Kinders give for research

BY BROOKE BULLOCK
Rice Today Internship Story

Rich and Nancy Kinder announced a $5 million gift to Rice's Institute for Urban Research on Wednesday. The Institute has been renamed in honor as the Kinder Institute for Urban Research.

An event was held at the Memorial Hall to announce the newly named Institute as well as to thank the Kinders for their donation to Rice. Speakers at the event included President David Leebron, Houston mayor and Rice alumna Annise Parker, Sociology Professor and Co-Director of the Institute for Urban Research, Stephen Klineberg and Rich Kinder.

Many prominent figures of Houston attended the event, such as religious leaders, heads of museums and local government members like City Council member Oliver Pennington.

The Institute for Urban Research was established in the School of Social Sciences at Rice in February as a combination of two pre-existing centers at Rice: the Center on Race and Social Sciences at Rice in 2002 as well as a Center for Religious leaders, heads of museums and local government members like City Council member Oliver Pennington.

The institution of the Institute is to conduct sociological research. The Kinder Institute supports educational programs for Rice students and public outreach.

"The [Institute] was founded on a hope and a prayer," Leebron said. "We're a university small but there are things we can do for.

One reason the Kinders decided to donate to Rice is because they believe Rice is a world-class institution that sets the bar high for other universities. They also believe in Klineberg and Emerson's work for the Houston Area Survey.

"A major commitment of the Kinder Institute is to provide a permanent name for the Houston Area Survey to ensure that it will continue well into the future," Klineberg said.

The Kinders have also prospered greatly in Houston, Rich Kinder said, and want to give back something to the city to help it in return.

One of the largest reasons the Kinders want to give back to Houston is because of the people and their enthusiasm for the city.

"In Houston, you can do what you achieve," Kinder said. "That's my idea of the American dream.

Speaking briefly before Kinder's speech, Parker told the audience about the love of Houston and commitment for the program and said there was no better place than Houston to conduct the research that the Kinder Institute will be doing.

Kinder said it is already predicted to be a city of the future." Parker said.

"This is the perfect laboratory for this kind of enterprise.

One of the initiatives the Kinders will help support is the Houston Area Survey.

BY JENNIFER SHEN
FOR THE THRESHER

The Computer Science Department announced its new curriculum that will officially take effect for the class of 2015. Major changes in the new curriculum include a new introductory course sequence, removal of the previously required discrete math course and more consistency in programming languages taught.

Computer Science Department Chair Joe Warren said the success of COMP 140 following its introduction three years ago motivated the change in curriculum. Rather than only focusing on learning a programming language, COMP 140 provides more hands-on projects, such as music processing and network analysis on Facebook, as well as introductions to building programming techniques.

"The curriculum we built in the '90s was designed when...I, everyone was coming out and saying 'I want to be a computer science major.' Warren said. "The major we had got very technical very quickly and we didn't have a lot about why we were doing it."

Warren said some computer science majors lose interest halfway through the curriculum, the new curriculum will try to attract more majors by making the introductory sequence more interesting and by getting more of the best professors to teach lower division classes. The department hopes to increase the number of computer science majors from 15 to 40 per year.

Starting this spring, a new course, Air quality and urbanization, was added to the offerings in the Department of Environmental Science. This new course is offered in conjunction with the new urbanization class, "Collisions in Space and Time," which is offered in the Department of Sociology.

BY JOSH RUTENBERG
DAILY THRESHER STAFF

The construction waste that was generated at McMurtry College was recycled into the new college's LEED gold certified building.

In addition to the macro-finishes to the floors to connect to the windows to prevent excessive heating and cooling loss from leaving the windows open, the most visible LEED installation at McMurtry is the bathroom pods that contain water-efficient fixtures, such as dual-flush toilets and low-flow shower heads. Director of Sustainability Richard Johnson said the LEED rating systems sets the goal of less water than normal facilities, amounting to roughly 120-170 gallons per person per year at the college. A manufacturer assembled the pods off site to reduce construction waste.

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Behind the scenes, doubleglazed, low-emittance glass that reflects thermal radiation provides big energy savings for the college, Johnson said. For example, by reducing heat transfer through the windows, students have less need to cool their dorms during a hot summer day.

In addition, the windows provide additional sources of lighting.

"The windows provide a lot of natural daylight in rooms," Johnson said. "Students don't need to turn on lights as often.

Furthermore, the external college walls are two bricks thick, providing an extra level of thermal insulation during the winter, Johnson said.

Manager of Communications for FE&F Susan Glenn said one of the favorite parts of the new college's sustainable design is the green roof, one of seven at Rice, that reduces the heat transferred into the building through evaporative cooling, reduces stormwater runoff and creates natural habitats.

In some cases, environmental efforts came down to the materials used to build the college. Johnson said normal Portland Cement used in mixing concrete creates a high carbon dioxide footprint. Instead, FE&F substituted recycled materials — like fly ash and slag — with a smaller carbon footprint to reduce the use of Portland Cement.

McMurtry's LEED certification is gold level certified before dedication.

BY JOSH RUTENBERG
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Newly constructed McMurtry College was dedicated Friday afternoon in the presence of many Rice faculty and students. As such, we recommend talking to your physician about antidepressants to tide you over until Dec. 3.

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The Rice Thresher
Parade proposal strong

As we prepare for Beer Bike 2013, it would be simply imprudent to ignore the lessons of past Beer Bikes. In order to assure the continued success of our most beloved tradition, it must evolve in some capacity.

