Students go to vote

BY ELLEN LU

Rice students, faculty and alumni headed to the polls on Nov. 2 to cast their ballots for the midterm elections. Between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., 400 people went to the Miner Lounge in the Rice Memorial Center and voted for national, state and county officials.

According to Professor Luba Dinh, who worked with the Rice Vote Coalition and the Student Association to institute new get-out-the-vote activities like a voters' registration drive, opinion editorials in The Thresher and Rice Standard and a competition in which the residence hall with the most votes cast won a $250 study break.

To help people learn more about the candidates, Houston's League of Women Voters published a Voter's Guide that was distributed throughout campus. This pamphlet included candidate responses to several questions depending on the position they were running for and general information about voting.

McMurtry senior Kathleen Li said this year's governor's race was very important to her. She said she had not been very politically active until she heard about the social science curriculum change Texas Board of Education passed recently. According to Li, this change included removing Thomas Jefferson from required course material and downplaying Japanese internment camps and the McCarthy scare.

"I'm passionate about public education because I came from a public school," Li said. "The curriculum change made me very upset, and I wanted to see what we could do about it."

Li said she wanted to find some way to change the leadership of the board and found out that education was one of White's main priorities.

She said she cast a straight Democratic ballot, with a few changes.

Regarding overall vote attitudes, Rice said a spectrum of attitudes existed.

"Some votes are really active," she said. "But there are all..."

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NOD Vegas has high roll

BY JOEY CAPPARELLA

Weiss College went all out for students to go all in at the 38th annual Night of Decadence: "Viva NOD Vegas" this past Saturday. More than 1,500 scantily clad students attended, approximately 200 more students than last year's NOD.

Weiss Socials Kelsey Mase and Alysa Frost both said they were pleased with how the party went together," Mase, a Wiess junior, said. "In the end, I think all of our hard work paid off."

"We did a lot of things that we haven't done before this year and we didn't know if it would all come together," Mase, a Wiess junior, said. "In the end, I think all of our hard work paid off."

Most of the new attractions were seen outside in this main quad. In keeping with the Vegas theme, there was a magician, a fountain, card tables and a fake wedding chapel. Mase and Frost said that these decorations were planned in an attempt to move students into the quad.

"We wanted there to be more activities besides dancing to make the party more inclusive," Mase said.

According to the Rice University Police Department and Rice Emergency Medical Services, NOD was also a relative success from a security perspective.

The entrance to the Wiess College quad Saturday night was decorated specially according to a Vegas theme for the least clothed party of the year.

By Henry Deng

For fiscal year 2010, which ended on June 30, the Rice endowment was measured at $3.79 billion, up from $3.61 billion at the end of fiscal year 2009. According to Interim Vice President of Investments and Treasurer Ron Long, the return on the endowment was an increase of 90 percent, as opposed to a loss of 28.6 percent during the previous period.

According to Long, the $373 billion is calculated by the return of the fund from the year before, adding investment earnings (the amount distributed to the university every year) plus contributions and gift income ($25 million) and subtracting the amount distributed to the university for spending ($238 million).

Long said the increase on returns this year can be attributed to appreciation in three key sectors, all of which are impacted by the U.S. economy's performance. The three factors causing the increase in the endowment were capital appreciation in the publicly traded equity portfolio, capital appreciation in the fixed income portfolio and appreciation in the hedge fund portfolio.

According to Long, the market value of the endowment trended upward from July 2009 to April 2010 with the positive performance of equity markets.

Around May, however, concern about a double-dip recession caused financial markets to decline in value and the endowment value to fall, though by not enough to erase gains on the year.

From July through October, Long said the markets had been steadily appreciating, through a significant portion of the fiscal year, which goes through June 30, 2011.

When asked about future expectations for the endowment, Long said there is no specific number that the university targets for earnings. According to Long, the overall goal of the endowment is to earn enough to provide the amount distributed to the university for spending ($238 million) and to fund the university every year plus compensate officers.

Rudolph Major Imitna Marshall said there were 31 referrals to Judicial Affairs and two students arrested. One arrest was for public intoxication and the other for disorderly conduct, specifically failure to cooperate with authorities.

Marshall said these numbers are similar to last year's NOD, when there were also 31 referrals and one arrest.

"NOD is safer than some other public parties because there is... in much student involvement in the security plan."

See NOD, page 8

Endowment sees renewed growth

BY ELLEN LU

It seems many people par-...
Absence voting lacking

The Nov. 2 mid-term elections were quite historic, with Republicans registering a wave of momentum that they had dramatically lost only two years ago. High national voting turnout was mirrored by the turn-out of Rice student voting (see story, page 1), approximately 400 Rice students voting in the campus, a distinct increase from the 2006 elections — a particularly impressive feat, since this most recent election did not include the vote for the presidency.

The Thresher’s student attempts to get out the vote and promote student participation in the democratic process were successful. However, 400 students still represent a relatively low proportion of the entire student body eligible to vote. The fact remains that Rice is less than 100% represented by its out-of-state students, many of whom refuse to alter their hometown allegiances by registering to vote in Harris County.

