Rice University's student-run television station KTRU signed a deal that will transfer control of its radio station to the University of Houston's student radio station. The process consists of several steps and will proceed in order for it to go forward.

Students from the southern colleges have been expressing their discontent with higher meal plan costs and inconsistent quality between serveries.

Students worry about servery equality

West Servery has a pasta bar where students can choose between several varieties of pasta at each meal.
the Rice Thresher

Students' response to server issues overplayed

There is seemingly growing trend of discrepancies present to the food being served across different campus serveries (see story, page 1). While McMurtry College and Duncan College students are privileged with some of the best food and most options on campus at West Server, other students are left with smaller kitchens that have less capacity to produce great food. To make matters worse, students at Will Rice College and Lovett College have been burdened with cafeteria offerings from West Server as they await the completion of East Server. This facted the students paying the same amount of money—an ever-increasing percentage of the student's total—wants a plan that is more in tune with the quality food even further.

Students of Will Rice and Lovett took matters in their own hands a few weeks ago when a large contingent of both colleges boycotted their catered food and instead opted for Burgeruter. However, the recent outcries from Lowett and Will Rice seem to be over dramatic and frankly unnecessary. Starting next semester, both of these colleges will have the same options for food from the brand new East Server, which will offer unparalleled features such as a crepe server.

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Research mixer successful

The Thresher would like to commend the efforts of the Students and Graduate Student Association in hosting the first annual Research Mixer earlier this month. As an institution known internationally for our focus on undergraduate research, it's a wonder that Rice hasn't already developed more events like this one (see story, page 2).

It was refreshing to see an even distribution of disciplines represented among the research groups, rather than the typical asymmetry frequently exhibited by career fairs and other recruiting endeavors. While it would be nice to imagine all majors could be represented at the mixer, 40 lab groups is nothing to scoff at.

Furthermore, the decision by the Office of the Dean of Undergraduates and Dean of Graduates to fund the mixer underscores a commitment to student initiatives that has been lacking in the past. Rice isn't just trying to meet its costs, of course. Thirdly, the season's home stretch. The Thresher encourages all students to support not just football games, but all athletic events on campus.

Congrats, Rice football

The Thresher would like to commend the football team for its upset victory against rival University of Houston (see story, page 11). The season began with a solid performance against the University of Texas Longhorns, the #5 team in the country at the time. The Owls defeated their rivals, capture the Bayou Bucket for the second time in six years, and do it all in front of a spirited homecoming crowd. The thrilling victory and offensive explosion certainly creates optimism for the remainder of the season; the Bayou Bucket victory could very well be the staple win in the Owls' season and provides reason for the student body to support the team as we attempt to ride the momentum into the season's home stretch. The Thresher encourages all students to support not just football games, but all athletic events on campus.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
I was disappointed to read the recent mention of Rice University's "university marketing" efforts as an example of "good practice in university marketing" (see story, page 2).

I would like to offer my thoughts on this topic. As a Rice alumna, I believe that the marketing efforts of Rice University are not aligned with the values and ideals that I hold dear.

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Bail-up is a great resource for our student body and is always available when needed. The Rice alcohol policy is implemented to make sure that when you have a shortage of alcohol on campus, you never need to worry about running out. The Rice alcohol policy is something that most of the student body appreciates, but this year, as a junior, I'm noticing some changes.

A few weekends ago at a public party in one of the dorm rooms, RUPD officers seek out students to ticket. These were not students who were endangering themselves or others. These were not students who were behaving belligerently or getting stuck in public. These were simply students enjoying the party, not alcohol in hand, who were being questioned at random. This did not seem right.

I have had conversations with Officer Thomas Hudak about RUPD's role on campus and he explained it to me in simple terms: RUPD is here to make sure people are not getting into trouble in that campus, get all their officers on the same page and remember who they are dealing with: These are Rice students, not badminton! These students work hard — five, six, maybe even seven days a week — and are simply trying to relax and have some fun on a Saturday night. I hope freshmen and new students will be able to take these changes into account with respect and freedom that I enjoyed during my time at Rice, granting them the right to fully experience the happiness Rice has promised them as a student body.

Cristina Halliburon is a Hansen College senior.

Slow down and enjoy life one in a while

With midterms rolling around again, I have some advice I'd like to share not only with freshmen but also the rest of us who need to practice the art of living a little more than we do. Especially in a place like Rice where so much of our lives is oriented around schoolwork, it's easy to get swallowed up by studies, work, and the academic desire to do better on tests and papers. We must take care to not let our lives and our enjoyment become the only features of our time here at Rice. College is — and should be — far more than classes.

Cody Shilling

At no other time in our lives will we have so many opportunities. We have the chance to volunteer our time to things such as Alternative Spring Break. We can belong to and see so many different cultural clubs and events. Dance classes are available at an affordable price. We can take time to learn a new sport or go to the Museum of Fine Arts. Houston has an orchestra concert put on by the Shepherd's Chorale and music for free. Every day we get to meet people from other cultures and learn more about the world they come from to easily make deep, meaningful relationships with many people that will last as a lifetime, long beyond our college years.

When we get out of school, we will need communication that will bond is strongest: metallic, ionic or covalent. We will remember the people we met, the culture we learned and the music we heard. We will remember going to an ADC and meeting people and starting a friendship with someone or going to an Asian Student Show where you've never seen a dance performance before.