One of the growing problems that Beer Bike coordinators face is the increasing difficulty to acquire rental trucks for the parade. Local establishments have grown wiser in past years, realizing that their property holds great liability when rented to drunk college students holding a 4,000-person water balloon fight. Furthermore, the mixture of trucks and drunk students is a less than palatable combination from a security and刚才平衡injuries have yet to occur as a result of the trucks on the route, one has to assume that it is only a matter of time.

Furthermore, the event has been steadily increasing in price every year. Security costs, property damage and college fines accumulate to make the event, run as it is, a financial liability.

These issues ultimately need to be resolved while maintaining the integrity, energy and tradition of Beer Bike. If these concerns are not addressed on the spots, the plan would have students meet in the Academic Quad, participate in a cheer battle, then proceed to the IM fields for a water balloon fight.

The selection of this plan would be a devastating change for the tradition of Beer Bike. While adding a cheer battle and enjoying the benefits of decreased security costs along a parade route would be wonderful, this plan is a cosmic shift in what Beer Bike has been for so long. Without a parade or organized procession toward the stadium, it seems more likely than not that the disheveled crowd of inebriated college students would sacrifice more safety that it would gain.

The Thresher feels strongly the selection of this plan would be a loss for all parties involved with Beer Bike.

This plan certainly seems to salvage the essential tradition of parading while negating the safety concerns of the trucks near the students. However, the loss of balloon fighting along the parade route should not be underestimated. Since security would be attempting to control the crowd, the parade would not be swift. With this plan, students would be subject to a very slow moving student procession that would likely become very boring very quickly. This would negate what is usually an epic build-up to a final balloon battle; this plan essentially deflates the balloon of enthusiasm.

The final plan is clearly the best alternatives: It provides a good balance of tradition preservation and minor adjustments for security concerns. It would allow students to travel along the trucks' as has been the case in the past. Fighting would happen at stops along the route and the final fight would take place in the IM fields.

While the concern of trucks near the students is a serious one, the university has done a good job of placing a priority on safety and as protocol is improved from year to year, there is reason to believe that this plan will do exactly what it needs to do to keep students safer in what is admittedly a relatively precarious situation. Furthermore, the enhanced safety of the previous two plans may be over hyped. While students are able to let one's excitement with parades become balloon fights in this last plan, if there is no fighting along the route, it seems a likely possibility that students will approach the final fight with too much zeal, a situation which could create more balloon fight injuries. Furthermore, the new path passes fewer major buildings which will result in a decrease of damage costs.

Ultimately none of these propositions are perfect, and none address the issue of the difficulty around truck acquisition since all three plans require colleges to still rent trucks. Furthermore this final plan will likely require further adjusting in the future; it is certainly not a long-term answer. However, for the time being, it is necessary to balance evolving security needs with maintaining the essence of Beer Bike, which is what the final plan accomplishes. The Thresher encourages all students to vote for their parade-route preferences at http://bit.ly/beerhikesurvey.

Indeed, all are "wrong," like missing a problem on a test, but in differing severity, as referenced to Lev. 21:34 about divorcés and widows is addressed only to the priesthood, which is under a different standard. Deut. 22-25 only prescribes stoning for those who abandon the covenant, not for those who have different beliefs. Those who more to observe the command, back in Ex. 19:14, well remember how serious that oath was.

However, his question on selective good is especially good, in regard to Lev. 19:5, "... thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

John Dobriner

Statistics professor

Last week’s post poll results: How would you divide the remaining funds from the KIRU sale?

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This issue’s poll: What should Campus-Wide Beer Bike Coordinator Matt Sawyer plan for the 2013 Beer Bike Parade? Cast your vote at
Beer Bike parade undergoing vast changes, new plan to be selected

IN RECENT YEARS, the format of the Beer Bike parade has been the subject of intense scrutiny by student leaders and administration alike. With increased concerns about liability and rising costs to safely operate the event, we are forced to reevaluate the event yet again.

Matthew Sawyer
Dean of Undergraduates John Hutchinson asked me to seek ways to ease concerns about the safety of the parade. I elected to approach the Campus-Wide Beer Bike Committee, which is composed of myself, the area coordinators, Rice Program Council executives and the college coordinators, to open a dialogue about this issue. The committee discussed several options and agreed that student input was absolutely necessary before any final decision could be made. Learning from mistakes made in previous years, we are seeking your input on how to best change the parade.

After discussing the parade at length with Dean Hutchinson, it has been made clear to me that a parade with three stops, as we have seen in recent years, is not acceptable. With this limitation in mind, the committee discussed the best way to maintain tradition and balance student and university interests. Together, I hope we can come up with these viable options. The members of the committee have since had the opportunity to discuss and debate the various advantages and disadvantages of each option, which I now present here.

The list of the three options is similar to the format of previous parades, with two key differences. As in the past, the parade would start with a balloon fight at Founder’s Court. It would then proceed down the south side of the Inner Loop (contrary to normal traffic flow) toward the intramural fields and Tudor Fieldhouse. The balloon fight would then reoccur around the IM fields. Trucks would line up in an “S” shape on the Inner Loop and College Way, ramming the IM fields. This would allow students to “battle” their friends at all other colleges as opposed to engaging only the colleges on either side of them.

The obvious advantages of this plan are that it adheres to the tradition of students walking with their trucks between stops and allows for better fighting among the various colleges.