In the future elections, it should be a priority to target expansion of absentee voting. This involves pushing the get out the vote effort much sooner in order to accommodate the earlier deadline for absentee voting. In addition, it would be a great help to the efforts to have transparent guidelines for absentee voting requirements and to provide resources to facilitate absentee voting.

The Thresher acknowledges the dire national necessity to increase democratic participation among the 18- to 29-year-old age group. As Rice does its part to increase student turnout, it is necessary to value the efforts to get out the votes for Texans as well as from those students who are out of state citizens.

‘Green’ grade disappoints

Rice University was given a B+ as an ecologically “green” rating in the College Sustainability Report Card (see story, page 3). This rating represents an improvement over last year’s B rating; however, it does not quite meet Rice’s expectations of being a member of the more economically and ecologically conservative universities. The report cited Rice as lowest-rated in the area of endowment transparency and administration.

Spending on some of the university’s more conversationally questionable practices, this C grade for the administration is not surprising. Many campus-wide issues require attention, such as the campus sprinkler system. The sprinkling schedule, at least around parts of the campus, seems to be malfunctioning, resulting in plants being watered at peak temperature points during the day. Watering while the sun is out is absolutely wasteful, since a majority of the water being dispensed is simply evaporated by the beating sun. Furthermore, the sprinklers seem to lack any sort of sensors that prevent over-watering or watering during rain. The implementation of this sort of sensor system would not be a huge financial burden and would alleviate a great deal of water being wasted, conserving the university’s limited resources in the long run, also helping the environment. Smaller problems around campus also persist, such as the constantly frigid temperature of the Duncan College and the perpetual running lights that are impossible to shut off in the common rooms of many of the newly constructed suites.

Furthermore, the administration has put forth little effort in enhancing awareness about ecological conservation issues and educating students about on-campus initiatives to stay "green." In fact, G-O-Week lacks any sort of scheduled event which promotes conservation and educates about Rice’s resources to maintain a green campus. Providing this focus from students’ first days on campus would no doubt improve ecological awareness and brainstorming for new eco-friendly ideas.

There is no doubt that Rice is committed to being a green institution, and its dedication to incorporate ecologically friendly attributes to its new infrastructure is laudable. However, there seems to be a lack of dire attention by the administration, which fails to enact some of the more easily implementable, effective policies and procedures around campus that could make a significant difference. Moving into the future, the Thresher would like to see the administration enact changes in correspondence with students’ eco-concerns — and make greater efforts to promote university-wide awareness.

Errata

In last week’s article on the world literature departments (“New world lit department considered”), the Thresher quoted Associate Professor of German Studies Christian Emden in a way which implied support of a merger between the world literature department and German Studies. This was not the intention of the Thresher to align Emden or the German Studies department with the supporting side of that era. However, it was not the intention of the Thresher to align Emden or the German Studies department with the supporting side of that era.

In last week’s issue of the Thresher, Gabe Cuadra was not properly pictured in the HSSF debate segment on page 2. The Thresher regrets these errors.

Anna Wille
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

With a mixture of amusement and bewilderment I was able to see myself quoted in Brooke Bullock’s recent article (“New world lit department considered,” Oct. 29). The article leaves the distinct impression that, due to the interdisciplinary nature of German Studies, German Studies faculty actively support a merger of the department with Hispanic Studies. French Studies, and Classical Studies. Indeed, my missus to Bullock that German Studies happens to be an interdisciplinary field of its own — from literature and history to film studies and political agony — was even taken to imply that I myself was actively supporting such a merger along the lines suggested by the many commentaries made by José Arrieta, my esteemed colleague and the Chair of Hispanic Studies as well as French Studies. Let me be very clear about this: The fact that German Studies is an interdisciplinary field of research should, under no circumstances, be taken to mean that the department of German Studies, or myself, would like to see German Studies at Rice dissolved and merged into a “world literature department.”

Sure, because of its history at a discipline, and as such as because of the current constellation of interdisciplinary research in German Studies, it has always been involved in establishing strong links to neighboring departments, both in Rice and elsewhere, but a look at german.rice.edu for the list of interdisciplinaries is neither an argument for, nor an argument against a department merger. It is entirely unrelated to the administrative questions at stake in this discussion. I am happy to assume, though, that I have not been intentionally misquoted.

Christian Emden
Associate professor of German Studies

To the Editor:

The Rice community should be extremely excited to learn that the Fondren Library is beginning to post its Thresher archives in online, searchable form. (http://scholarship.rice.edu/handle/2152759) I recommend that everyone take advantage of this historical portal to learn about our university’s past. More specifically, I recommend the use of the word “Sear 3” in the search function.

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Evan Minter
Hamzeh '10
Former Thresher Executive Editor

Last week’s online poll results:

What were your plans for H o e e weekend?

- No D
- Baker 13

All of the above

- Oh goodness,

m eyes!

58 respondents received
Rice: the embodiment of conservatism

IT SHOULD be evident that Rice is, simply, put, awesome. We rue not the strength of the aura; every Oril knows that, if there is paradise on Earth, then it surely lies within the borders. It is hard enough, though, to find out what exactly lies stepikers.