What we learn during our time in college goes so far beyond what we find in textbooks or hear in lectures. This is the time in which we are likely to want to find ourselves in the academic world. We will remember the relationships we formed and the memories that we created. We will have the opportunity to experience the world of Fondren. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.

Cody Shilling is a Will Rice College sophomore.

Letting Bush tax cuts die would be a good riddance

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Neeraj Sahlotra

The first, and more preferable, is allowing the tax cuts to expire while also using a small part of the generated revenue to enact a government stimulus program. The second, and somewhat less politically divisive option, is to extend the tax cuts for two years for Americans making less than $250,000 yearly.

Let us examine each potential solution in turn. If we let the Bush tax cuts expire and apportion part of the revenue to enact a second stimulus, we will address our deficit issue and create jobs for millions of Americans. Currently, the U.S. deficit is more than 50 percent of its GDP. By removing the tax cuts, government revenue will increase by $5 trillion over a 10 year period, and it will be in the best interest of the former head of the Office of Management and Budget, noted, "will reduce our deficit to a sustainable percent of GDP [...] (and pretty much solve the deficit problem in the medium term.)"

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The U.S. faces the problems of both high unemployment and a mounting deficit. Nonetheless, we have been presented with a unique opportunity to rectify our economic problems. Let the Bush tax cuts expire and use a small fraction of the revenue to enact a government stimulus program. Increasing taxes will create more than $5 trillion in government revenue and will significantly solvise our deficit issue. A small stimulus will not have a huge effect on the deficit but, if targeted and spent wisely, can substantially reduce unemployment. So, Congress, let the Bush tax cuts expire and enact a second stimulus.

Neeraj Sahlotra is a Sid Richardson College sophomore.
Comedy hypnotist Daniel James hypnotizes 16 audience volunteers during Homecoming week.

**BEYOND THE HEDGES**

**NATIONAL**

**"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" reinstated**

On Wednesday, a federal appeals court temporarily granted the U.S. Justice Department's emergency request to keep the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military policy in effect. California District Court Judge Virginia Phillips had issued a worldwide ban on the policy on Oct. 14. The Obama administration is planning to appeal Phillips' finding that the policy violates the due process and free speech rights of service members.

Source: ABC News

**Saudi Arabia to purchase arms**

US officials have confirmed plans to sell $50 billion of arms to Saudi Arabia, one of the top purchasers of weapons among developing nations. Congress has 30 days to object to the deal, which could provide 75,000 jobs for American workers. Officials were quoted in September as saying that misfits and bombs would be part of the arms involved in the deal, but only 10-15 fighters and dozens of helicopters were confirmed during the official news conference.

Source: BBC

**Toyota recalls cars**

Broke fluid and fuel pump issues have caused Toyota to recall 749,000 cars in the U.S., 599,000 in Japan, and still more in Europe. In the past year Toyota has recalled 10 million vehicles. spokesman Paul Nolasco said that the problem is with the brake master cylinder, which could lead to low braking power. The brake master cylinder is a problem in models including the 2005 and 2006 Avalon, 2006 through 2009 non-hybrid Highlander and 2006-2008 Lexus RX350, 2007-2009 Lexus RX350.

Source: ABC News

**INTERNATIONAL**

**French protest pension reforms**

Protesters against pension reforms in France rallied in the streets of Paris for the second week in a row, setting cars ablaze, creating blockades at fuel depots and roads and damaging buildings. Unions estimated that more than 3 million have participated in the strike, while police reports claim 1.1 million have. The government is working on a bill that makes changes to the current pension system such as changing the retirement age from 65 to 62.

Source: CNN

**Iran, Venezuela announce alliance**

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez proclaimed a "strategic alliance" between their respective nations this week. Officials from both countries signed 11 agreements that prompted economic cooperation in areas such as oil and trade. Denouncing U.S. imperialism, both leaders said that they aimed to establish a "new world order" that will decrease the traditional dominance of Western nations in global affairs.

Source: Associated Press

**Chinese economic growth slows**

Official economic reports from the Chinese government showed that the nation's economic growth has slowed in the third quarter. The 9.6 percent GDP growth beat the analyst prediction of 9.5 percent growth, but was still a decline from the second quarter's 10.4 percent growth. This change in growth coincides with the Chinese government's decision this week to raise interest rates for the first time in three years, in an effort to control rising inflation.

Source: AFP

**Malaria deaths underestimated**

New data suggest that previous World Health Organization estimates for annual malaria deaths in India are much lower than the actual rate, with the new research suggesting about 205,000 deaths a year, as compared to the 10,000-25,000 estimated by the WHO in 2006. The new study was funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the Canadian Institute of Health Research, and the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute.

Source: BBC

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1...? by reflecting on middle school.

"I was originally just thinking, 'When do people feel boobies?' because it's [https://jelly-mooboobies.com](https://jelly-mooboobies.com), and I was like, OK, middle school, awkward, 13-year-olds," Chemini said. "The script was actually written for young teenagers, but the prospect of getting 13-year-olds to actually do that with a straight face was really daunting because I just didn't think they would have been able to pull it off as gracefully as Becca and Andres did."

