC**
- **President**
  - Radhika Chhabra

**Representative to the University Council**
- Ben Morey
- Georgia Lagoudas
- Sammy the Owl
- Zachary Fedorko
Selim Sheikh

In recent years, Rice has experienced significant growth - not just in enrollment, but also in other directions. Construction has increased, but we now enjoy an improved campus with the opening of the Brochstein Pavilion, the BioScience Research Collaboration, and the Gibbs Recreation and Wellness Center. We've also been given a tremendous opportunity in the form of two additions to the residential college system. It's an exciting time to be a Rice student. With all of this growth, we must maintain a strong student voice in the decisions that dictate how we grow.

This is where the Student Association, the unifying force of all Rice undergraduates, comes in. In my experiences within the SA, I have seen that our student voice can do. We've strengthened inter-college relations and built stronger ties with university offices. As former Senator and current Internal Vice President, I have facilitated the creation of more meal-plan options, helped consolidate online resources for clubs, and made O'Kiep Space available to student organizations.

As President, I plan not only to address issues that affect the quality of the Rice experience, such as the impact of budget cuts across university departments and the curtailment of Rice and McMurtry functioning as complete residential colleges, but also to increase the accessibility of the SA to every student body. We can communicate our voices more effectively.

I hope to facilitate improved student life while inspiring the next generation of Rice students to play a role in improving the Rice experience for each other.

Rachel Liotas

Being a Westexan involved in the Student Association has been both stimulating and enlightening. As a New Student Representative of the SA Senate, I've learned that the SA is a body that brings students together to communicate, discuss issues, and create real improvements in life at Rice. On the other hand, as a Westexan I've lived in a culture with so much pride in itself that it views the SA as irrelevant. And with all the SA's major leadership coming from only a couple colleges, students outside of those SA-dominated colleges easily feel disconnected. In order for all students to see me in the SA, the majority of the SA leadership needs to be from a variety of colleges, not just Brown.

Actually making a difference as External VP isn't about listing a resume of experiences or claiming to possess leadership skills, it's about having a greater vision of how to represent the SA to the external world and what to accomplish with the SA. My vision is to create an SA that truly represents all students, regardless of college. My hope is for an SA that improves life at Rice by efforts such as, making more points available off-campus, expanding the Hoot, fixing the fire-alarm problem, and addressing any other issues you, the students, want. All of you are the SA. If elected, I'd strive to put you, the students, back in the Student Association and to see your ideas, actually listening, and serving as a voice you can represent under recognized colleges.

The job of SA External Vice President in a word. I hope to use the votes as part of the Rice student body to closely work with other member of the Executive Committee, and actively push toward the administration. On top of these basic things, I'll be part of the Family Weekend, oversee University Standing Committees (parking, student transportation, etc.), maintain the hedgehogpro project, and much more. The position of EVP therefore requires someone with a wide range of skills, someone with experience working with many students, administrative figures, and university offices.

In this respect, my wide range of experiences in multiple positions in the SA and at Brown Colleges has been a great asset in the position of EVP. My first two years here, I was involved in the SA as an Undergraduate Representative of the Environmental Committee. At Brown, I was similarly fortunate in serving on our Permanent Improvements Committee and in coordinating its work. In doing all these jobs, I have collaborated extensively with Brown college and SA leadership, HD and FRMK groups outside Rice, and students from every college on projects. I am impatient with the initi- tive, extensive organization, and unassuming dedication. It is because of my experience that I hope you will consider me a very strong candidate for the position of SA External Vice President.

Ryans Fleming

As an officer within the Student Association for the past two years, my best experience has been in planning, and carrying out projects. My sophomore year, when I served as Senator for Std Rich, I worked with my New Student Representative (NSR) group to organize a clothing drive for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Last year, as one of the chairs for the Sports and Health Committee, I have enjoyed planning events, such as the All-Star PowerPong Game, aimed at engaging the student body as a whole. Without the support of the Student Association, I would not have had the resources or the opportunity to carry these projects through.

As Internal Vice President for the SA, the job of planning meetings, I hope to be able to continue to plan meetings, as I know how much you voice concerns and suggestions!

The responsibility of a SA Secretary run the whole gamut of work, from posting announcements to SA listservs to furnishing copies of meeting minutes. If elected, I wholeheartedly promise to carry out my responsibilities beyond the call of duty! I will work with the outgoing secretary to ensure continuity and competence.

I will ensure that the SA's only priority is the student first. When voting, please remember "Sevith is Super for SA Secretary!"

The real measure of your wealth is how much you're worth if you lost all your money.

The daunting task of all Treasurers is to be able to manage, reference, organize and distribute funds in the most efficient way possible. This job requires diligent thinking, careful planning, and methodical action. As SA Treasurer of the Rice cycling team, I've had first hand experience with fund management, and have a keen understanding of how this system works (in its best and worst light). I know how to expand and manage the SA's investments, and how to handle issues. In all, I would not be running if I did not know I had the motivation, dedication and professionalism required for this position.

Thank you!

Lemuel Soh

Georgia Lagoudas

My name is Georgia Lagoudas, and I am running for Student Association Secretary. First, I would like to say that I passed the SA (and I.D.!!) test to make that clear. I have enjoyed being part of the SA for the past two years, including Senator from Lover this past year, so I have the experience and the guts to get the job done. I have been working on many projects, and now it's time to move on to the next level. I have a lot of ideas for next year to make life for Rice students even better than before.

As SA Secretary, the job isn't only taking notes and keeping records (though you'll be the secretary of U.H.L. - the job is what you make of it). I want to help a make a difference at Rice, so I guarantee that I will make things happen and get the best for students at Rice. Please vote for GEORGIA as Secretary to the SA! (She's so popular, there's even a song about her, a state, a country...and I say more?)

Sevith Rao

Hey Rice! I'm Sevith Rao, aka Docta Saavy, a member of McMurtry College, and I am running for the position of Student Association Secretary.

I am a perfect fit for this role. I have had numerous experiences in elected positions, ranging from secretary in high school leadership, to starting a non-profit, and chairing several committees.I am help- ing to draft McMurtry’s constitution and am on the Rice-Wo Polo club team. I bring loyalty, integrity, creativity and knowledge. I am a strong work-ethic tie.