Anthony Lauriello

Flery of other schools have great educational opportunities and professors, and many others have intelligent student bodies. The student aura would be more impressive, but I firmly believe what separa-

ites Rice from most other institutions is a tried and true 605 academic community. While I am sure that I have elici-
ted angry and incredulous gasps among my more liberal readers, I vitally important facet of the immi-

grant illegal immigration and, of late, the discourse invariably focuses with everything from judicial af-

The college unit is relatively small, the government has more to do with. The student political organiza-

on the other hand, focuses on another, less mainstream yet skilled workers.

The concept of giving up on the American idea of education means giving up on the American ideal of freedom. It is harder, paradise on Earth, then it surely

IT SHOULD BE

more likely in the student's financial aid package. Moreover, as Darrell West of the economic benefits coupled with the student's academic achievement.

This is the conservative ideal. In- 

There is often much discussion about U.S. immigration policy, how-

ever, the discourse is often held in forums that may not speak to you or me. It is not always clear what is being discussed, or even what is being debated.

WHERE ARE THE DISCUSSIONS?

The U.S. has always been a land of immigrants. After 

Asia, Europe and Latin America. The flow of immigrants to the U.S. is not a new phenomenon. Over the years, the reasons for immigration have changed, but the desire to improve one's economic and social conditions has remained constant.

The U.S. immigration system is complex and multifaceted. It includes a variety of visa programs, such as the diversity visa program, which allows individuals from countries with low immigration rates to apply for a visa, and the preferred visa program, which allows individuals from countries with high immigration rates to apply for a visa.

Weed the nonsense out of marijuana advocacy

Eric Harrison

Like prohibitions on alcohol, tobacco and so-called "unhealthy" foods, all prohibitions on drug use violate the principle of individual self-ownership.

Remember that you are your own body, and the form of law is to punish those who try to be the masters of their actions. You should not interfere with an individual's ability to make their own decisions, so long as those decisions do not violate the rights of any other person.

Rice is fought not on the level of prin-

Neeraj Salhotra

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How GREEN is Rice?

BY MICHELLE PHILLIPS

Rice has been improving its green awareness and sustainability, but has room for improvement according to the annual College Sustainability Report Card published by the Sustainable Endowments Institute. Rice University was given a B overall, taking it out of the category of Campus Sustainability Leaders.

The grade is in fact an improvement from last year's B, but according to the report card's press release, several other universities, such as Yale University, Brown University and the University of Minnesota, dramatically improved sustainability and cost-saving measures in the past year, moving them up to the A or A- category. With increased competition, Rice did not make the cut to be a sustainability leader this year.

The Sustainable Endowments Institute, which has released the report card every year since 2006, reviews more than 320 schools across North America through three surveys that universities fill out—focused on practices in administration, dining and endowments—and a student survey. The results are divided into nine grade categories.

According to the same survey, though, Rice is still tied for first in the state of Texas with the University of Houston, Southwestern University and the University of Texas at Austin.

"We're getting a really good broad picture of the campuses," Christina Billingsley, the Senior Research Fellow with the Sustainable Endowments Institute, said.

According to the survey, Rice filled out all four surveys, and in most areas, such as green buildings and energy use, received a C or D, respectively. Student involvement is expected to improve the grade.

McNair College junior Rachael Petersen, a member of the Rice Endowment for Sustainable Energy Technology Committee, said that while the practices in these areas are not directly related to campus sustainability, they have some importance because the administration of a university has an influence on the students.

"Things that are behind the scenes can have a big impact," Petersen said.

Director of Sustainability Richard Johnson also said that focusing on the endowment of a university has historical importance. He compared the situation to the time of South Africa's apartheid, when universities refused to make investments in South Africa.

"While it might not have directly changed the system, it made a powerful statement," Johnson said.

However, Johnson said he does not put too much importance on the report card, which is just one of many, Johnson also said the methodology for grading is not always transparent. While he agrees with the grade overall, he said he does not agree with the grade in the administration section, which decreased from last year's B.

"If this were a class, that would be where I would ask for a re-grade," Johnson said, saying Rice could not have improved in sustainability with out administrative leadership.

According to Billingsley, what mostly decreased Rice's grade was the absence of formal green policies. Billingsley said the SEI is trying to make its grading a more exact science by requiring the university to explain these policies.

However, Billingsley added that students can have a lasting impact even on these two areas in a university by simply mobilizing.

"You should take it upon the students to enforce the programs and ensure that it is a priority," Billingsley said.

Some examples of effective student involvement include joining committees and having competitions between dorms at Rice.

Johnson, who teaches two classes on sustainability, said that student involvement has always been one of Rice's strong points. For example, the sustainability policy adopted by the Board of Trustees was studied by students in 2004, and students' brainstorming created his job.

"There is a deep connection between sustainability and student involvement," Johnson said.

One such student initiative on campus today is RESET, which provides funding for student sustainability projects. Seven proposals have been submitted for the spring, a member of the Rice Endowment for Sustainable Energy Technology Committee, said that Petersen hopes will increase once the initiative finds its footing.

"RESET is letting the students question the university's policies," Petersen said. "If the administration is getting a low score, we will try to address that in a grassroots way."

While RESET itself cannot substitute for good administrative policies, Petersen said she hopes RESET will push the administration to rise to the challenge as well.