Initially, the team had planned to submit just one film because Chemini said they felt people would only vote once per day and they didn't want people to vote for one at the expense of the other, but a day before the submissions were due, they discovered that they could submit two videos, so they decided to use Pellerin's idea as well.

"I had always wanted to make a disaster type sequence that was reminiscent of the disaster genre on SNL and had kind of this absurd vision that was just being absurd and over-the-top because I thought that would be really fun to shoot," Pellerin said.

Though he had the idea for the script earlier, Pellerin said he did not have time to write it down until just a few hours before filming. He finished the script around 1 a.m. on the Wednesday the video was due, the group filmed through the night and then spent the next day preparing the video for submission.

Nichol said acting in the video was a hectic fun experience.

"It was obviously a funny mix of people because everyone was in Sports," Nichol said. "It was really great because Adrian was really flexible, so he was really open to us changing things, and we did a bunch of different takes that didn't make it into the final video," Pellerin said. He had written five alternate endings for the final sequence of the video, and then the group decided which they liked best before deciding on the ending.

"The tagline and graphic at the end of both movies were designed by Lipinski and Pellerin. Chemini said she was impressed by how professional the graphic looked.

"We brainstormed how it was going to flow, and we wrote prose and some scripts to make the arrows move in the right path," Chemini said. "It was really smooth and professional," Edwards said. "I thought it was funny, and it had a good message."

If they win, the three have not yet decided how they are going to spend the prize money, but Chemini and Pellerin said they were looking at new film equipment. Regardless, the three plan on collaborating on future projects.

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Below: Brown College sophomore John Mendell, Brown senior Austin Edwards, Wiess senior Adrian Frimpong and Sid Richardson College sophomore Adrien Pellerin watch Wiess sophomore EmilyNichol feel her breasts in "Your Boobs Can Save the World."
SA, GSA hold first research mixer
Sheikh says success has inspired future collaboration

BY KEVIN LIN

Hungry for research? Rice's first-ever Research Mixer spiced things up with representatives from more than 40 labs manning booths alongside $2,000 worth of food from That Village.

The research mixer, held Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. on the Central Quad, was a joint operation between the Student Association and the Graduate and student Student Association, organized by SA President Selim Sheikh and GSA President Corinne Allen.

"We started building a relationship with the GSA executives last year," Sheikh, a Martel College senior, said. "I met with the GSA president over the summer and we basically brainstormed a couple of ideas. This was the first idea we wanted to put on for the fall."

Sheikh said the focus of the mixer was to expose both undergraduates and graduates to some of the research taking place in labs around campus.

"I was thinking 'How can we can create some sort of laid-back, more relaxed atmosphere where people can find out what sort of research is going on?"" Sheikh said. "'Instead of having it in the Grand Hall or some sort of formal presentation, why not have it over food?"

The mixer was set up after a series of talks with the administration, including Dean of Undergraduates John Hutchison and Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Paula Sanders. Sanders volunteered to have Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies pay for all of the food after hearing about the idea, Sheikh said.

Hutchison attributed the success of the mixer to the persistence of the student organizations.

"This was really an initiative from the SA and the GSA working together," Hutchison said. "The Graduate Studies, Paula Sanders and I were happy to support in all ways that we could, but they did all the leg work to make this happen."

Sheikh heard from various labs and research groups around campus covered the Central Quad.

"If you look around and there's a really a table without students [at] it is very encouraging," Allen said.

While the mixer was meant to expose students to the research opportunities on campus, some students, like Duncan College junior Salamun Erji, felt like more could still be done.

"You can find most of the stuff online," Erji said. "I don't know how much you'll get just talking to the grad students out here."

McMurtry College freshman Max Ingram-Rakantansky said he was interested in research to do with political science and found three labs that matched his interest.

"I loved it," Rakantansky said. "They seem to have a lot of good food and a lot of good booths."

This was the first year a research mixer was held, but Sheikh said he hoped that it won't be the last.

"If really hope this is the start of a tradition," Sheikh said. "It's about collaboration between the SA and the GSA and bringing the academic side of Rice all together."

Dance dance dance

the administration and KTRU's student leadership. He said that he had only found out that the deal had been signed shortly before Leebron sent out an e-mail to the student body.

In light of the sale, Yang said KTRU has begun a shift toward being more listener-friendly and engaging more with students. To that end, Yang said KTRU will be working to have more concerts on campus and will be holding a pub night in the near future, as well as giving away tickets to upcoming concerts, such as Fun Fun Fun Fest and Jason Derulo, to Rice students.

Yang said that although KTRU will continue playing underexposed music, after the sale, there will be a shift toward emphasizing the interests of the student DJs. He said the station's programming can change without sacrificing its eclectic nature.

"In the past we had the mentality if you start tapping your foot, take it off the playlist," Yang said. "We're moving more toward being more accessible — programming what we like to hear and what we think people will like, even if it's not the most immediately popular song."

Thompson said she listens to KTRU occasionally, and that she thinks the shift makes sense given the circumstances.

"I think KTRU took the sale as kind of a wake-up call to be more flexible and a little bit more responsive to their audience," Thompson said. "I think that's a good idea, trying to be more adaptive to the situation."

Yang emphasized that KTRU will still have a role as "the home of the non-provocational music or Thai garage punk, but he said that even music individual DJs are already familiar with may be new to most of the student body and even many other DJs."