I believe that the SA meetings should be completely transparent with the discussions available for everyone to view. As a filmmaker, I have access to a plethora of High Definition equipment, and I will make the meetings available on-line in HD format and give the Rice student body ample opportunities to get INVOLVED in decisions by posting real time suggestions!

When was the last time you felt SA was working for you? I will take full accountability, by actively reinforcing the idea of the office being one you can voice concerns and suggestions!

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Senior Representative
Hillery Baker-Jennings

I have served on the Honor Council for the past two years, serving one year as secretary. As a member of the Honor Council, I have done everything I can to represent the student body and the university by serving on many cases, and always giving them the thought and consideration they deserve.

Benjamin Cuthrell
I have served on the Honor Council since my freshman year when I was one of two selected to be Freshman Class Representative. My sophomore year I served as Honors Council Rep and this year I have served as an At-Large Representative. You can feel good voting for me, because I most definitely keep my mouth shut.

Austin Edwards
The best reason I can give you to vote for me is that I love honor as much as you do. I have been heavily involved in the honor system at Rice since I matriculated, and I was recruited to the council during the spring of my freshman year. I have been both as large representative and Brown College representative. I was appointed as a large representative on the ombuds interview process and was in charge of advertising for and scheduling all of the interviews. Obviously, I think that the honor system is a hugely important part of our Rice's history, culture and academic atmosphere. Additionally, my middle name is "Honor." Thanks for voting Austin Edward as one of the top five representatives for the class of 2011!

Kelsey Zostick
The Honor Code is an integral part of Rice. An incredible trust that the students will strive to protect and promote. I've served on the Honor council in several ways for almost my entire time at Rice. Not only do I keep an open mind about cases and seek to interpret the Honor Code to the best of my ability, but I have the experience and procedural knowledge to go with it. It would be an honor and a privilege to get the chance to serve on the Honor Council for my final year at Rice. Thank you!

Junior Representative
Shawdon Molavi

Although many may not realize, the Honor Code is one of the largest contributors to the linchpin here at Rice. If not for the Honor Code, there would be no take home exams, no unproctored exams, no grades of "honor" and academic relations would not have the same level of mutual trust and respect. In other words, our lives would not be as rewarding and our coming together as a university. With an Honor Code, we all have fairness, honor, and accountability for our actions. As a member of the Honor Council, I have done everything I can to uphold the Honor Code to the best of my ability and do my best to ensure that students who come before the honor council are upheld fairly and that the correct decision is made. For voting Shawdon Molavi for Honors Council Junior Class Rep.

Andrew Patterson
To my peers:
I aspire to hold the office of Junior Class Honor Council Rep. I believe in the necessity of the Honor Code for institutional integrity and will continue to uphold the Rice Honor System as it was created by the students and for the students. I approach each case with objectivity, I want students to feel empowered by the Honor System. This can only happen by communicating with the students. I have been a member of the Honor Council for my entire time at Rice. I have always kept an open mind about cases and seek to interpret the Honor Code to the best of my ability, but I have the experience and procedural knowledge to go with it. It would be an honor and a privilege to get the chance to serve on the Honor Council for my final year at Rice. Thank you!

Sophomore Representative
Trinity Smith

Hey everybody! My name's Trinity and I'm a sophomore here at Rice. I'm originally from Texas and I've lived here, grown and raised right here in H-Town. I enjoy playing tennis, sleeping in the sun, and long walks on the beach. But that doesn't really have anything to do with what I'm running for. I'm running for Sophomore Class Rep to the Honor Council and I want to make sure you vote for me, so here goes.

Kenna Fowler

Hey everybody! My name’s Kenna and I’m running for Junior Class Honor Council Rep. I have been a member of the Honor Council for the past three years. As an at-large member, I have worked on almost every case that has come to the council. I have come to understand the inner workings of the club and the challenges that it faces. Through an entrepreneurial spirit, I have been able to complete a campus-wide survey about students’ involvement with and feelings toward the Honor Council. With the knowledge of what students would like to see change in this organization, I believe I am the best person to make the club more inclusive and increase student involvement.

In the past, I have always made sure that our club is in touch with what students want, and I’ve striven to make sure that every single student in meaningful volunteer service throughout the next year. I am sure that the Honor Council can be a more welcoming and inviting environment. I am excited to be on the Honor Council for the class of 2011. Thank you for your support.

Sophomore Representative
Trey Burns

Hey everybody! My name’s Trey and I’m a sophomore here at Rice. I came to Rice from Florida as a Corporate Finance major. I love playing tennis, and I’ve lived in Houston all my life. I was raised right here in Heights, Houston, TX. I enjoy playing tennis, sleeping in the sun, and long walks on the beach. But that doesn’t really have anything to do with what I’m running for. I’m running for Sophomore Class Rep to the Honor Council and I want to make sure you vote for me, so here goes.

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RSVP

Dear [Name],

I am very pleased to see your name added to the list of students interested in becoming a member of the Honor Council. As you may know, the Honor Council is responsible for overseeing the Honor System at Rice University. The Honor System is a fundamental part of the university’s culture and operates under the principles of confidentiality, due process, and fairness. The council is composed of students from all walks of life and is a great opportunity for anyone interested in community service and leadership.

We are currently looking for interested students to fill the vacant position of Junior Class Representative. If you are interested in serving on the council, please contact me at [email address] or [phone number] to schedule an interview. Interviews will be conducted on [date and time].

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Other positions

Editor-in-Chief of The Rice Thresher

Anna Wilde

In working for the Thresher for two and a half years, I’ve had the opportunity to learn about the editorial department as a whole and to work with last year’s editors in chief. I’ve gained a unique perspective on the needs of the student body, and I hope to continue to grow and improve the Thresher with the help of you, the readers. I am dedicated to producing a quality publication for Rice students.

My name is Kelsey Yule, and I am looking forward to the chance to be the next Editor-in-Chief of The Rice Thresher. I have been working on the newspaper for two semesters, and I am excited to continue the tradition of excellence that has been established in the past.

I believe that the Thresher should be a resource for all Rice students, and I am committed to making sure that the newspaper meets the needs of the student body. I am confident that with the help of my team, we can continue to produce a quality publication that serves the Rice community.