However, the cost of securing the parade would rise by as much as 10 percent due to increased liability issues in future years. In the past several years, more than $6,000 has been paid in fines by colleges each year due to parade violations. Additionally, colleges would need to provide more security personnel to facilitate the safe movement of the trucks. Lastly, with this plan, we would likely see increased pressure from the university to address liability issues in future years.

In the second option, students and trucks would take different routes from Founder’s Court to the IM fields. The students will proceed from Founder’s Court through the Academic Quad to the IM fields. The students will then turn left at the Rice Memorial Center and form the same “S” around the IM fields as in the previous plan. At the IM fields, the students will visit their trucks and recommence the water balloon fight. The only difference between this plan and the first option is that students and the trucks take different routes. In the event of a water balloon throwing remaining the same.

Several advantages present themselves with this format for the parade. First and foremost, security costs would be reduced dramatically. Because fewer Rice University Police Department personnel would be needed to prevent students from interfering with the trucks’ movement. Additionally, this could potentially allow for a addition of the traditional balloon fight to the IM fields, which was lost to the rioters on the parade. The leaders could then proceed to the track to prepare for the race after the cheer battle in the Academic Quad. This would allow the parade and the races to be integrated better than they have been in recent years.

However, this option does represent a change from the parade in past years. Additionally, students might have difficulty realizing they shouldn’t follow the trucks and be confused by the two different routes. Finally, there is concern that the south colleges would have little incentive to join the fight at Founder’s Court because of their proximity to the balloon fight at the IM fields.

This final option is, admittedly, a radical change from past years. The colleges would meet in the Academic Quad to participate in a university-wide cheer battle, with students showing support for their bikers. They would then proceed to visit their trucks at the IM fields, where the water balloon fight would occur. Thus, the balloon fight would have only two locations.

There are, surprisingly, several advantages to this plan. First, it would greatly reduce the security costs necessary to have a safe parade. It would also, as with the second option, allow the parade to go back to its more traditional roots as a way to cheer the bikers to the trucks. Also, since few students would need to walk across campus in unprepared weather, it would greatly reduce the fines imposed on the colleges and allow that money to be spent elsewhere by the college coordinators.

With this plan, there are few concerns on the behalf of the administration. As a result, and most importantly, students' desire to fully understand students' desire to fully understand students' desire to fully realize what it thinks would be best to the Beer Bike tradition.

However, there are disadvantages to this option. First, it is a radical departure from the recent history of the parade, a fact that cannot be ignored. While this plan does remove most of the concerns about last year’s proposed fight, as RHPD and Rice Emergency Medical Services have easily accessible ways of getting to students in need, some questions remain. Will students become more violent with a more protracted fight at one location? Is it really a parade if there is only a single stop?

We now look to the entire student body to discuss these proposed options within your college and with your coordinates. No choice has been made yet. No choice will be made without the input of the student body. In fact, we have created a survey for students to submit their input, which is can be found at http://bit.ly/beerbikesurvey.

The committee feels that the process of deciding must involve the student body. We hope you will be active and open-minded in discussing these options since what we, as students, decide now will affect future Beer Bikes.

Finally, I would like to leave you with some great news. Over the past several months, I have been working with the administration to find a way to maintain the format of the races for Beer Bike. Dean Hutchinson and other members of the administration understood students’ desire to fully incorporate more recently created colleges in the races with some minor alterations in the track that will allow us to have the traditional single race in each of the divisions (male, women’s and men’s). This is due to the efforts of Ian Cooper, Dr. Mark Jenkins, Boyd Beckworth and the Campus-Wide Beer Bike Committee. We also appreciate Dean Hutchinson’s willingness to consider new approaches and his continued support.

The opinions of the committee are representative of the entire executive Beer Bike Committee.

Matthew Sawyer is a St. Richardion College senior and the campus-wide Beer Bike coordinator.

CAMPUS REACTIONS

"Going along the route last year wasn’t as fun as we thought it would be, plus I want to fight Baker. So option 2."  
Cristina Terhoeve  
Duncan College sophomore

"There is a benefit to tradition but there’s definitely safety concerns with walking along the trucks, so option 3."  
Charlie Del  
Wiess College junior

"I pick option 2 because the first option doesn’t really allocate any of the safety issues."  
Julian Yao  
Will Rice College sophomore

"Definitely not option 1. I feel like all the administrators would like option 2 and 3. I’m going to go with option 1."  
Ruben Sandow  
Duncan College junior

"Well, it’s one epic battle at the end or a bunch of smaller ones then a medium battle at the IM fields. I also like the idea of a cheer battle, so option 3."  
Chris Pettjohn  
Raker College sophomore

"People get limited to fighting their neighbors right now, so I’d take option number 2 for the better selection of fighting."  
Matt Jones  
Hanszen College senior

Unlike past parades, students and students will go in opposite directions and ultimately meet at the IM fields for a university-wide balloon fight. While there will be no fighting along the parade route, security and fine costs will be decreased.

Similar to option 2, students and trucks will not proceed alongside each other. Instead, students will meet in the Academic Quad for a cheer battle reminiscent of O-Week cheer battles. The students will then proceed to the IM fields for the balloon fight.
Open records requests unveil how KTRU sale was kept under wraps

Last week, KTRU and investigative reporting blog Texas Watchdog each released the documents they received from their separate open records requests to the University of Houston regarding the sale of KTRU's broadcast tower, FM frequency and operating license to UH. As a public institution, UH was obligated to comply with these requests and provide the relevant correspondence, but Rice, a private university, is not bound by public information laws and would not be required to fulfill such a request if it were made of them. The six scanned images of printed emails between Rice and UH revealed how both parties sought to keep details of the deal from reaching the public for as long as possible.