"We still want to program really diverse music, but we have a slightly different idea of what that is," Yang said. "We don't think it's that far off that students who have heard KTRU before are going to listen to it anyway — I haven't listened to KTRU before, but that wasn't bad."
Leebron talks about five Cs at Town Hall

By Ellen Liu, Chronicle Staff Writer

President David Leebron spoke Oct. 2 at his semiannual Town Hall Meeting to an audience of faculty and students about the university's past achievements and present challenges. Discussing his presentation into what he called the five Cs: Cash, Contributions, Community, Campus and Celebration.

Cash

First, Leebron discussed the university's current economic situation. He said that due to economic and political uncertainty, he foresaw the end of government funding for research, in addition to increased competition. Furthermore, he said the increased federal and state budget deficit, floods, hurricanes, the flu and human error could reduce available university resources even more.

Despite these difficulties, Leebron said Rice had become more financially balanced because of the increase in students and general expansion. He called Rice a half-billion-dollar-a-year enterprise and said about 45 percent of the university's revenue stems from endowment contributions into budget spending. The annual budget has grown dramatically but so have scholarships.

Leebron also said considerable advances Rice has made, including the building of the student center and the student union, were self-funded. "Intra cheese or extra avocado spread $1.75".

According to Leebron, the entering class had twice as many rejections of Pell Grant—federal need-based grants for low-income students than five years ago. Leebron said an average student from a family that earned less than $50,000 would not be forced to take out loans. He also said Rice only allowed its students to invest in financial packages because it wanted students to graduate with one of the highest earnings in the country.

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Leebron also said the $5 billion in Rice's endowment evolved largely according to the university's original plan, growing from a few million dollars to $665 million. He said the university's endowment will provide its students with even more opportunities.

In response to the protest, RAIH had held meetings to address the student concerns about food quality. According to Socha, soups and curried beef steaks have also been changed to improve the quality of their seafood meal. "I can understand why they do it," Socha said of the chef's decision to cut corners. "But I think it's important that we can't always do that, especially in hard economic times."

Leebron spoke about how everyone at Rice works together to set high standards and focus on excellence. He said Rice is currently going through its third major stage of growth, with the first occurring in the 1960s and the second in the 1970s. According to Leebron, Rice's entering class was the largest yet with only one student shy of the goal growth. Leebron said there would be no more class growth after the 2010-11 academic year. "That's the highest we can get."

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Contributions

Leebron also addressed Rice's contributions to the world, stating that the university was comprehensive and extended across all fields. "When I say to someone that I'm from Rice, I'm asking when people step back in awe because of what we've contributed," Leebron said.

Leebron said that because the contributions Rice has made, including the building of student center and student union, were self-funded. "Ipek Martinez said she was inspired by what Leebron presented, especially the news of no further budget cuts. She also said Rice will continue to take big budget cuts for two years and in eliminating jobs. Martinez said, "Soch's talk today was uplifting."

Executive Director of the Office of International Students and Scholars Aida Baker said that Leebron was handling Rice's finances in a manner that shows he has the best interests of the students in mind. "I think open dialogue between administration and students is important, but you can't always do that, especially in hard economic times," Baker said.

Leebron ended the meeting by thanking the students for their patience during these challenging times, "I gave us just a speech," Baker said. "He gave us himself."
Which Owl will use the latest technology and sometimes even invent it?

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Weather and line-up make ACL incredible

Held in Austin, Texas at Zilker Park from Oct. 8-10, this year's Austin City Limits Music Festival was a success not just from the stunning geography and quality of music on display over the span of three days, but by two things altogether unrelated to music: clear blue skies and a cool breeze. In fact, the near-perfect weather, which lasted the entire weekend, contributed to one of the best overall ACL experiences in recent years—a stark contrast from the ankle-deep mud that characterized ACL last year.

Gabrielle Reyes

Not for the faint of heart, ACL can be arduous for the ill-prepared. With enormous crowds increasing in number every year, simply moving from stage to stage can be an ordeal. And, although this year was not as hot as it has been in the past, staying hydrated always poses a challenge. Fortunately, this year ACL offered more efficient (and free) water bottle filling stations, part of festival organizers' efforts to "go green.

As evidence of this mindset, there were even booths located in various locations across Zilker Park where festival-goers could sign up to collect recyclables and receive a free T-shirt in return. In addition to monster crowds and dehydration, another unpleasant reality of ACL life comes to mind: the dreaded port-a-potties. The lines for these ewe-worthy contraptions can go for what seem like miles, and when you finally reach the end, it's just to say that hardly awaits a reward for all of your time spent patiently (or impatiently) waiting in a line without shade, just a friendly suggestion: never enter a port-a-potty barefoot. This, beyond being distinctly un-sanitary, serves to heap all of your fellow festival-goers and does not encourage anyone to come within a 20-foot radius of your person. Sadly, I cryptocurrencies more than I would have even thought possible willing entering port-a-potties twice does.

I am by no means claiming, however, that ACL cannot be fun. Fun it is, to some right. ACL can be heaven on Earth for three straight days. My personal journey of blues began upon my arrival at Zilker Park on Friday afternoon. I headed straight to the AMD stage for the Black Keys. While the Akron, Ohio duo were fantastic musically, their on-stage demeanor left something to be desired. Zipping through their set with a bare minimum of audience interaction, they left fans with the impression that they were physically at Zilker Park, but were mentally long gone for their ACL afterparty at Stubb's later that night.