RTV5 Station Manager
Trevor Rice

RTV5 Program Director
Brandon Ciesnors

RPC President
Radhika Chhabra

From Screws to Sweet Potato: From a single game yet and I would love the opportunity to be your mascot for an entire year. Not only have I beenbusy around campus, what with all the sports events, free pizza giveways, coach Ralf to Valhalla, and support staff to the library, but I have been a busy Sammy outside the hedges.

I participated in the Masert football game at halftime of the Houston Texans vs. Tennessee Titans Monday Night Football game earlier this year (we may have lost, but the other teams were on steroids!), Houston Rockets game races, and even the NCAA Final Four! Whatever I'm trying to say is, if you elect me as your Sammy the Owl, I can guarantee you another fun and exciting year at Rice sporting events. Go Owls!

University Court Senior Representative
Varun Juloor

Austin Lipinski

University Court Junior Representative
Paul Fitzgerald

University Court Soph. Representative
Kevin Chu

Lauren Theisn

Representative to the University Council
Georgia Lagoudas

I am running for University Council Representative, and I would love to have your vote! I am involved across Rice and interact with students, staff, and faculty from all offices, so I am prepared to serve on the council. Next year is an important year with many changes at Rice, and I want to make sure that the university continues to focus on what is important to students.

Vote GEORGIA for U. Council Rep!

Ben Morey

I'm a Lovett junior running for University Council Representa...
Eater's Digest: The American Food Fight

The immediate cause of the current food revolution is, in fact, a byproduct of the food industry's own over-expansion. As the number of fast-food restaurants has grown, so too has the demand for convenience foods. This has led to a shift away from traditional diets, which are based on slow-cooked, whole foods. The result is a rise in obesity and other diet-related diseases.

The U.S. government also plays a role in this epidemic. It provides subsidies to U.S. farmers in the form of agribusiness, which helps to keep food prices low. However, these subsidies also encourage the production of unhealthy foods, such as fried chicken and French fries.

In response to this crisis, the government has taken steps to address the problem. The Omnivore's Dilemma explores various facets of Americans' diet, and suggests that the United States' free economy and lack of a longstanding dietary tradition make it particularly susceptible to diet woes and fads. Unlike in France or Italy, where the region's cuisine is largely established and culinary questions are answered by simply looking at professionals' diets, Americans have a relatively new cuisine of food choices.

Today, the question of what to eat fist to suggest a simple solution, and purported experts in the subject provide no reassurance. Dietitians, nutritionists, food salesmen, those in advertising, the government and the media offer us different, often contradictory advice about what we should and should not eat.

Despite the wealth of scientific research available to us, we face increas- ingly complicated choices, despite our seeming obsession with the latest fad diets, obesity remains a large problem for the country.

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nutritional advice, raising select foods to the glory of vitamins-enhanced "super foods" while essentially demonizing others as nearly criminal status.

In my new column on food, I will seek to clear a pathway through the jungle that has become the grocery store. I will take a look at what we should be eating, while also considering the reasons why we should eat them and the conditions that have resulted in the food situation today. Food, which may not be the most apparent issue in today's world, is connected to nearly everything in the media, business, culture and politics. I will recommend and research the best food to consume in today's popular culture. For instance, next week, we will explore the connection between psychology and its effect on our eating habits.

A good diet can improve and enrich our lives, and invite you to join me in my expedition through the complex world of food, venturing back in search of the best food available and examining the web of business and government actions that have fractured our relationship with food. What was once a short-order-to-table food chain has been extolled and complicated, influenced by corporations, governmental organizations and food scientists. Join me in my mission to relocate a shared human necessity.

Scott Norgaard is a Sid Richardson College freshman.

Katherine LaNasa, "Big Love"). Not only is Copenhagen being wonderful, he is seeing his former best friend, Julia (The Invention of Lying’s Jennifer Garner) under the guise of being divorced. With her standard sweet smile (Hathaway is perfectly cast as a good-hearted schoolmarm, but “Grey’s Anatomy” fans may be shocked to see Dempsey as a conman). Still, Dempsey plays the part of a charming philanthropist efficiently.

Following the variable spider-web of conventions the film outlines, Valentine’s Day moves along to Julia’s friend Kara (Planet 51’s Jessica Biel), the publicist for famous football player Sean Jackson (Marley and Me’s Eric Dane). Kara is vehemently against the holiday, and she plans to celebrate the evening with plenty of booze, friends and heart palpitations, at her annual "I Hate Valentine’s Day" party. This juxtaposition of a bitter single woman as Valentine’s-day’s anti-hero offers the viewer the chance to see a romance movie that actually has an interesting twist and adds an appreciated nuance to the plot.

Aasif Mandvi (Bride Wars) and Topher Grace (Spider-Man 3) serve as yet another relationship side-story that is entertaining. If less than believable, Hathaway plays it like a girl who works as a temp by day and an adult phone entertainer by night, who falls for a bland mail clerk named Jason. Though Featuring by far the cheesiest take-home lesson of the film, “love conquers all,” these sequences are carried by the usually pristine Hathaway’s distractingly entertaining phone conversations with her clients.

The connections get a bit nitty after this, so try to follow along. Hathaway tempts for Sean’s manager (Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs’ Queen Latifah), who often deals with sports reporter Kelvin Means (Law and Order: Criminal Intent’s Jamie Foxx) and his station boss (The Blind Side’s Kathy Bates). On Valentine’s Day, Felicia is assigned to cover romantic human-interest stories, including the relationship of a young high school couple (Hannah Montana: The Movie’s Taylor Swift and New Moon’s Taylor Lautner). In her first major film role, opposite her real-life former boyfriend, Swift delightfully caricatures the sweet, if ditsy and naive, Felicia — while of course sporting a healthy smile. The ending credits of the film feature her new single, “Today Was a Fairytale,” a perfect ending for the film.