According to Billingsley, that has been the goal of the report card all along. She said the SEI hopes that universities can act as role models in sustainability policy.

"We hope to create and maintain dialogues among universities and in the public," she said.

More information can be found at http://www.greenreportcard.org/.

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National
Midterm election results
After the Nov. 2 midterm elections, Republicans have taken control of the House with 239 seats against Democrats' 186, with 50 seats still pending. Democrats maintained control of the Senate, though Republicans gained at least six Senate seats. Democrats held 50 seats. Republicans 46, and Independents two with two races still undecided as of yesterday. Republicans also won back a majority of governor's mansions, holding 29 of the spots, while Democrats retain 16 and Independents hold one with four races still pending. Proposition 19, a California ballot initiative that proposed to legalize and tax marijuana in the state, was rejected. Massachusetts and Colorado both rejected ballot measures that would have cut taxes by billions of dollars. Source: USA Today

International
Russian ex-prime minister dies
Viktor Stepanovich Chernomyrdin died Wednesday at the age of 72. Born in 1938, Chernomyrdin joined the Communist party at the age of 23 and quickly rose through the ranks of the Ministry of Gas Industry, becoming its minister in 1984 and turning it into a national company, Gazprom, in 1996. Chernomyrdin served as Prime Minister for five years after being selected by President Boris Yeltsin in 1992. Source: The Washington Post

Greek bomb plot investigated
As of yesterday, 14 letter bombs have been discovered in Greece in a spate of letter bombs sent from Greece to foreign embassies within Greece and governments across Europe. The bombs are not powerful to cause serious injury, and two Greek men have so far been charged with terrorism due to the bombings. The bombs appear to be the work of leftist terrorists interested in a show of force, and not of any international group. Greece has temporarily ceased overseas mail deliveries. Source: BIC

Drug tunnel found on border
A drug smuggling tunnel more than 1,640 feet long was discovered that crosses under the California-Mexico border. Equipped with a rail system, ventilation and lighting, the tunnel is extremely elaborate, inside the tunnel more than 20 tons of marijuana were discovered. The tunnel links a warehouse in Otay Mesa, Calif., with another in Tijuana, Mexico. This is the second tunnel found linking Otay Mesa with Tijuana, the first being 2,400 feet long. Source: BBC News
Class project greens Brochstein

BY JOHANNA ODMA
The Rice University students focused on a particular aspect of their environment, integrating a class project to improve energy use at Brochstein Cafe as part of their coursework.

Mangalji, a senior at Rice, was particularly excited about having the opportunity to improve energy efficiency in the area. "What we're putting back into Brochstein and the state, through this event, is a sustainable, environmentally friendly offering," she said. "We want to show students that they can make a difference in their community and contribute to a greener future.

Overall, Mangalji thought the event went well and said that she was pleased with the response from customers. "I was surprised at the way customers embraced our efforts to make a more environmentally friendly choice."

"People don't like change," she said. "But we need to recognize that change is needed for our environment, for our generation and for generations to come.

She hopes that new offerings emphasizing local and more environmentally friendly choices will be embraced by a wider audience of students and customers at Brochstein and that the event will be expanded in the future.

"But many people were talking about it," Bosley said. "I feel like we could have heard more about it.

Some students who were aware of the event took "Green the Brochstein" as a challenge to learn more about sustainability.

"I'm excited that the event took place as a challenge to the students. We can use this as an opportunity to learn more about sustainability and make campus food options more environmentally responsible."
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Shaving cream attack!
A group of runners go through Jones College's South knuckle during the annual Halloween Baker 13 run.
There are probably some words that I find it kind of pick something out of the sounds more or less normal to me.

L: All I know is the word "awesome" slang word.

RT: What's your opinion [on Lady Gaga]? Is there any song in particular that my son likes to listen to.

L: I think it depends what you're looking for. I thought Inception was a very interesting movie. I thought it was much more interesting. I wasn't a huge fan of the Disney Channel stuff, which I think is just awful. Awful music, awful drama, in general awful... I'm jealous of [Bieber's] hair too.

RT: Describe what you perceive as some of the current fashion trends on the Rice campus, male or female.

L: I feel like I just took a test that I flunked. Sid Rich seems to broadcast a lot of the candidates. He thought the best music from the Bowls was absolutely not at this time. "Glee" I haven't had a chance to watch. The show I've seen the most of, which my son is fixated on, is "The Office." So a lot of "The Office." Sometimes on airplanes, I watch "House." I do watch whenever I can the "Daily Show." RT: Which movie do you think was better, Avatar or Inception?

L: It depends on what you're looking for. I thought Inception was a very interesting, complicated, confusing movie, which you almost wanted to see again. There was too much happening to figure it all out the first time. I think, well, I become one of those movies, a little like Star Wars, that change how we think about going to the movies in terms of visual possibilities... I saw the movie in IMAX. I think cinematographically and sort of technically, I think Avatar was a watershed movie. As plot [goes], Inception was much more interesting. And I also liked District 9 -- it was a very interesting movie.

RT: That is one I had prepared for you today.