Hundreds of music fans at Austin City Limits 2010 enjoyed LCD Soundsystem's party music and a beautiful sunset last Saturday.

The WEEKLY SCENE

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

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Conviction

BY ANTHONY LAURELIO
FOR THE THRESHER

While it may surprise certain older friends and former high school teachers of mine, I do, in fact, possess a heart. Therefore, I cannot help but feel good and a little choked up when George Bailey discovers Zula's petals are still in his pocket in Frank Capra's CITIZEN KANE's Wonderful Life or when Will Hunting decides to get the girl in Good Will Hunting. So I approached Conviction (a movie based on the real-life story of Betty Anne Wagner, played by Hilary Swank of Million Dollar Baby fame), a woman who became a lawyer to exonerate her falsely imprisoned brother Kenny Waters (Sam Rockwell of Good Will Hunting), with the hope that I could feel the human spirit get back to slogging my life away in the cruel yoke of academics. Unfortunately, the only thing I felt during the film was the all too familiar feeling of reality.

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Veg Out: Kubo's is boring for vegetarians

When it comes to the sushi portion of the menu, the vegetarian offerings are painfully limited. There is only one vegetarian nigiri roll, the omnipresent tamago (egg) sushi, which has become so widespread as to almost be a bad restaurant, but with all the wonderful and inventive seafood options, it is not a food restaurant. But with all the wonderful and inventive seafood options, it is not a food restaurant. But with all the wonderful and inventive seafood options, it is not a food restaurant. But with all the wonderful and inventive seafood options, it is not a food restaurant. But with all the wonderful and inventive seafood options, it is not a food restaurant. But with all the wonderful and inventive seafood options, it is not a food restaurant. But with all the wonderful and inventive seafood options, it is not a food restaurant. But with all the wonderful and inventive seafood options, it is not a food restaurant. The sushi roll selection features all of the traditional American favorites. And for the vegetable roll, the only option is the vegetable gyoza, which consists of chili, cooked broccoli, spinach and asparagus, coated with a sweet and tangy sesame sauce. The flavors are mild, yet complex, keeping you guessing as to the ingredients.

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The appetizers are predictable sushi house fare, but on the whole tasty. The salmon in addition to being good, however, anyone can achieve the same result with a frozen package of smoked salmon, a microwave and port-a-pottie. From what I gathered, law school taught her that the legal system requires her to either yield or cry in front of various courts and famous witnesses from her brother's trials. In fact, a discernible pattern begins to emerge at one point in the movie. Betty talks to her brother in jail and gives him good news about how they will soon right the injustice; she encounters a setback, usually due to bureaucracy; she loses all hope, before she finds the right person to board a train for her. The remained silent and goes about his business in a manner similar to the how I am so ashamed that I let myself get carried away in a film about a real-life story. This is why the courts are the answer to every question.

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Kubo's boasts the reputation of being one of the best sushi places in Houston, and it earns it. But for vegetarians, Kubo's has rather dull. Don't get me wrong, the quality of the food is perfectly fine. It is the lack of variety that makes dinner at Kubo's a thoroughly unsatisfying experience.

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German filmmaker Werner Herzog promised to eat his shoe if friend and fellow filmmaker Errol Morris were to complete his documentary on pet cemeteries and have it shown in theaters. Sure enough, Gates of Heaven—Morris’ feature debut—was released in 1978, forcing Herzog to eat both his words and his shoe. Interested viewers can actually watch Herzog eat his shoe, boiled to perfection in garlic and herbs, in Les Blanc’s aptly named short, Werner Herzog Eats His Shoe.

In spite of Morris’ seemingly grim material, I believe that pet lovers will actually enjoy this film. But I will issue this warning: If you are a pet owner (or a human being with a pulse) you may cry while watching this movie. If you are a former pet owner, you will have finished a box of Kleenexes by the end of the film. Morris’ ear for the poetic in common speech allows him to assemble interviews in such a way that his nonfictional documentarian always seems to have the thread of a story running through them. His subjects feel so real because they are. The characters are not made up, nor are they reading from a script—one man and women are real and exist in the flesh. They are not forced to talk but are compelled to. One bereaved dog owner remarks, “There’s your dog, your dog’s dead. But where’s the thing that made it move? It had to be something, didn’t it?” Now there’s a statement that would make Plato weep.

Morris, instead of conducting face-to-face interviews, uses the Interrotron, a device which projects the image of his face onto the camera. He is able to extract such moving performances—when one might call them performances—from his subjects. His sly intrudes into his films. Morris understands the prime human need to express oneself and to be heard, saying: “The element of spontaneity is not knowing what someone is going to say to me in front of the camera, having really no idea, of being surprised. I know that there is this moment in all of the interviews of I’ve loved where something happens. I had this three-minute rule that if you just shut up and let someone talk, within three minutes they will show you how crazy they really are.”

Morris seeks life and truth in his subjects. As such, he is one of the few documentary filmmakers who can bring an audience to tears. Audiences’ traditional hostility toward the documentary film is a cultural sickness that can be easily remedied by watching Morris’ films.