Alongside Swift, both Robertson, Emma and a host of other recognizable names make appearances in the film; fans of Pretty Woman may also be tricked to hear Julia reference Rodeo Drive. Emma (The Winning Season) portrays teenager Grace, who asks for love advice from an elderly couple, Estelle and Edgar (Greg Changer’s Shirley MacLaine and Hector Elizondo, “Monk”). While MacLaine and Elizondo unhesitatingly possess the acting chops for the still-stirring romance of an elderly couple, they awkwardly fall short when the former confesses to a long-ago affair. This awkwardness, however, is likely more a fault of the screenplay’s contrived situations than of the actors themselves. This abrupt confrontation is a mere blip in an otherwise captivating and heartwarming film. Perhaps the best way to applaud the film is to say that director Garry Marshall has done it again, and can add this film to his pantheon of greats, ranging from Pretty Woman to The Princess Diaries. Overall, Valentine’s Day is a sweet, charming treat, one which will hopefully have the staying power of its British predecessor.

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3. What kind of music do you play?
4. Got a Web site?
5. What is your spirit animal?
6. Team Edward or Team Jacob?

OFFICE PARTY
1. Since the dawn of time, Gods have walked amongst us. Yet only now do they make themselves known. Seemingly down from Olympus on their wings of truth, Office Party plays rock music and is from Jones College. Our members are Jesus Cortez, Ryan Popp, Brandon Delano, and Daniel Spindler. When not playing music, we are just... office workers. Come out to the battle and have a good time.

LINNERNIK
1. I was born Ikechi Mbanefo Nnamani on Oct. 25, 1990 in Normal, Ill. My family is originally from Nigeria; my parents immigrated to the U.S. in the late ’80s. I began writing lyrics at age 13, recorded my first album at age 16 and am currently working on my sixth album. I began making and producing beats at age 15, and have fully produced four of the six albums I’ve created. I have also produced for American, Nigerian, Greek, and German hip-hop artists.

2. The name for my production company is “kech phrase,” like “catch phrase.” I took the “kech” out of Ikechi and formed the name. Linnerick is derived from the Irish word Limerick (a form of poetry/rhyme). I took out the “c,” added another “m” and joined the “k.” The extra “h” is for Minstrel, my middle name, joined with the “k” for Ikechi, my first name. Kech Phrase & Linnerick have become interchangeable so it’s whatever you prefer.

3. Mainly hip-hop and rap, a lot of East Coast and mainstream vibes.

4. www.myspace.com/limmerik or go on Facebook and join the Linnerick fan page.

5. I’d probably say a beer or a full (Chicago Bears, Chicago bulls, etc.). I’ve never watched Twilight, so I’d say both?


BRIAN CONNOR HOLLOWAY
1. Brian Connor Holloway is an acoustic duo formed by Baker College seniors Brian Connor and Connor Holloway. Brian is from California and is a piano performance major at the Shepherd School of Music. Connor is from New Mexico and is going to dentistry school after graduating. We don’t have a photo of us as a band, but we hope this picture of a shark eating us works.

2. Brian’s last name is the same thing as Connor’s first name.

3. We both play acoustic guitar and Brian sings. We play folk/pokey songs.

4. No Web site yet. But you can find songs on Grooveshark by searching “Brian Connor”

5. Platypus

6. Teams Platypus

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THE BEAT
1. Charles Edgar first emerged from the primordial ooze long ago to begin his eternal search for The Beat. For centuries he has been the cosmon, pulsing in his great quest only to locate more Vicks Vapo-Rub to preserve The Voice. One day, Charles Edgar happened upon the extraordinary Christopher, alone in a vast cave, interacting with the legendary Slam Chang over a distance of many sound years. Christopher decided to suspend his Epic Jam Session to assist Charles Edgar in his quest for The Beat. These two have been a scattered nucleus of a lost tribe that has since been found, their voice beginning to resonate throughout the universe. In space, everyone can feel The Beat.

2. A good beat is hard to find.

3. Nope.

4. I'ma robotic eagle with a digital soul.

5. Donald is a 80-year-old crack addict gingerly making his way to 713-348-7529 (PLAY).

6. Team Edward
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The Zipcar program provides Rice University students, faculty, staff and departments the convenience to use a Toyota Prius, Volvo S40 and Honda CRV through the Zipcar program. All vehicles are centrally located in the Lovett Parking lot near Cohen House. The rate for the Toyota Prius is $7/hour or $60/day, the Volvo S40 and the Honda CRV are $8/hour or $66/day including gas, insurance and 180 free miles per reservation. The Zipcar program allows members to reserve a car online, by telephone or iphone anytime, 24/7.

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Golf team graciously hosts, wins Rice Intercollegiate

Team takes first-ever home tournament team victory, with Brown grabbing individual title

By Paul Fitzgerald
Teenager Star

After concluding the fall with a heartbreaking loss that saw it lose its lead after two rounds, the golf team was placed in a similar situation in the Rice Intercollegiate Monday. This time, though, the Owls refused to let history repeat itself. The Owls, led by senior Christopher Brown's final-round 69 — a score that gave him the individual title — dominated Tuesday's final round to win their second tournament title of the 2009 season.

Weekly conditions controlled Monday's 36-hole day, and senior Christopher Brown jumped out to an eight-stroke lead over the field. 83-golfers field at the Westwood Golf Club. Brown eventually won the individual title, helped largely by his performance to start the spring season is a win. but for that they'll have the added incentive of a home-court advantage. Brown finished second in last year's home event.

However, Brown would come back to shoot a one-over 73, tied for the lowest score of the second round, with a par, to place himself in a tie with Whitehead and Will McCurdy of Auburn University. Brown finished second in last year's home event.

For the playoffs, Wade was tasked with finding replacements for star closer Joe Valverde and another starter. Miguel Tejada (now of the Rockies) had to place himself in a tie with Whitehead and Will McCurdy of Auburn University. Brown finished second in last year's home event.

"I don't want to say we had a home-course advantage, because we've never had one at our course before," Scott said. "One familiarity with the course was key, but those conditions Monday were unlike anything we normally see, and our guys really battled through it."

Junior Michael Whitehead's opening round 72, good for par, was the low score of Monday's play, as no golfer shot under par. Brown, named this past week's Conference USA Golfer of the Week, joined se- nior Michael Ruttacavoli in boast- ing a two-under-par 70 in the open- ing round of play.

DID YOU KNOW?

By winning the Rice Intercollegiate, the golf team earned its second tournament victory this season. The team has not lost this season.