L: I feel like I just took a test that I flunked.
McMurtry College officially inaugurated in style

BY AMI DAVE  
THRESHER STAFF

The campus resonated with voices shouting, "Three cheers for Murry, Murry, Murry; lone other colleges in the dirt, dirt, dirt," last Friday afternoon, as members of the Rice community gathered to celebrate the official inauguration of McMurtry College.

McMurtry is Rice's 10th residential college. Burt (Baker '56 and McMurtry '57) and Deedee (Brown '56) McMurtry flew in from their home in California to attend the formal ceremony recognizing their contribution which made building McMurtry possible.

The ceremony kicked off with an introduction by Dean of Undergraduates John Hutchinson and was followed by a procession of students from the other residential colleges, Chairman of the Rice Board of Trustees Jim Crenshaw introducing President David Leebron, who said a few words on the importance of residential colleges to the life of the Rice campus.

"The residential colleges are a reflection of a lifelong commitment to spirit and success of the university," Leebron said. "The college is not just a building, but instead a unique community.

McMurtry College Masters Kevin Al-Zand and Deedee Phillips were next to speak. They moved into McMurtry over the summer and said that the college and the new McMurtry students were already flourishing on their own.

"The excitement and enthusiasm of the Murrys make this the ideal environment and a comforting home to undergraduates," Al-Zand said.

McMurtry President Kelsey Zottnick then took the stage. Zottnick, a McMurtry resident, praised the McMurtry students for their faith and commitment to the new college, and concluded her speech with one of her own poems.

"Residential colleges are really about the people that comprise them."

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Kelsey Pedersen  
McMurtry '13

Zottnick said "I think it's really nice to recognize McMurtry coming into being, especially now that we have a full college for the first time ever (with the arrival of this year's freshman class)."

The McMurtrys took the stage to offer words of wisdom to McMurtry students.

"We had a great time at Rice, and you'll make lifelong friendships here and you will hopefully become faithful, supportive alumni someday," she said.

The McMurtrys then cut the ribbon to the tune of a processional written by Al-Zand, who is a professor at the Shepherd School of Music.

"It was absolutely amazing," McMurtry College sophomore Kelsey Pedersen said. "Knowing that not many people get to experience the actual dedication of their colleges made me feel so blessed to be a part of this community."

The dedication ceremony for Duncan College is scheduled for Nov. 19.
Rice ranked fourth for value

**RICE UNIVERSITY, EDMOND -**

By 독일 박사

Economist and financial magazine *Money* has ranked Rice University as the fourth best value for students in the United States for 2011.

The ranking is based on a combination of academic quality, student facilities, and financial aid. Rice scored high in both categories, earning it a total score of 90 out of 100.

"Our view is that Rice provides exceptional value for students," said John H. "Jack" Long, Jr., Rice's chief investment officer. "We're committed to providing access to a world-class education and we're dedicated to helping our students succeed.

The ranking is significant because it reflects the university's commitment to affordability and accessibility. Rice is one of the few public universities to offer full financial aid to all of its students, regardless of their family's financial situation.

"We believe that every student deserves a chance to achieve their full potential," said Long. "And we're proud of the fact that Rice provides that opportunity to all of our students.

Rice's ranking is also a testament to the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff. They are committed to providing the best possible education for our students, and that's what makes Rice such a special place.

"We're humbled by this recognition," said Long. "But we're also determined to continue to provide the highest quality education at the lowest possible cost.

"We believe that Rice is an investment that will pay off in the long run," said Long. "And we're committed to making sure that every student who chooses to attend Rice will have the opportunity to achieve their goals.

"Our goal is to provide a world-class education at a price that is affordable for all of our students," said Long. "And we're proud of the fact that Rice is the fourth best value for students in the United States."
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Classic Flicks: Herzog's Stroszek intriguing: moving

If you have never heard of Ger- man film director Werner Herzog, one of the early proponents of the New German Cinema movement of the '60s, '70s and '80s, you're in for a treat. Herzog is a director who has always been passionate about his craft and is not afraid to take risks in his work. His films are known for their unique style and perspective, and his work has earned him a place in the annals of cinema.

In this way, Stroszek is at once heartbreaking and comic, though the humor in Stroszek's pathetic situation may be difficult to notice at times. The ending is a shot of a dancing chicken (don't worry, that wasn't a spoiler), which is one of the strangest and most memorable in all of cinema. In fact, Herzog had to shoot the scene himself since his crew members were not sensitive enough to understand the scene's gravity.

If you approach Chuy's at night, your eyes are instantly drawn to the huge blinking sign in the front with an arrow pointing toward the building. This sign is an excellent representation of Chuy's personality as a restaurant: loud and fun, without a hint of subtlety. The decor inside is wild, freely clashing in a myriad of colors and shapes. Loud music is piped from speakers that seem ubiquitous, and fans face down at you from each wall. Why? Good question. The jury's still out on that.

VEG OUT: a tale of two Mexican restaurants

In Houston, Mexican places are as prevalent as Starbucks or McDonald's. But unlike mega-corporation-ate restaurants, Mexican places can vary exceedingly in quality and specialty. For instance, Chuy's and Taco Milagro are both local restaurants that are similar in price range yet are complete opposites in atmosphere and focus. It's hard to believe they both serve variations on the same cuisine.