President David Leebron announced the news of the sale in an email to students, faculty and alumni on Aug. 17. In an interview with The Rice Thresher that week, Leebron elaborated on the necessity of not releasing information of the sale earlier.

"Occasionally we have to consider the needs of confidentiality to realize the maximum possible value for [an] asset," Leebron said.

Preventing transmission of the news

On May 3, 2010, Erik Langner of Public Radio Capital, the representative for UH, in the deal, sent an email reiterating due diligence to Greg Gay at Patrick Communications, the agency representing Rice. In this message, Langner called for the creation of a false pretense under which to collect logistics data to avoid raising suspicions while also moving the sale forward.

"We recognize that Rice is going to have a hard time generating a complete list of assets without some of the station personnel's input, and we agree that tipping off some of those individuals may not be advisable," Langner said. "I suggest Rice provide a cover story for an independent third party engineering consultant, to be chosen by UH, to perform an inspection of the transmitter building, transmitter equipment, transmission line, towers and antennae. Rice should actually hire the consultant we specify, so there will be no question as to the source of the inspection, which of course will have to be coordinated with the station engineer somehow. Rice can use any reason it chooses, some of which can include change of insurance, inventory needs or any other plausible explanation."

Despite this attempt to keep things quiet, news of the sale first leaked from UH on Aug. 7. In an email the next day, Vice President for Public Affairs Linda Thrane instructed KUHF General Manager John Proffitt to try to contain the dissemination of information.

"[KTRU General Manager] Bill [Robedee] says someone from KUHF told a KTRU deejay about the sale," Thrane said. "Let's try to button down the hatches and touch base on our announcement tomorrow."

Shaping the story as it breaks

Upon hearing that Houston Chronicle reporter Jeannie Kever had begun investigating rumors of the sale, UH Associate Vice President for University Relations Karen Clarke sent an email on Aug. 9 to UH President Ken Rabin asking about how to control the initial media coverage of the sale.

"Instead of waiting for her to 'find out' — which may put us in a more defensive position — Carl [[Exchrist, Vice President for Administration and Finance at UH]] agreed with my suggestion that we proactively release the information," Clarke said.

Richard Bonnin, Director of Media Relations at UH, corresponded on Aug. 16 with R.L. Almond, Director of News and Media Relations at Rice, regarding an embargo with Kever. Under this agreement, the two universities would provide information for Kever's article so long as she postponed its publication until the purchase's approval in the Aug. 17 public meeting of the UH Board of Regents' Finance and Administration Committee.

"This has been sent only to Jeannie Kever, who agreed to the embargo. If the Houston Press or some other media outlet breaks the story, then the embargo can't be enforced," Almond wrote.

While the earliest email released regarding UH's intent to purchase a radio station dated May 11, 2009, the first mention of KTRU specifically by name is June 18, 2009. On Feb. 22, voting closed on the 2009 Student Association General Elections, and of 1,249 student votes, only 45 percent were in favor of increasing the KTRU blanket tax by $3. When voting closed on the 2010 SA General Elections on Feb. 24, 55 percent of the 972 votes were in favor of increasing the blanket tax from $3.50 to $4.50. Neither of those results met the two-thirds majority required for the proposals to pass and in his Aug. 9 letter responding to opposition of the sale, Leebron cited the failure of these funding requests evidence as lack of student support.

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Timeline of the sale

Rice and UH signed a confidentiality agreement on July 3, 2009, the first version of the letter of intent regarding the sale appeared Sept. 11, 2009, and the final version was agreed upon and signed on April 10, 2010, with a 30-day extension granted on June 11, 2010. The process of due diligence began May 22, 2009, and by July 29, 2010, the majority of this property organization and inventory had been addressed.

Rice and UH each published press releases on Aug. 11 announcing the plans for UH to purchase the radio frequency and transmission facilities from Rice. Former KTRU Station Manager Nick Schlossman filed a public records request on Aug. 25. Rice published another press release on Oct. 13 reporting the signing of the final agreement with UH. The Federal Communications Commission received paperwork for the transfer of ownership of the operating license on Oct. 29, and the 30-day public comment period will end on Dec. 2.

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Regarding the purchase of a radio station for use by KUHF but did not explicitly identify the station as KTRU. On the evening of Aug. 16, Houston Press reporter Chris Gray published a speculative article about missing the station was in fact KTRU, and the next day, two hours after the Press posted an update confirming this suspicion, the Chronicle released their report on their sale under the headline "UH Signals Boost to Public Radio."

Blanket tax failures

In addition to these details regarding the sale's disclosure, the two open records requests revealed an incongruity between one of Leebron's points supporting the deal and the timeline of relevant events. While the earliest email released regarding UH's intent to purchase a radio station in dated May 11, 2009, the first mention of KTRU specifically by name is June 18, 2009. On Feb. 22, voting closed on the 2009 Student Association General Elections, and of 1,249 student votes, only 45 percent were in favor of increasing the KTRU blanket tax by $3. When voting closed on the 2010 SA General Elections on Feb. 24, 55 percent of the 972 votes were in favor of increasing the blanket tax from $3.50 to $4.50. Neither of those results met the two-thirds majority required for the proposals to pass and in his Aug. 9 letter responding to opposition of the sale, Leebron cited the failure of these funding requests evidence as lack of student support.