OUTLOOK

This Week in Sports

Friday, Feb. 19
Men's Tennis at Virginia Tech
12:30 p.m. - Blacksburg, Va.
Baseball at Stanford
7:30 p.m. - Palo Alto, Calif.
Saturday, Feb. 20
Women's Tennis vs. Arkansas
11 a.m. - Kiefer Tennis Stadium
Men's Basketball vs. East Carolina
2 p.m. - Tudor Fieldhouse

Baseball at Stanford
3 p.m. - Palo Alto, Calif.
Women's Basketball at Southern Miss
4 p.m. - Hattiesburg, Miss.
Sunday, Feb. 21
Men's Tennis at Wake Forest
11 a.m. - Winston-Salem, N.C.
Baseball at Stanford
7:30 p.m. - Palo Alto, Calif.

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 Owl Eye

Ineptitude starts at top of Astros' organization

When Pittsburgh Pirates fans tuned in, they knew their team is bad. The Pirates are in many ways the worst team in baseball. The last time a Pirates team won a World Series was in 1971, when George Steinbrenner was president and most current Rice students were little more than a twinkle in someone's eye. So, when a Pitts- bury sports blog titled the Pirates a different story.

BY TEDDY GRODEK
Rice Sports Editor

The baskets on the women's bas- ketball team's horizon were not 10 feet high, just as they are at Tudor Fieldhouse. The court is still 94 feet long, and there are still five players out on the court for one team at any time. The rules and the dimensions, of course, remain the same. But it sure doesn't always seem that way, and there are still holes in the pitching rotation and at catcher. Un- fortunately, Wade failed to rise to the occasion. He couldn't find a catcher, and replaced treff ina with a gambler. The Astros' start- shorning storm in 2010 is defensive expert and career minor league Tommy Manzella, who has exactly 10 feet of height, just as they are at Tudor Fieldhouse. There are still 22,000 fans, which were strikeouts.

Wade sought to fill the other holes by throwing money at medi- ctures. Fifteen million dol-ars was invested in the average. You see ASTRONS, page 20

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Men's track competes despite conference foes

by Jonathan Myers

It wasn't quite "The Twilight Zone," but it sure was close. Last Sat- urday, the Owls' track team took to the track at the Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium at College Station, Texas, knowing that for one cold February afternoon, it would call the Univer- sity of Texas at College Station the headquarters of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

The Owls' Indoor track team was pitted against three teams each from the Big 12 Conference, Southwestern Conference and Conference USA in a battle to see which conference secured supremacy. Unfortu- nately, for Rice and the rest of the Owls, the meet proved no challenge for the Big 12 — especially the University of Texas Amherst University and Texas Tech University — as it combined for 309.5 points to blow away the SEC (143.5) and Conference USA (356).

Though coming away without bragging rights, the Owls still found plenty to be excited about heading into the CUSA Indoor Championsh- ips on Feb. 26-27.

In the discus, senior Michael Trippe's sixth-place finish in the 190-pound weight class helped solidify John Warren's effort. He also had a good run and stuck with some good people and outdistanced them at the end," Warren said. "I was a big upset tonight, so I got it going, and then I fin- ished strong." But as evidenced by the score, not all went well for Rice last Saturday. Se- niors Ryan Bradley and Sean Neafsey both came up with his second no-height finish of the season, along with junior Phillip Adams and Sean Bearden. Though Cebik fell behind to clear his initial starting height, Warren still has faith in his top vaulters.

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Wade did find an acceptable third baseman, Pedro Feliz, and made a smart decision on a near Marlin Engineering star, who is returning from injuries. But Wade's second baseman, a weak starting rotation and question marks at shortstop and catcher, the Astros have so little cheap talent. The Astros may have just been beyond their abilities, as the flag bearer for the Owls in the 60-meter sprint in 7.01 seconds, Scott went out hard and just died, so we will have to consider whether we put someone in the last heat of the mile," Warren said.

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Women prepare for conference

by Natalie Clericuzio

Women's track athletes prepare for their next meet. The indoor track season has a lot in common with its own fastest event, the 60-meter dash. Blink, and you'll miss it.

The 2010 indoor track season spans just under two months, from the first meet to the end of the NCAA Championships. Last weekend marked the midpoint of the short season, as the team competed in the Texas A&M Challenge, its final meet before the postseason at the Conference USA Championships.

While there, Head Coach Jim Bevan learned a great deal about what his team needs to do to prepare for the upcoming C-USA title.

"There are a number of things to improve, and some of it depends on the individual," Bevan said. "There are technical glitches that need to be corrected. Sometimes in the field events and for other people it's how they finish a race off, it might be in their biomechanics at the end of a race, it might be in the way they run tactically, the rhythm of the race."

Even though only a week remains before the team competes at the University of Houston's Yeoman Fieldhouse to defend its three consecutive titles, Bevan has faith that his team can get where it needs to be.

"Indoor is such a short season that there can be a big jump in improvement from not just us [but] from any of competitors too," Bevan said. "It's really hard to assess where everything is because we've got an easy dozen people who all of a sudden, in two weeks' time, could make a big breakthrough at the conference meet."

Junior Sarah Lyons, here racing on Feb. 6, will join her teammates for the C-USA Indoor Championship at UH's Yeoman Fieldhouse, Feb 26-27.

Women find success within friendly confines of Galleria

by Chris Pettijohn

Judging by the women's tennis team's home victories this weekend, playing indoors is the way to go for the Owls (5-3).

After two tough losses in California last week to No. 32 University of California-Los Angeles (7-2) and Pepperdine University (3-5), Rice swept No. 94 University of Arizona and Texas Tech University in what proved to be a back-and-forth weekend for a squad looking for traction.

The team started their winning weekend off last Friday against Arizona (5-2). Rice had lost to then-unranked Arizona 4-3 last year and looked to reverse the outcome this time around.

"We were extra motivated to get some revenge," senior Rebecca Lim said.

It turns out that revenge is a dish best served indoors. The Wildcats, undefeated before this match, were unprepared to handle the Owls' aggressive offensive maneuvering, and Rice came out on top 9-5.

Adjusting early to playing inside at the Galleria, a consequence of inclement weather, Rice began the match well. The No. 3 doubles team of Lim and junior Rebekka Hanle defeated their opponents 8-1 to start off the doubles slate. After falling at the No. 2 doubles spot, the doubles point came down to the match at the No. 1 position between the team of senior Julie Chao and sophomore Ana Gor man and the Wildcats' Alexandra Navarromos and Natasha Marks. Down 6-5 in the match, Rice surged and came back to win the match 9-6.