Abigail Dock

The Shepherd School of Music presents, a retrospective of the artist's 50-year-long career.

STATE

Benjamin Patterson: Born in the State of Florida, at age 7, he began at age 8 at age 10, at age 16, at age 20, and at age 25. At age 30, he is a featured artist. Tickets are $50-500.00. WWW.CAMH.ORG

THE WEEKLY SCENE

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

STAND UP

THE SMOKING SECTION

The Smoking Section steams up Willy's Pub

BY JOE DYER

The Smoking Section goalkeeper

The conversation covered everything deep and soul-searching questions. Erik Tanner (guitar): Austin actually came a band. Stuart Nelson (vocals)：I really started playing with you guys about the beginning of this year.

MH: We both have jobs, but I think Erik's are the only one that go past the pocket.

MH: Nah, we're gonna stick around and play Pub.

Al: Any other ideas of switching to electronic music and sending each other songs?

ET: Yeah, we might start some side projects and expand a little.

MH: We have a Facebook page. It's got a picture of an artist and we use it to send messages whenever we have shows on campus.

SN: What is your spirit animal and why?

MH: Dads. I just found mine like two months ago.
Relish: Max’s Wine Dive appropriately classy, has delicious gourmet comfort food

Sometimes when you’re a senior, you feel like you need to do real-ass adult stuff, like wearing something that isn’t even a Rice Athletics T-shirt or going on super hot dates to places that aren’t even in the Village. Last Saturday, we decided to fulfill these urges by going to Max’s Wine Dive, a moderately classy wine bar located on Washington Avenue. Max’s does two things very well: It makes really solid gourmet comfort food and it costs way more money than either of us will ever have.

Max’s Wine Dive
4720 Washington Ave.
713-880-8737

Siegfried Bilstein and Dan Nelson

Upon entering Max’s, the first thing we noticed was the light fixtures made of wine bottles hanging from the ceiling. The restaurant’s red brick interior and “industrial chic” aesthetic made us feel like we were not in a dive. There was a massive wine collection on display near the entrance. While the selection seemed impressive, we were shocked by the prices. Siegfried totally bombed the wine ceremony by awkwardly staring at the waitress as she presented him with the bottle, a small sampling of wine and the cork. Note to people: You should probably Google how to order wine at a restaurant before totally embarrassing yourself in front of your two hot dates and fifth wheel Pete.

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For those of you who are super poor or super young, not to worry: We actually ordered food with our booze this time. Max’s bills itself as a “gourmet comfort food” establishment, which meant we had alligator beignets and duck taquitos as appetizers. The taquitos were frighteningly good, although the $14 price tag was probably OK. We refuse to eat vegetarian food, so we really can’t comment either way, but she said that it was “really good” several times throughout the evening. She also said that Dan and Ziggy are “really cute” and “super witty and like really athletic, y’know?” Hot date number one, our favorite Thrasher sports editor, pretended to disagree, but we all knew how she really feels.

Max’s serves excellent food but is rather pricey. All in all, it makes a perfect place to impress stuck-up dates or to get your parent’s to buy you dinner. Accordingly, bringing your mom and dad here indicates that you actually go places in Houston instead of spending your weekends drinking cheap beer and ordering Domino’s on campus.

Siegfried Bilstein and Dan Nelson are Rice College seniors.

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dish. There is a free reign over how many chips you get yourself, so no one knows how many you have eaten. With the help of the chips, a meal at Taco Milagro could easily cost under $10. Both restaurants merit a visit.

Chuy's

Time to Change your Clocks and Passwords

Sunday, November 7, 2010

Changing your NetID and other critical passwords twice a year helps thwart hacker attacks.

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Jospeh Allencherry is a Will Rice College sophomore. Classic Flicks is a column rediscovering the best films that cinema has to offer.

The Rice Thresher
Women take second place at C-USA Championship

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Cougas...
Swimming falls to nationally ranked powers at SMU

by Christine Jeon
The numbers don't always tell the whole story, and with the swimming team's performance at the SMU Classic, that old adage held true.

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The best of the best showdowns proved to be too tough for the Owls, who finished in fifth place in arguable their toughest meet of the season. The Blue and Gray touched in his ninth year with the Owls, earning127 points to the Owls' 73.

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Men's cross country aided by youth movement

Freshmen team up with four veterans to give Owls third-place finish in C-USA Championship

by Jonathan Myers

In many ways, the Conference USA Men’s Cross Country Championship has become more than sport, following a meticulous script that puts either the University of Tulsa or the University of Texas at El Paso as the lead actor and the Owls as the supporting role. For better or worse for the men’s cross country team, Rice has followed the script perfectly, as they took home their third-place finish in the C-USA Cross Country Championship held Monday at Indian Springs Country Club in Tulsa, Okla. Tulsa racked up just 39 points, with UTEP following closely in third with 34.

Redshirt junior Michael Trejo assumed his role as the elder statesman of the roster, taking 10th place overall and earning a spot on the All-C-USA Second Team. Following him were redshirt junior Jake Cuadra with a time of 26:28. Elkana Rotich from UTEP took the individual title, with Cuadra earning the Freshman of the Year Award.