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Saudi Prince on energy policy

BY NINA ELIZONDO
FOR THE THRESHER

Saudi Arabian Prince Turki Al-Faisal paid a visit to the Baker Institute on Nov. 11 and spoke about Saudi Arabian energy policy as part of the institute's Shell Distinguished Lecture Series.

Al-Faisal's speech, titled "A Pillar of Global Stability: Saudi Arabia's Petroleum Policy," was about Saudi Arabia's role as a major oil producer and as a key figure on the world energy stage.

"Just as Toyota is in the business of selling cars, and Apple is in the business of selling computers, Saudi Arabia is very much in the business of selling energy in whatever form it can generate." Al-Faisal said. "(Saudi Arabia) gives (continual) support for an oil price within a range that works for both producers and consumers."

According to Al-Faisal, Saudi Arabia will use its oil surplus to help preserve a stable oil market by maintaining a per barrel price of $30-$35. Saudi Arabia is the world's largest producer and exporter of petroleum.

Al-Faisal emphasized that Saudi Arabia aims to eventually expand the energy sources available to it and use and export solar, wind, and nuclear energy as well.

"No country can or should power itself with solely one form of energy," Al-Faisal said.

Al-Faisal said that in order to have a stable petroleum market, communication between producers and consumers is essential. Al-Faisal also stressed the importance of innovation and cooperation between nations to achieve these ends.

"The black and white scenario of oil versus non-oil in the realm of energy is far from the complete story," Al-Faisal said. "All nations are now intertwined in a unified struggle to create an ideal energy mix that works for producers, consumers, and the planet they inhabit."

Al-Faisal emphasized the importance of interdependence, rather than independence, of nations when energy sources are concerned. He referenced the Deepwater Horizon oil spill as a cautionary tale of the risks of energy independence.

"To literally go to the ends of the earth to retrieve oil is probably not the wisest long-term energy strategy, especially when a country like Saudi Arabia has so much oil that can be safely retrieved," Al-Faisal said.

Al-Faisal called for countries like India and China to be transparent in reporting their energy consumption as well as a good statesman.

"His speech was interesting and informative, although somewhat predictable," Kumar said. While Al-Faisal made clear the economic benefits of alternative energy sources, he did not discuss the environmental effects of them.

Hamden College freshman Vishnu Kumar said that Al-Faisal came across as a good statesman.

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SPOC0 victorious at regionals

BY BROOKE BULLOCK
THE THREEFOLD STAFF

Spontaneous Combustion, Rice’s improvisational comedy troupe, emerged victorious from the Nov. 6 College Improv Tournament Southwest Regionals in Austin. Four of Spoco’s members – Hanszen College junior Josh Hernandez, Martel College freshmen Matt Volle and Jeff Scherber and Wrangler College sophomore Danny Stashabarow – competed against no fewer than 15 in the region.

With their recent win, the improvisational troupe is guaranteed a spot for four to six members to compete in the College Improv Tournament Nationals Feb. 10-12, in Chicago.

"It went really good for us," Hernandez said. "We did very well. We put on a lot of shows and we made sure that we stayed on our toes and didn’t say anything that would give an advantage to the other teams."

McDonald said there is low attendance during the spring, the troupe will be performing in the McMurtry College Commons Nov. 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Weekend servery schedule to change

BY AMI DAVE
FOOD-FOCUSED

Beginning next semester, the weekend schedules for each of the serveries will change in order to alleviate the pressure on serveries from students dining on Saturdays, while the Baker and Sid Richardson Serveries will be closed all weekend.

In order to alleviate the pressure on South to feed most of the population of the south residential colleges, the individual serveries of Baker College and Sid Richardson College have been open on Sundays this semester. According to Associate Director of Residential Dining David McDonald, without these additional serveries available, South would have been over its capacity. This was a one-semester anomaly; however, and will no longer occur next semester.

"We are focused on maximizing the dollar in guest meals," McDonald said. "It will be less wasteful and more efficient if the projected meal costs are consolidated into two serveries."

According to McDonald, having only East and North serveries open will be sufficient for service. McDonald said East was chosen because it is centrally located and can accommodate students from up to five residential colleges. East was chosen because it is centrally located and can accommodate students from up to five residential colleges.

The traffic at East will be carefully monitored throughout the spring semester to discern if the practice works. If the meal plans will need to be modified for the next semester and more serveries will have to open. East is the only option for an East College student on any night.

Baker freshmen Mary Morales said she believes the benefits of having only North and East open on Saturdays will outweigh the inconvenience.

"I think having only two serveries open will make things more crowded, but the food service would be much better than at any of the individual college serveries open," Morales said. "It’s in my own, more food selection definitely outweighs the costs."

Demjan College freshmen Philip Demitro said he feels differently about the changes and is used to the convenience of having an attached serverie open during the weekends.

"We are doing everything we can to keep meal plans the same while adding quality and variety," McDonald said. Construction for East began in February, and the serverie is expected to open at the beginning of fall semester. East is a combined kitchen and serverie which is built adjacent to Lowell College and Will Rice College in the area of their current kitchen and servers.

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RICE IN A BOX finalized

By TINA OH
THE THREEFOLD STAFF

Twenty-five, 50, possibly even 100 years from now, with the help of a few boxes of memories, it will be possible to reconstruct the college experiences of Rice student.

This is the goal of Rice in a Box, a Student Association initiative designed to collect the history of student experiences at Rice for each graduating class. According to SA Secretary Georgianna Lagoudas, the name "Rice in a Box" is intended to be a fun representation of the project’s purpose.