With the tone set after the doubles point, the Owls came out strong and were up early on nearly every court. This week, unlike previous times, the team was able to stick with its early leads and convert them into points.

Head Coach Elizabeth Schmidt came away impressed by her team's play.

"We did a better job of, when our opponents were down, keeping the pressure on them, which we didn't do as well the week before against Pepperdine," Schmidt said.

Since the Galleria has only five available courts, freshman Danny Tripp had to wait to play her match at the No. 6 position.

Hanle finished her close No. 1 match not long after Tripp took the court, which decided the match in Rice's favor. Brushing a little water, Tripp finished in only her third collegiate match, winning 6-5, 6-1.

Two days later, the Owls faced Texas Tech (2-6). The Owls came into the match re-channizing the flow of deflation — after all, the team's losses to UCLA and Pepperdine came following a pair of wins — but that loss proved poorly founded. Firing on all cylinders, the women's tennis team easily defeated the Red Raiders 7-0.

Junior less Jackson, swinging here during a match against Sam Houston State on Jan. 31, won her singles match against Arizona Friday and her doubles match with Rebekka Haine against Texas Tech Sunday. Jackson's efforts helped Rice earn a pair of impressive weekend wins.
and he has a conscience. There is good thing. I think it means he cares

Braun said. "He was really down after the
day at Southern Methodist University
the match with only four points and

line. We missed easy shots and missed

from where the Owls ended up at the
end of the fall season, which concluded
with a bitter finish at Southeastern
Louisiana University's tournament.
Having taken the lead after two rounds of play, the Owls finished in second place by one stroke.

Scott felt that the experience gave him an edge on Tuesdays. "I think the guys are getting
comfortable in key areas such as
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Saturday Senior Feece also performed
throughout the fall tour dates. Bevan
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Because of that "bad step," Feece finished sixth in 5:39.

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FRIDAY 19

For folks in Dr. Skura's Early Modern Drama class
Ruskin Knutson, President of the Modern Society of America, is giving a talk about her research into last plays from Shakespeare's time at 9:30 p.m. in Humanities Building 210. Can you take notes for me? I want to go, but I have a class in the same time.

Stop calculating and start sprinkling
The School of Engineering is hosting a Happy Hour for graduate students and faculty only, in the Ryunker Engineering building at 4 p.m.

Get your geek on
In case it wasn't on already, there's ONE LAST REGISTRATION for the big thing at 6 p.m. and the fun lasts all the way through to Saturday night. There will be an "anime room" and live-action role-playing (LARPing).

THRESHER CROSSWORD: BASEBALL IS BACK!

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 23. Swedish open 24. Person with flaming pants
 29. Philosopher with a razor 30. Searching
 43. Torture device used by the Spanish Inquisition 44. Charged particles 45. Jazzy Count
 46. Objectivist Ayn 47. Pacific Ocean
 50. One digit short of ASCII 51. Never have I
 52. Just, or barely 53. French cheese that you can melt and spread on bread deliciously 54. Cutting part of paper 55. Quo... (Deris)
 58. Star show with Shatner 59. Restaurant
 60. Not later

This crossword puzzle was written by Brian Rainhart, designed by Eric Doctor and produced by Adel Shomaker. The solution will appear next week.

Saturday 20

Piano Amazingness, Part I
Federico Chopin was probably the most romantic pianist composer of all time, and he's featured prominently in Joseph Kingham's performance at 3 p.m. in the Duncan Recital Hall. Also on the free program: Bach, Rachmaninoff and Brahms.

SUNDAY 21

Wherefore art thou and whyfere art thou not seeing Romeo and Juliet?
The classic play is being presented by Actors from the London Stage at 7 p.m. tonight and tomorrow in Hamman Hall. Adhering to Shakespearean tradition, free actors will play all the roles, using no props and no stage equipment. Student tickets are $5.

Star light, star bright, can you see stars in the Houston night?
See more by visiting the Rice Observatory between 7-9:30 p.m. for your outdoor home. Weather permitting, you'll get to see Mars and the Orion Nebula, and possibly that spotlight from the Gallery.

Genzo Legalism, Part I
If you want to see former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' talk at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy (see Monday event listing), you'll have to RSVP by midnight this Friday.

CHORDS FOR CHARITY
Join students and faculty of the School of Music for a charity concert entitled "Hope Concert 2010." Rice students, faculty, and friends will play works by Beethoven, Barber, and others, and your admission donations will benefit efforts to rebuild Haiti.

500 years of guitaritude
Argentine guitarist Pablo Marquez's program in the Duncan Recital Hall at 6 p.m. has music spanning from 16th-century Spain all the way to bring composer George Crumb. Marquez will be joined by percussionist Matthew McClain, who will play, I quote, "a gong in a bucket of water." Free student tickets are limited, so get there early.

Then, love your body
The Love Your Body Monologues are screening in the Rice Union. Stop by and listen to the monologues, all of which were written by Rice students.

MONDAY 22

Genzo Legalism, Part II
Former Attorney General and Rice alum Alberto Gonzales is giving a talk at the Baker Institute at 7 p.m. He'll be speaking on "Our Constitution: Executive, Legislative, and the War on Terror," not surprisingly. There will be free beer.

Piano Amazingness, Part II
Plantain Evelyn Chen is performing my favorite dish of the game, the Polish Concert, along with Beethoven's last and greatest piano sonata, a Chopin polonaise and Liszt's world-famous Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2. It's a program too good to be true, especially because it's free. Catch the big event in the Stonie Concert Hall at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY 23

Return of free yoga!
At 4 p.m. the Wellness Center is hosting a totally free yoga session. If you can, bring a yoga mat.

WEDNESDAY 24

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE
The deadline to cast your vote in the Student Association General Elections is 2 p.m.

HOW TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS
The deadline for submission is 3 p.m. the Monday prior to publication. Submissions are printed on a space-available basis.

Submission methods
Fax: 713.348.5238  Email: thresher-calendar@rice.edu

Rice Global E&C Forum
Announces
Partial tuition scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year - from $1000 to $7500.
Application Deadline: March 12, 2010
Scholarship Notification: by April 9, 2010

Purdue will be given to School of Engineering professional masters or terminal research masters students with potential interest in the engineering and construction industry.