Author’s note: Pet and film lovers: If you are in the mood for a moving arthouse film about a man and his dog, I recommend seeing Fellini’s 1952 film Umberto D.

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Soccer saddled with first conference loss

by Ross Michie-Derrick

Though the last couple of weeks have not damaged Head Coach Nicky Adams' confidence nor stretched her of her usual enthusiasm, they have revealed some soft spots in the Owls' offense, which had appeared impermeable in the opening games of conference play.

The Owls met their first challenge, the first road conference game of the season, by handling the University of Southern Mississippi (11-4-0, 0-2-0 C-USA) on the strength of goals by junior forward Annika Karlberg and Midship freshman forward Josie Howard, who was playing in her first game since returning from injury. The win moved the Owls to 5-0 in conference play, coupled with the University of Houston's loss later in the day, secured the Owls' position as a Conference USA.

The Owls did not have long to wait before facing their first challenge in the top seed, which came on Oct. 10 from the 9-6-2 University of Central Florida (11-4-0, 0-2-0 C-USA), who had handed the Houston Cougars their first conference loss of the season only two nights before.

UCF took the game's lead early in the second half, but the Owls kept shooting until senior goalie Catharine Fitzsimmons, who tied her career high with nine saves starting for injured senior goalie Meghan Ebel, who is out for the remainder of the season with a torn ACL.

"The thing about Cat is that we have been so lucky to have her on our team the past four years," Adams said. "There are programs all over the nation that would salivate for her to be their starter for their programs.

Fitzsimmons continued her run of excellent goalkeeping the following Friday, when the Owls hosted Marshall University (6-5-2, 2-4-1 C-USA).

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Football jump-starts excitement with dramatic win

Aftter debacle in El Paso, Owls come home to hang on against crosstown rival UH

by Teddy Grodek

It all played out like a movie script on Saturday. A battered football team, struggling through their season, comes face-to-face with their much more talented rival on homecoming weekend. Their embattled quarter- back, who had seen the bench only a few games before, storms forward and takes control of the game along with the emergence of the running game that had been hiding all season. A third-quarter blowup, a perfectly choreographed go-ahead touchdown, a defensive stand on fourth down, fans storming the field, basically everything college football is meant to be.

The Owls were struggling after they were outplayed by the Miners in which they fell to the Miners by a final score of 14-13. The final score ended up being closer than the game actually was, as the Owls were dominated from the start and were held hostage by the Miners' passing attack. Miners quarterback Jovante Titus led three career passing records in the game, moving into first place on the Miners' all-time list for passing yards and total offensive yards.

The game was a setback for the Owls, who had lost four straight — three of those by more than two touchdowns.

But the Owls forced one of the most difficult turnovers of the season on senior defensive end Ross Michie-Derrick at zero after two overtimes.

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The Owls stormed out of the gate in the first quarter in the quest for the Balanced Ball, scoring on their first possession of the game off of a one-yard run by freshman running back Jeremy Fitzsimmons, making his appearance as a quarterback in the "Wild Owl" formation.

Redshirt freshman kicker Chris Fitzsimmons missed the extra point, leaving the Owls with a 0-6 lead.

Rice moved another point, and junior quarterback Nicky Adams found red shirt sophomore tight end Luke Wilson on a 29-yard pass over the middle, moving the score to 1-6 in the middle of the first. However, Houston pounced in a touchdown in the closing minutes of the quarter, pushing the score to 1-9.

Rice drove 75 yards the next time it touched the ball, capping it off with a one-yard touchdown run by redshirt freshman running back Tanner Peterson to put the score at 20-7. The defense got another crucial stop, setting up a 29-yard pass from Fitzsimmons to exhibit junior wide receiver Randy Kitchens, Rice's longest touchdown of the year. The pass put the Owls up 20 points, their largest lead of the season.

UH scored one more touchdown before the half, keeping the game within reach for the Cougars as both UCF vs. ORLANDO  

Friday, Oct. 22

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Women's Tennis vs. ITA Regionals

All Day — Waco, Texas

Volleyball vs. SMU

7 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse

Saturday, Oct. 23

Football at UCF

7 p.m. — Orlando, Fla.

Women's Tennis vs. ITA Regionals

All Day — Waco, Texas

Men's Tennis vs. ITA South Central Regional Championships

All Day — College Station, Texas

Sunday, Oct. 24

Men's Tennis vs. ITA South Central Regional Championships

All Day — College Station, Texas

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Junior Brandon Yevelich prepares to boot the kickoff after an Owl touchdown in the first half. Rice jumped out to a 22-7 lead before surrendering three touchdowns to go down one point. Rice rallied for a 34-31 homecoming victory.
VICTORIES KEEP VOLLEYBALL IN THICK OF FIRST PLACE

by Daniel Elledge

Going into this week, the Owls had been tearing through conference play, compiling a 6-1 record. After picking up two victories against Tulane University (9-12, 5-6 C-USA) on Oct. 4 in which they dropped only one game over the two matches, they found themselves near the top of the Conference USA standings. However, the Owls’ flight was cut short when they were put in a small hole to the race for the regular season conference championship.

Winning 14 games in a row, senior setter Meredith Schuman had 64 assists while senior libero Tracey Lam had 32 digs. Senior outside hitter Ashley McLeod only played briefly in the first set of the first match. The Owls' defense basically took SMU's defense away from them all season.