"Students said boxes for collection of memories will be placed at colleges and around campus and will later be stored in the off-campus Founden Library storage facility. Examples of items for Rice in a Box include benches, pamphlets, T-shirts, glasses, videos and event programs."

SA President Selina Sheehan said in addition to physical objects being stored in the climate-controlled storage site, there are plans for a digital compilation of paper items and the like.

The project is being headed by Lagoudas, a Lovett College junior, and Dunham College Senior Louise Bentiveno, with help from Sheikh, Centennial Historian Melissa Sow, Professor of History John Bollenbacher and Vice President for Public Affairs Linda Thorne.

Lagoudas said a committee will be formed to maintain and catalog Rice in a Box. The SA members will be co-chaired by Lagoudas and Bentiveno and include a vice-chair, a graduate representative and one representative from each of the 16 colleges. Lagoudas said any interested students should e-mail a letter of interest and a resume to lagoudas@rice.edu by 11:59 p.m. today. She said the SA has not finalized plans for Rice in a Box yet, but he is looking to make it a sustained, long-term project. He said he wants Rice in a Box to become a tradition that will give people the opportunity to take a field trip into the past.

"This is a way to bring students back to their time here," Lagoudas said. "We want people to imagine Rice and what happened during the years."

By Tina Oh
THE THREEFOLD STAFF

"We are doing everything we can to keep meal plans the same while adding quality and variety," McDonald said. "It will be less wasteful and more efficient if the projected meal costs are consolidated into only two serveries."

According to McDonald, having only East and North serveries open will be sufficient for service. McDonald said East was chosen because it is centrally located and can accommodate students from up to five residential colleges. East was chosen because it is centrally located and can accommodate students from up to five residential colleges.

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Baker freshmen Mary Morales said she believes the benefits of having only North and East open on Saturdays will outweigh the inconvenience.

"I think having only two serveries open will make things more crowded, but the food service would be much better than at any of the individual college serveries open," Morales said. "It’s in my own, more food selection definitely outweighs the costs."

Demjan College freshmen Philip Demitro said he feels differently about the changes and is used to the convenience of having an attached serverie open during the weekends.

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Rice in a Box is a way to bring students together and promote unity among colleges, according to Bollenbacher.

"Rice in a Box will bring together Rice students from all across campus and beyond," the SA secretary said. "It will be a place for students to give up an old tradition and create new traditions at Rice."
Q&A with McLendon

BY KEVIN LIN

GM: Tell us a bit about your background.

George McLendon, Rice's new provost, grew up on the White House to talk about his past, the current state of affairs and his plans for the future.

McLendon came to Rice after serving as dean of students and associate provost at Duke University. He is a well-known researcher, entrepreneur and administrator and comes to Rice as a native of Texas.

We're going to talk to you about your background.

GM: I'm a multipurpose Texan. My mom and dad were native Texans. Their parents were native Texans, and their parents were rice farmers. When Texas was a republic and my family was here. I have plenty deep roots in Texas. My dad is an engineer by vocation, but he has always been a rancher by application. So I got to raise cows and longhorns and cattle. I grew up spending a lot of time out on the ranch.

What was your favorite pastime?

GM: I liked to climb trees.

Tell us a bit about Rice, you worked at Duke, the University of Rochester and Princeton. To some would you compare those places to Rice?

GM: I can give you a much better comparison if you like, but I'm teaching a freshmen seminar LOVING THE UNIVERSITY. I've been here for six weeks. I don't know if I can say much different. Intuitively, there's no difference between the students at Rice and the students at the University of Rochester or Princeton. But the culture at Rice is not like the culture at Pennsylvania. It's going to sound odd, but I've been teaching at this place. My favorite part about Rice is that you can touch and you can do any two of the three, I chose to do administrative work and teach. The reason I can do that is because my research program is now largely done in the private sector.

RT: On the topic of the private sector, you have a history of entrepreneurship. Can you tell us about that?

GM: Fresh, but you know what I'd rather do? Help you start your own companies. Especially that's something that a 10-year-old should do, but you should be learning how to build the networks and get help. Because you're making change and be a better person, you have the people necessary to help you.

RT: If you had one piece of advice for Rice students, what would you tell them?

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In addition, computer science majors will only have to take either differential equations or multivariable calculus rather than both. Discrete math, COMP 386, will no longer be offered. The material of discrete math will be spread throughout the curriculum.

In addition, the discrete math concepts will be integrated at the other end of the curriculum. According to Rixner, another focus is to make the curriculum more consistent. Programming-oriented courses like Algorithms and Data Structures, will be spread throughout the curriculum. In this way, students get to see it, rather than just have one class that teaches all the discrete math concepts without really showing how it's used by computer scientists," Rixner said.

Current freshmen and sophomores can graduate under either the old or new curricula, but they are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the new one. Juniors and seniors are mostly unaffected. Since there are not enough faculty to continue teaching all of the old courses that are being replaced, the department is making a few old and new courses interchangeable for satisfying major requirements for students who are still graduating under the old requirements.

Another new course on object-oriented programming, COMP 315, will be introduced this year and will become part of the new curriculum. On the other hand, COMP 314, Applied Algorithms and Data Structures, will be removed. "I'm glad that our curriculum is presenting the important computer science concepts early so students get to see the right mindset for computational thinking," Qian said. "COMP 314, however, was a valuable self-discovery course that I hope would return to the curriculum someday."
**KINDER**

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The 30th annual Houston Area Survey, along with the survey, the Kinder Institute for Urban Research will produce its first publication, a full-colored, printed report on the research conducted. The publication will be given to the city of Houston as a gift on Houston's 175th anniversary.