Seasons for 2010-11 will be considered if their interest in the industry is high and/or if the applicant pool at the masters level is low.

Application process:
Submit a cover letter to Nancy Tucker (nancyta@rice.edu) in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (Rice Rec 304 - MS 318) with a brief paragraph stating the reasons why you think you are deserving of the award. Also state your career interest, academic objectives, likely career path and goals. If you are a current or likely financial support from Rice or other scholarship sources. Submit an unofficial transcript through the online system of 2009-10.

See the complete Scholarship Flyer at www.scholarship.bireal.edu
Student Association President Mahmood Ahmadinejad

The Backpage endorses Mahmood Ahmadinejad for SA president. It's not that we support his nonsense, outright approach to government, his anti-Semitic, anti-social, and anti-religious policies, or his personal worldviews. We just know he's going to win this election through systematic rigging and we love being right.

Ahmadinejad’s plan for a uranium enrichment program at Rice would easily solve two of the university’s biggest problems: finding a sustainable and cheap source of power and powering the University of Houston off of the map. Can your sustainability blanket tax do that?

Furthermore, Ahmadinejad will squelch the liberal voice of the Thresher, execute Editor In Chief Casey Michel and loosen the news staff sufficiently, leaving the entire paper in the hands of us, the Backpage.

Student Association External VP

Jack Donaghy

He put himself through Harvard Law School as a Swan Boat Operator, oversaw a peanut allergy through sheer willpower and practiced martial arts under Chuck Norris.

With Donaghy’s leadership and the right amount of marketing research and campus sponsorship, Rice University can become the first university to commit brand name, brand quality, brand dedication to programming, databases, turkeys, microwaves and, hopefully, education.

Because the 18-24 demographic doesn’t have the disposable income to buy applications.

SA Treasurer

Dubai

You know what this university needs? Islands. Man-made islands that look like palm trees and skyscrapers. The biggest golden-tinted skyscrapers in the world, that is. One less union the Rice Student Association needs to fear. It’s how to fool foreigners worldwide into pouring billions of dollars into ridiculous, historic hallucinations of a better generation of entitled, spoiled children. That’s why we think Dubai should be the new SA Treasurer.

U Court Senior Rep.

Caitlin Barnett / Matt Wilson

Legal expertise you can trust.

That’s right, we can help you. If you are an irate people, in case you don’t want the ride, Matt Wilson (disappeared back in December 2007 to much fanfare and sadness, only to be found in Berkeley, CA, the following summer) is available for your legal needs. He’ll break down your case to easy to understand language.

All Bureaucrats want to do “poor poor pats” and take it easy.

Honorable Senior Rep.

Dr. Gregory House

According to House, "everybody lies." The Honor Council needs an analytic asshole leader to accompany your classified advertisements. We estimate an endorsement by the council would look good with a Provision allowing for the creation of a committee dedicated to separating the duties of the SA from other campus organizations.

Ministry of Truth

K.T.R.U Manager: Glenn Beck

We think it’s high time we gave K.T.R.U. a clear vision for this country. We’re not trying to be too picky and nitpicky, but Glenn Beck certainly is. We think he’ll support our endeavors of keeping the K.T.R.U. Station Manager after he wins this time!

K.T.R.U Manager: Chatroulette

K.T.R.U is Chatroulette style. It’s basically the worst thing on earth. It is a clear vision for the future. We think we can learn a lot from K.T.R.U in its current form, which hooks you up with completely random random people in sex and

does not allow you to change the current person when you get bored.

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RICE BASEBALL 2010

Graham fields squads with high expectations once again, bringing combination of veteran guidance and fresh, new talent

By Ryan Glassman
THE THRESHERS

When evaluating the legacy of legendary Rice University baseball coach Wayne Graham, it is easy to point out a few accomplishments as the most telling of his career. Under Graham’s guidance in 1995, the Owls qualified for their first NCAA Tournament in school history, the first of 11 straight NCAA appearances for Rice. In 2003, Rice captured its first-ever National Championship in the program’s entire history.

But a date that flies under the radar in defining Graham’s legacy is June 7, 2004, the day of the Major League Baseball’s annual amateur draft. That on that day, Rice alumni Philip Humber (third selection overall), Jeff Niemann (fourth) and Wade Townsend (eighth) made MLB draft history by becoming the first trio of college teammates to be selected within the first 15 picks of the draft. That record still stands and is as good a testament as any to the baseball dynasty Graham holds.

If anything can be concluded from this feat, it is that Graham’s calling card at Rice has been putting together some of the nation’s most dominant pitching staffs. For the last two decades, Graham has put together a consistently successful program at Rice on the grounds of elite pitching: The Owls have made it to the College World Series in seven of the last 12 years behind the arms of such studs as Jeff Niemann (drafted fourth overall in 2004) and Ryan Berry (drafted 266th in 2009). Still, while the 2010 pitching staff boasts obvious depth and talent, it is the offense that looks to be the strength of this year’s team. On paper, the Owls’ lineup, anchored by numerous veterans and preseason Conference USA All-Conference selections, matches up with any in the nation. Sophomore third baseman Anthony Rendon, the 2009 C-USA Preseason Player of the Year, is a leading contender for the league’s most valuable player award.

Graham is no stranger to the pitching vs. offense debate that carries the team, there is no doubt that the Owls, ranked fifth by Baseball America, will be tested through out the season. Rice’s non-conference schedule includes USA Today No. 15 Stanford University, Baseball America No. 11 Texas Christian University and No. 13 University of San Diego, not to mention a trio of games against the University of Texas, Rice’s archrival and Baseball America’s preseason No. 1. If the Owls’ non-conference slate were not challenging enough, C-USA looks the strongest it has been in years, with three teams ranked in Baseball America’s preseason Top 10, including Rice, just outside the University of Southern Mississippi and ninth-ranked East Carolina University.

Although Graham has received some criticism from sportswriters about the difficulty of the season’s schedule, he has no reservations about his team’s approach: “We like to challenge ourselves because that’s the way to get better, and you don’t go to the ballpark bored,” Graham said. “You go to the ballpark with your game face on if you know you’re playing someone pretty good.”