For Tulsa, Volpe is concerned about feeding the Owls with their outside hitters. Tyler Henderson, whom she values as one of the best outside hitters in the conference, was sidelined during the weekend. However, Henderson's return is looming and he is expected to be a key player against the Owls.

"The competition is going to be great, so I know the team is really looking forward to it," Volpe said. "They're doing everything they can during practice against the best hitter in the country, Tyler Henderson. There is a feeling like the Owls could win that match if they're going to be able to hit the ball and get kills against Tulsa.

I think it's going to be a good match in the end of the year because both teams are going to get a good game in the end against Tulsa, who are always a great team," she added. "If we can come out and hit the ball, we'll definitely be in it."
Swimming shines at home versus UH

The swim team opened their season Oct. 15 against the University of Houston in winning fashion. Held at the Barbara and David Gibbs Recreation and Wellness Center competition pool, the dual meet was dominated by the Owls, who took eight of 11 events. Several newcomers shined for Rice as freshman Chelsea Feng broke a pool record with a time of 2:13.11 in the 200-yard freestyle, while freshman Quinton Christian barely bested junior Shelby Bottoms in the 400 individual medley, taking first place with a time of 4:28.79.

Sophomore Kytile Taylor stole the show, winning two individual events, including leading a 12-3-5 Rice effort in the 200 breaststroke with junior Alex O’Brien and senior Ashken Ackerman following behind. In the 200 medley, Feng added to her banner day by joining freshmen Michelle Gean and Lilly Marrow in dominating the competition, finishing the event in 3:03.52.

The final relay race, the 4x50 backstroke relay, featured sophomore Stephanie Wei and junior Allison Godbe helping Christian lead the Owls to yet another victory. Wei and Gean joined Taylor and Bottoms in putting forth a record-breaking effort in the 400-medley relay, taking home a time of 3:50.45. Bottoms also took second in the 200 butterfly and was named Conference USA swimmer of the week for her two individual second-place finishes and her additional relay win.

The Owls will travel to South Carolina University next weekend to take on the five-time defending conference champions.

— Jonathan Myers

Fall Ball starts with competition

The baseball team took to the diamond Oct. 4, with several places to fill in the lineup during their intra-squad scrimmages. Junior Craig Christian, who platooned with Diego Seatran (Will Rice ’10) last year at catcher, is in line to hold off sophomore Geoff Perrott and freshman Tyler Peterson for the backstop position, despite several excellent pinch throws from Perrico during practice.

At first base, sophomore I.T. Chargin appears to be closing in on the position due to his athleticism and his switch-hitting bat. He’s made a few fielding errors at the position, but is on track to assume Jimmy Comerota’s (’10s)00 spot. Senior Aibel Garcia may see time but will likely focus on contributing to the Owls’ pinch-hitting southpaw out of the bullpen.

At shortstop, the duel to inherit Nick Haggar’s (’10s)00 spot will fall to either one of two freshmen: Derek Hamilton of Lake Jackson, Texas or Shane Hoelscher of Belton, Texas.

So far, Hamilton has shown more range defensively, while Hoelscher appears to have more potential at the plate. Junior Jeremy Kufitza has improved his throwing range over the summer and will fill nicely into center field, a spot he split time with Shiree Subachthong (Will Rice’10) at last year.

Right field will be occupied by one of two freshmen: junior Ryan Lewis, who brings a valuable left-handed bat and arm to the table or sophomore Chase McNeill, who may forego competing for the corner outfield spot in favor of a spot in the Owls’ pitching rotation.

Freshman Keenan Cook brings a quickness that is valued at the position and freshman Austin Kubitz has hit the cover off the ball thus far, so Head Coach Wayne Graham will have a tough choice to make.

In regard to the pitching staff, junior Taylor Walsh and seniors Tony Corgiara and Boogie Roscetti return to the Owls’ pitching rotation.

The Owls will travel to Louisiana University (8-7, 3-4-1 C-USA), which is ranked eighth in the country in the polls, on Oct. 15 and are ready to go.

— Jonathan Myers

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The Owls followed him up with a disheartening loss to East Carolina University (8-7, 3-4-1 C-USA), 2-1, despite senior forward Kate Edwards’ first goal since missing several weeks due to injury. Sunday’s loss dropped the Owls to 6-12-1 in conference play and to 4-2 for second place behind the aforementioned Cougars.

While ECU scored twice as a result of major errors in the backline, Adams is more concerned with the offense. “Last week Marshall and ECU both came in a situation where they needed goals,” he said. “Saturday we just put numbers behind the ball, so it was really difficult to break down their defense.

Though the Owls have yet to figure out how to score consistently against box heavy defenses, Adams remains confident that his team will respond.

“I don’t want to look too much into the loss to ECU because it was the first game we lost in conference, so our kids have been playing phenomenally. We had a bad game. There’s no doubt in my mind that we’ll bounce back this weekend.”

The team will find out beginning tonight, when the Owls play a tough University of Memphis (11-2, 2-4-1 C-USA) team that they cannot afford to lose against to keep the conference championship within reach.

They hope to benefit from a week’s worth of practice, which should help the team play more disciplined on offense and could afford Edwards and the rest of the time they need to get healthy.