The donation will also help the Houston Area Survey expand into a transnational program. In collaboration with colleagues across the US and around the world, the program will conduct similar surveys in cities all over the world, such as New York, Shanghai, Buenos Aires and Mumbai.

The donation will go to the endowment to ensure that the Kinder Institute will always be a part of Rice. "We are extremely grateful to the Kinders for both their gift and for their appreciation of the important role played by the growing diversity in our cities and our institutions," Lebron said.

According to Systems, Architect and Infrastructure Director Barry Ribbeck, all systems were affected by the crisis — for example, lab machines still allowed students to log on and print, and the Rice Visitors Internet network still worked. Although the issues were resolved, Information Technology stayed late on Friday night to be sure the systems were all running properly, Ribbeck said.

Registrar David Tenney said the technological hiccup in no way affected registration on Sunday. According to Tenney, there were the usual number of PIN resets, but the night was otherwise quiet on a technology level.

According to Administrative Systems Associate Vice President Randy Castiglioni, Friday's problem was caused by a processor that failed to run properly and miscommuted with IT services about the statuses of students. In order to keep the computer systems up to date, Rice's automated processor checks students' statuses with information from the registrar twice a day, Ribbeck said. However, the processor mismatched data types, presenting IT with a format that it was not expecting. Ribbeck said the needed information was therefore rendered "unvisible" to the IT system, and the IT system acted according to the information it received.

"It thought the students were not registered for classes, and so it deemed them inactive," Ribbeck said.

Since only active students are allowed to use services like the Rice Owls network, all current Rice students were locked out of the system. It was not a big crisis, but it had a big impact," Castiglioni said.

While such errors are not unheard of in the 50-year-old system, he said, they are usually caught early. This incident is the first time the system has had a problem of this scale.

IT and Administrative Systems caught the problem at 8 that morning and had to go into the system to fix most of the problem manually before the majority of students could notice.

"In order to get people access, we couldn't wait for the process to run again," Ribbeck said.

According to Ribbeck, all systems were restored to normal use by 3 p.m. on Nov. 12. Tenney said the technical issues in no way affected any student records or ESTHER accounts. From the perspective of the registrar, the student accounts were never inactive, he said.

"We didn't even know there was a problem until some students called us," he said.

In response to the problem, Castiglioni and Ribbeck said they will be implementing extra checks on both ends and have interim solutions in place until they can implement more long-term checks in the next few weeks.

Castiglioni confirmed that there were no incidents from a systems perspective during registration, and he said it was a relatively smooth night.
Bouncing Cats: not about funny kittens

Because of my undying love for feline-related videos, I was immediately excited to review a film entitled "Bouncing Cats" and interview the film's makers. However, upon discovering that the title of the film referred to a Ugandan beatboxing technique instead of cute kittens, I was less enthusiastic. Due to my lack of interest in actually doing work and my self-diagnosed apathetism, I almost did not go to the screening. I was surprised to find out that this was something that changed my mind on the spot. I was going to interview Bun B. I was down to ride, and thanks to my hypochondria-induced amnesia, I was able to forget about my aforementioned preoccupations.

Much to my surprise, I walked away from the event not starstruck from meeting Bun B or the others associated with the film but with a fresh and inspired perspective of an unremarkable cause. While I had an interesting conversation with Bun B, I was struck from meeting Bun B or the others associated with the film. However, upon going across something that changed my mind on the spot. I was going to interview Bun B. I was down to ride, and thanks to my hypochondria-induced amnesia, I was able to forget about my aforementioned preoccupations.

Media Center turns 40

Famed actor, director and model Isabella Rossellini spoke at the Rice Media Center last Thursday to commemorate its 40th anniversary.

Growing up in an abusive home in Uganda, Tekya hardly had an ideal childhood himself.

"I lost both of my parents, and I became an orphan," she said.

"Where I was staying I was being mistreated as a kid. They used to beat you all the time, scream at you. Whenever I was home I wouldn't speak because they used to show me that I knew nothing."

Things began to change when he fell in love with hip-hop after

Please stop Unstoppable

BY ANTHONY LAURIELLO

Threader Staff

Starting: Denzel Washington, Chris Pine

Rated: PG-13

Released: Nov. 12

It was at this point of the movie I should have gotten up and left. But I stayed, and the only thing that helps me sleep at night is the idea that if my review prevents just one person from seeing this unbelievably terrible piece of trash, then I have done some good in the world.

The movie's plot, which is very loosely based on a 2001 incident, concerns a runaway train loaded with toxic chemicals. After an in-competent and corrupt worker (Elba) screw-ups, "My Name Is Earl," the train gets left away from him at a northern Pennsylvania railroad yard, the chase is on to stop the train from going off the elevated curve in populated Blanton, Pa.

After several half-brained at-temps fail, it comes to two men, the young and inexperienced Will Colson (Chris Pine, Star Trek) and the grizzled veteran engineer Frank Barnes (Denzel Washington, American Gangster) to stop at what one point of the movie described as a missile the size of the Chrysler building.