It seems fitting that Trejo would lead the Owls, as he has taken his veteran role to heart this entire season according to Cuadra.

"Michael went out and really competed," Cuadra said. "He ran tough through the first part of the race but didn’t drop all the way, and he showed it in his result." With four true freshmen comprising nearly half of the nine listed runners, it was easy to see where the eight-kilometer course, a distance the Owls have run several times, could have tripped up the team. Head Coach John Warren (Rice’01) talked about his decision to take all the freshmen that have competed this year.

"We knew these were going to be our best guys," Warren said. "With the added distance, it’s more of a matter of how many times we’ll shock them. Usually it’s just that first one that they need to get under their belts before they’re fine. But I’m incredibly pleased that we have a great group of veterans mixed with a second group of promising young guys." Cuadra spoke about Cuadra’s victory in mastering the longer eight-kilometer distance during his first year running for Rice.

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The Owls’ four meets due to complications from an illness that made it difficult for him to run at his usual high level. Warren reasoned that the runners for the Owls were three true freshmen, Wyatt Droop who came in with a time of 25:33, Anthony Urbanelli and Trent Roberts, who were all just a second apart from each other. Redshirt sophomore Anthony Llamas came in 10th place, finishing the race in 26:30. Elkana Rotich from UTEP took the individual title, with Cuadra earning the Freshman of the Year Award.

However, even though Bevan knows the they have their work cut out for them this week.

"Given the setbacks he had, it seems fitting that Trejo would lead the Owls, as he has taken his veteran role to heart this entire season according to Cuadra.

"Michael went out and really competed," Cuadra said. "He ran tough through the first part of the race but didn’t drop all the way, and he showed it in his result." With four true freshmen comprising nearly half of the nine listed runners, it was easy to see where the eight-kilometer course, a distance the Owls have run several times, could have tripped up the team. Head Coach John Warren (Rice’01) talked about his decision to take all the freshmen that have competed this year.

"We knew these were going to be our best guys," Warren said. "With the added distance, it’s more of a matter of how many times we’ll shock them. Usually it’s just that first one that they need to get under their belts before they’re fine. But I’m incredibly pleased that we have a great group of veterans mixed with a second group of promising young guys." Cuadra spoke about Cuadra’s victory in mastering the longer eight-kilometer distance during his first year running for Rice.

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Volleyball feasts on C-USA bottom dwellers

Owls lose one set in two matches against ECU, Marshall; start four-game homestand tonight

by Dan Ellelge

Although the regular-season conference title became a more difficult goal to attain for the volleyball team due to continued wins by conference front runners the University of Tulsa and Southern Methodist University this weekend, the casual observer would not have been able to tell by the performance Rice posted this weekend. The Owls rebounded from last weekend's tough losses at home to Tulsa and SMU with a perfect weekend on the road.

One day after the Owls started the weekend off right by beating East Carolina on the road, Rice finished it off right by defeating the Thundering Herd in straight sets in Huntington, W.Va. to play Marshall University (5-15, 3-9 C-USA). The Owls had an impressive match, as they defeated the Thundering Herd in straight sets 3-0 to extend their winning streak against Marshall to four matches.

Although the Owls had a successful weekend, Head Coach Genny Volpe felt that the team did not dominate as much as it should have in the match against C-USA tourney-winner East Carolina, as sometimes Rice lets the focus to finish off sub-par opponents.

"It was the first one of the games against ECU where I think we went under, and we left them game," Volpe said. "That's one of the things we are working on; when we are ahead on a team to still keep pushing and stay focused and not let them back into the game."

With the winning weekend. Rice now has a 14-1 overall record and a 4-1 conference record. The Owls opened this weekend to begin a four-match homestand as they host the University of Miami (2-1) this afternoon for its final game of the pre-season. Their next game is scheduled for Sunday.

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**SPORTS NOTEBOOK**

Fall ball draws to a close today

With the advent of the somewhat chilly November weather, the baseball team's fall practices end today. While starting spots are up for grabs on both the mound and the field, it will likely not be solidified until the team starts workouts again in January, the coaching staff will look at the stats produced in fall ball as an indicator of who could bring the most pop to the lineup or the most power from the mound.

Of the hurlers, several are standing out as having impressive stats after only since last spring. Junior Matthew Roycroft has impressively held the line against a large extent, allowing four hits in five innings of work. Southpaw Keenan Cook has impressed his control to a large extent, allowing four hits in five innings of work. Starting five strikeouts and just one walk. His fastball has been clocked consistently in the mid-90s, and his curve ball has remained solid. Fellow junior Taylor Wall additionally threw four scoreless innings on Monday, marking a strong finish for him.

It appears freshmen John Simms, Austin Kulitz and Kyle Mueller are all ready to play meaningful roles, with Kulitz being the most effective with his control. Mueller pitched a three hitless innings on Oct. 28, demonstrating his viability as well.