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Women’s cross country misses prime opportunity

by Natalie Clericuzio

At the start of its season, the Owls had three meets on its schedule that could have helped the team qualify for nationals. After the team’s finish at the Pre-National Invitational in Terre Haute, Ind., the Owls now have only one shot remaining: the NCAA South Central Regional.

Rice finished 15th overall in the White Race after competing against two teams overall and nine ranked teams. Rice finished ahead of their No.27 ranked University of Florida and traditional cross country powerhouses University of Georgia and University of Wisconsin.

Senior Nicole Mercie, who placed first overall at the Houst Baptist University/Puma Invitational in Tulsa, Okla., did not finish out of the seven Owls competing while holding the course. Mercie’s teammate, Brittany Williams, led Rice, finishing 21st overall in 22:01 minutes.

Rice, finishing 21st overall in classmate, Britany Williams, led University of Georgia and University of Texas-El Paso, who is having the best season it has had for the third time in Terre Haute.

Although the Owls have two C-USA titles since 2002, nine ranked teams. Rice finished without question, he said. "I think we're hungry for it — we're supposed to be."
The Spanish Guitar
From the promo video, which you can find at elenouteathtower.com, this event looks like an explosion of Spanish-themed awesome. Created by the artist Besteiro, an American Flamenco guitarist, the show is a multimedia music and dance show that takes you on a journey through the world of the Spanish Guitar.
You can pick up a free ticket at the Miller Outdoor Theatre box office from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the show itself runs from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

No cheap dates, but...
Just because the Angelika closed doesn’t mean you can’t go to the movies. This weekend you can go to any of the many other theaters in Houston and see the movies that are opening this week-end. For example, starting Matt Damon and directed by Clint Eastwood, tells the story of three New York City detectives and their investigation.

The most important meal of the day!
Got the munchies? Red, the ultimate Friday night, will be serving Sunday morning breakfast at West Servery from 6:30 a.m. with a variety of breakfast foods, like hot waffles and fruits, all under $5, this is perfect for those of you who just love breakfast.

Snacks can be healthy!
Remember eating ants on a log when you were a kid? Well, it’s time to take a break from the peanuts, milk, rolls and ramekin. The Environmental Committee of the Rice Student Volunteer Program is hosting a session today that talks about nutrition as part of Health Awareness Week. The event starting at 6 p.m. will learn about healthy diet and how to make your own snacks!

More legit than Zorro
The departments of Visual and Dramatic Arts and Hispanic Studies present the Mexican Revolution Film Series. Featuring three days of films all with subtitles, it begins tonight at 7 p.m. with Pemex (2007) and continues tomorrow and Sunday.

So many film festivals
The Chao Center for Asian Art’s annual film festival called Real China, brings in documentaries from China here. Today’s film is called 928 and is about the Great Sichuan Earthquake that took place on May 12 at 2:28 a.m. and shows images you wouldn’t have seen on TV.

A smattering of color
Have you been to the MoMA Collection recently? There’s a new exhibit on the work of German artist Kurt Schmider. The curators of the museum will be talking about color and culture in relation to this exhibit this evening at 7 p.m. It’s free, and you’ll probably learn something new.

Don’t be miserable
Even though the music video for this new hit “Moves like Jagger” is super awkward, Maroon 5 is still coming to Rice. Be prepared to hear them in concert tonight at the Bandshell Pavilion starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are pretty pricey, from $90 and up, so you probably shouldn’t watch it on YouTube. It’s a hot chick simul- taneously making out with and dressing up on the lead singer. No context, really, just weightless, WTF.

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Christine o'donnell

Christine O'Donnell has defeated the University of Houston's own Rice on an unrelated note, if you're sitting on a toilet on Rice University's campus and reading this: Go ahead and give yourself a high five. You're our target audience.

10am - Somewhere of Monterosso

After waking up to the wackiest of golf cart cramps on an Monterosso neighborhood, we decide to never use the line "Sure, I'll try anything once" ever again. The walk back to Rice is long yet rewarding as we stop by a gas station to pick up some energy.

10:30am-Shell Station

When reaching into his pocket to grab $2.19 for his caffeine-infused malt beverage (someone refused to pay for product placement) Connor finds an envelope along with his cash. Inside the envelope is an invitation.

The Curious George theme, the use of Comic Sans, the secret planning ... There was only one answer as to who had sent us the brunch invite: David Leebron.

11am - The House of David Leebron

How did we get this invitation? Where did we see David Leebron last night? Why did he invite us to brunch? We may never know the answers. But now and then more unanswered questions, we stride confidently into the residence of David Leebron and Ying Sun.

11:15am - Snooty Boulevard

Classic mix-up. Although all signs pointed to President Leebron, he did not invite us to brunch while we lay at a sketchy bar. Who knew?

11:45am - South Sawyer

Swordy drink update: our request to have Dirt Depepe replaced with a Oprah continues to be ignored. As usual, we must bring our own and discreetly mix it with our scrambled eggs.

12:15pm - Inner Loop

Despite the best efforts of the driver, we manage to bound an Inner Loop bus. The other passengers do their best to avoid any sort of conversation with us, but that decision is not theirs to make.

The Backpage is written and edited by James Kohli and Connor Hayes. Fun fact: we can write whatever we want here. Yes, you said it, you said that.

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