That holelessness is going to be needed this season, more than most. After failing to make it to Omaha for the first time in three years, Rice is going to be looking at its biggest question marks — the starting rotation — to lead them back to the top.

Starting on the hill

Rex, the ace for the Owls this season, was plucked by the Baltimore Orioles in 2009’s MLB draft, leaving the Owls without a proven commodity at the top of the hill. However, that’s not to say Graham won’t have options.

Leading the rotation for Rice will be sophomore southpaw Taylor Wall, who was recently one of four Owls named to the 2010 preseason C-USA All-Conference first team. A freshman in 2009, Wall led Rice in starts (15), innings pitched (93.1) and strikeouts (57) while posting a 3.27 ERA. Although his four quality pitches from the left side, Wall will look to improve on his freshman campaign and continue to emerge as the ace of the staff.

Fellow sophomore expected contribution will be Sunday-starter, junior southpaw Tony Cingrani, who Donna Graham will be his pitching coach.

Cingrani, who is the pitcher that has been pitching better than anyone lately,” Graham said in praise of the smooth transfer from South Suburban College in South Holland, Ill.

Cingrani will provide veteran experience to a young staff, and has also been leaned on by coaches and teammates to carry the competitive duties in practice and the exhibition season. Although Cingrani is considered the number two pitcher in the weekend rotation, Graham will have him pitch Sunday games, which are usually when the number three hitter has his best game of the season. As not to put out a left-hander two days in a row.

Perhaps the biggest question marks lie in this weekend’s rotations, as Anthony Fazio, a redshirt freshman, looking no out as the ace of the staff and rise to the top of the draft class.

Pen is mightier

Following a season in which he led the team with 12 appearances, junior left-hander Matt Evers (figures to be a key contributor to the Owls’ bullpen. Evers looks like he is going to be an ace of the Owls’ bullpen.

In addition to Anagnostou, sophomore right-hander Ryan Ojala is another pitcher that has caught the attention of the coaching staff, a role in which he made some of the most valuable starts this season.

The third freshman is catcher George Furtick, a left-handed catcher who has already caught the attention of the coaching staff with his strong defensive arm and improved hitting over the fall, though it is unlikely he will see much playing time this season.

Around the horn

The Owls’ infield boasts a pair of preseason C-USA first team members

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and promises to anchor what looks to be a bright offense in 2010. At shortstop, Rendon is coming off a summer in which he played for Team USA's collegiate squad and led the team of collegiate all-stars to a 32-5 hitting average over 27 games. Hague started all 43 games in 2009, hitting .395 and finishing second on the team in runs batted in. When asked of his shortstop's stellar offseason, Hague had much to add about the latter.

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**ROUNDING OUT THE ROSTER**
After Tommy John, Fazio readies for return

By Megan Hall

Listening to the talk surrounding this season, numerous mentions of some player named Anthony. Sounds about the same as last year, right?

Well, not quite. Sophomore third baseman Anthony Ratterree, Rice's emerging National Freshman of the Year, deserves the praise he receives, but with his focus on baseball, Fazio said he gained the experience last season just by watching the veterans.

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Fazio underwent Tommy John surgery to repair the ligament and was out for the entire season. Fazio resumed a throwing program last June and began to toss off a pitch within two months after the surgery had left his devastating three-pitch arsenal.

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As the baseball team began its campaign for the 2010 College World Series, someone can see that its path will not be as easy one. On Rice's regular season schedule, the 5th-ranked Owls will face the preseason Baseball America top-25 teams, including three matches against top-ranked University of Texas, who finished as national runner-up in last year's CWS. Rice will also meet No. 15 Texas Christian University, No. 18 East Carolina University, No. 21 University of San Diego and No. 21 University of Southern Mississippi in their regular season schedule.

And if that weren't enough, the team will start its season today with a three-game series against a Stanford team that is ranked 25th by USA Today.

Rice ready to tussle with nationwide competition

As long as the Owls have been members of Conference USA — since 2006, to be exact — the baseball title has belonged to Rice. Conference domination is nothing new to the baseball team, as the Owls won the title of whichever conference to which they have belonged since 1996. In 2010, eight teams aim to change that.

Two other C-USA teams earned a top-25 ranking from Baseball America: No. 18 East Carolina University and No. 21 University of Southern Mississippi. Those two squads are the most likely to give Rice trouble in `10. Here's how the Pirates, Golden Eagles and the rest of C-USA shake down.

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| The Cougars hope to get off to a faster start this season. Despite returning five starters in the field and 10 pitchers, four of whom served on last year's starting rotation, Rice has downed Texas seven times while the Owls have fallen out of the top-25 teams, including three matches against top-ranked University of Texas, who finished as national runner-up in last year's CWS. Rice will also meet No. 15 Texas Christian University, No. 18 East Carolina University, No. 21 University of San Diego and No. 21 University of Southern Mississippi in their regular season schedule.

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| The Tigers will bring their five top hitters back from last year's championship, but he will need his team to produce runs for an offense that lost four of its five top hitters.

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| Along with weekday starter Jeff Stanley and closer Collin Craigall, ace Todd McRae (7-3 ERA) returns to the Golden Eagles pitching staff that guided the team to their Cinderella run to Omaha last season. Still, Southern Miss will need to rely on senior leadership to produce runs for an offense that lost four of its five top hitters.

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| After achieving great success relative to previous seasons, UAB will boast plenty of power and speed in its offense, with 58 combined home runs from players like Cody McCormick and Digger Tine and a combined 28 stolen bases from Jonathan Baker and Haden Austin. Weekend starters Shane Crawford and Beau Pender hope to improve on their 5.00-plus ERAs.

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| The Knights' pitching staff must improve on its 5.20 team ERA in order to keep itself in games against the potent offenses in C-USA. UCF will have some pop in its lineup, returning DJ Hicks (16 HRs) and Shane Brown (34, 44 RBIs), but the Knights appear to be an extreme long shot for an NCAA Tournament berth.
Jeff Niemann prepares to unleash a devastating fastball during a 2003 start. Niemann was a consensus All-American as well as Western Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year in 2003, tallying 156 strikeouts as a member of the Owls’ weekend rotation that became the first trio from any school to be selected within the first top eight picks of the Major League Baseball draft.
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