Offensively, junior Jeremy Rathjen appears poised for a breakout season after hitting his third home run of the fall on Sunday. The shortstop position remains neck and neck, but freshman Derek Hamilton has slightly edged out junior Shane Hoeschler. The right field spot is more complicated, with Head Coach Wayne Graham wishing to fill the spot with a left-handed bat such as junior Ryan Lewis or freshman Keenan Cook. But junior Daniel Gonzalez-Luna hit safely in five consecutive scrimmages, putting him in the position of being a top candidate for the designated hitter's spot.

**CRAFT TALK**

When: Thursday, November 11, 2010

Where: Sewall Hall, Room 309

Time: 4 pm

FREE but seating is limited. RSVP to cmedina@rice.edu
Dance fusion
The Hansen College Theatre Committee proudly presents the Fall Dance Concert: "Fusion." It begins tonight at 7:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the Hansen Common. The concert features student dancing, choreography and a variety of dance styles including modern eastern, ballet hip hop, contemporary, interpretive dance and more. Proceeds benefit the Houston Ballet's Outreach and Education Program. While admission is free, donations are welcome. Come support all your friends who are in the show.

More opera
If you missed opening night of the Shepherd School's Opera Monodrama, 'Electra' you missed a treat. There are more chances for you! Today from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. you can see it. Tickets for students are $0. You can't go today, check it out on Sunday or Tuesday.

Not a real party
Four colleges (Jones, Duncan, Brown and Martel) combined to put on a musical, The Wild Party. It continues today and tomorrow in the Duncan College Commons. It's $5 for students and $8 for others. Despite the fact that this is not a musical, nor a party, the music and dancing is sure to get you energized. If you can't make it this weekend, it continues next week. This is the only musical of the semester, so make sure to get your musical fix!

Actually a party
It's time for Media Party, the annual Arch Rival. The theme this year is Archetropica, and the public party will be supplied with glow sticks, tricky wall projections and Cool Crazy lights. Running from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., its sure to be so good that you'll rave about it the next day... get it? Rave? HA!

Explosion of South Asian-
ness
Delicious catered food, culture and Bollywood music await you at the South Asian Society's annual fall show, Dhamaka. See fantastic performances and eat delicious food... what more could you want on a Saturday night? Tickets are available through the residential colleges or at the door for $6 (Rice students) and $9 (non-Rice). Students from every college participate, so support your friends.

Evening at the symphony
The Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall of Alice Pratt Brown Hall. The program includes Elgar, Tchaikovsky and Strauss. Admission is free.

Walking the mayor
Keep your heart healthy. Get some exercise and consider participating in the American Heart Association's 2010 Houston Start Heart Walk. It takes place in Sam Houston Park downtown. Opening ceremonies start at 9 a.m. and the walk starts at 9:30 a.m. It's a five-mile, non-competitive, fun event aimed at promoting walking as an accessible step toward a healthy lifestyle. And if you didn’t catch the title, the mayor will be walking! For more information, visit http://houstonheartwalk.org.

Experience famine for
yourself
It's Hunger and Homelessness Week brought to you by the Rice Student Volunteer Program. This week, participate in a college coin war to see who can raise the most for Heifer International. Heifer is aimed at providing sustainable food and security to the starving in other countries. Contribute coins to your college to increase your score. Add dollar bills to the participants' funds to subtract from their score. Bins will be placed in each college coordinator's office.

Bleed for a cause
Dressing up in fake blood is fine for Halloween and all, but a lot of people need real blood every day. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion of the Rice Memorial Center, there will be a blood drive through the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. Appointments are encouraged, and you can sign up on line at http://www.eblooddrive.org. But walk-ins are welcome too. The process takes about an hour and could save someone's life.

SING FOR THE VETS
Houston's Bay Area Chorus, a 45-year-old group and Houston institution, pays tribute to American heroes today with a Veteran's Day Concert. The concert takes place at Beverly Hills Intermediate School at 11111 Beamer Road and begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 for students at the door.

SING FOR THE VETS
Houston will demonstrate its support of our Armed Forces with the 12th Annual Houston Salutes American Heroes Commemoration and Parade, starting at 10 a.m. on Smith Street between Texas and Lamar. Free parking is available downtown. Get off campus and give your support for our troops while enjoying a parade!
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Exclusively for the students of Rice University! Salamo is a Mexican restaurant that offers a unique experience in a classic coffee bar setting. It offers a wide variety of Mexican food, including fresh tortillas made daily. The atmosphere is vibrant and lively, making it a perfect spot for students to enjoy a meal or study with friends. Reservations are accepted, and walk-ins are welcome. Check out their menu and enjoy a taste of Mexico at Salamo Coffee House today!

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We are looking for part-time and full-time tutors to assist with studies in various subjects. Please contact us at 713-348-5238 to schedule an appointment. Relevant experience and familiarity with the material is preferred.

Uncle Ben's Rice is offered. Full and part time positions are available. Daytime and evening hours are available. Please call 281-276-7743 or visit the Career Center website for more information.

Housing

Two bedroom one bath apartment with a private balcony available now at 9806 Rice Blvd. The unit has central air, a large wooded yard, a grill, a parking spot, and it is available immediately. Call 281-352-6985 for more information.

Walk in closets Track lights and built in shelves in the bedrooms. Available for summer or academic year. Please call 713-348-5238 for more information.