Dunne all of this, the movie juxtaposes the gray and joy of blue-collar work with the evil of board-room politics in an empty message in this period of economic turmoil. Furthermore, Colson somehow resolves issues with his estranged side, even though the couple never actually interact. Unlike most "action" movies, there is no plot twist, villain or real any action. It is like the '90 classic Speed, but with even more scenes of public transportation and without out any of the good parts.

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Classic Flicks: Terry Swigoff's Crumb

Although he has been compared to classical painters, Robert Crumb does not work with oils, pastels or charcoal. Crumb led the under-ground comic movement of the 1960s with a scratchy drawing style and a controversial autobiographical touch that remain influential in graphic literature today.

The film is not a biopic; Crumb is more like an Errol Morris film, with interviews of three subjects, except one of them happens to be a famous and subversive comic artist. Robert Crumb appears relatively normal compared to his re-clusive older brothers Charles, who rarely left the house inhabited by the Crumbs' meth-addicted mother, or his younger brother Maxon, a painter who sleeps on a bed of nails and runs tape through his intestines for the sake of cleanliness.

Charles committed suicide shortly after the production of the film. How could these bizarre fa-milial circumstances not speak a great artist? It becomes evident that for Robert Crumb, drawing comics is his method for suppressing his madness.

The film does not strive to be touching or sentimental. Unlike other documentaries, Crumb is un-derminedly dark, humorous and engaging. Unfortunately, there seems to be an unfair public prejudi-cie toward documentaries; maybe this is because the term "documentary" implies learning is involved, and many of us do not go to the the-a-ter to be educated, isn't that what the Discovery and History Channel are for? The Academy for Best Docu-mentary Feature frequently goes to independent and foreign films, for example, Vivan, which I heard of, but have not seen. Aside from the films of Michael Moore, there has not been an American docu-mentary in recent memory which has truly penetrated public con-sciousness. (March of the Penguins, a French production.) Because movies are often seen as invest-ments, Hollywood's money tends to go into projects from which money is likely to come out of.

Don't let the low production val-

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DANCER

Rice Dance Theatre presents their fall performance, "Fall forward," tonight and to-morrow at 8 p.m. general admission is $5 for students and $7 for general admission, available from any Rice Dance Theatre member. This performance features original student choreography and performance.

www.RUDANCE.com

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THEATER

The Heid Chronicles previews tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Main Street Theatre for $5.00. The Heid Chronicles is a Pu-tter Prize winner that documents Heid's transition from her teens into mid-life age during the feminist movement. The show officially opens Nov.-26, and the prices will increase to $12.-40.

www.MIVENSTREETTHEATER.com

POTTER

It is an obvious fact of life that Harry Potter opened at mid-night today. For those of us who were not lucky enough to score an advance ticket, it's time to go with everyone else to see Part One of HP.

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Harry Potter, Warner Bros.
sucking out to a rich neighborhood and finding videos of breakdancing, "It became a part of me because I wasn't going to school," he said. "When I went to school out to other communities, I played as me as an orphan, but when I went there, people started to describe me as a breaker and a rapper."...
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**Sports**

**Women's cross country: torches ticket to nationals**

Owls led by Mericle, take second place to earn automatic bid to NCAA Championship

by Natalie Clericuzio

In her four years of cross country competition, senior Nicole Mericle has had her fair share of successes, but this past weekend, she cemented her place among the best of the best in the history of the sport at Rice, winning her second South Central Regional championship meet by finishing in 20:26 minutes.

Mericle is the only Owl to ever win the meet, much less win it twice in her career. Her first Regional championship title came in 2008.

Before the race, Mericle said that she just wanted to help her Head Coach Jim Bevan's words that she could run with anyone there. Ultimately as usual, Bevan was right.

"I had to trust that Jim had done the right thing by having faith in me," Mericle said. "I really had to kind of trust myself and be able to run with anyone in the race and so I just kind of went for it." However, Mericle was not the only Owl who excelled last Saturday — far from it. The team's performance captured second place in the regional meet and also qualified the team for the national meet in Terre Haute, Ind., on Tuesday. This will be the sixth time Rice has qualified for the national meet since the sport's inception at Rice in 1984.

**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP**

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This marks the fourth time since 2005 that the Owls have made an appearance in the NCAA Championship. Rice finished 32nd in 2008, coming close to their best finish ever of 16th in 2007.

Remarkably, in the six times Rice has attended the national meet, Mericle, senior Brittany Williams, junior Allison Pre and junior Becky Wade have been on three of those teams.

Qualifying for the national meet is especially special to this group of four ladies, as they redshirted last season when Wade sustained a season-ending injury with hopes of being able to take the team back to nationals this season. And when Wade required surgery during the offseason for a torn labrum, none, not even Bevan, believed there was a chance of these four running together again.

Then, against all odds, thanks to hard work Wade's recovery progressed ahead of schedule and Bevan started to think there was a chance Wade would be ready to run by Regionals.

"I started playing with the idea in my mind of Becky running two and a half weeks before the race," Bevan said. "I decided to give her a mini-test to see if she was ready and it was just a progression." On the Monday before the race, Bevan talked with Wade about competing and she ultimately decided that she was ready.

"At first, I was totally caught off guard," senior Allison Pre said.

**Men's basketball torches undersized opponents**

by Ryan Glassman

The scene inside Tudor Fieldhouse last Friday evening was a memorable one for the men's basketball team. With a strong student turnout and a surprisingly potent version of hostile University of St. Thomas fans in attendance for the season opener, the stage was set for a team looking to build around a young nucleus and improve on last season's disappointing 8-23 season.

But for Head Coach Ben Braun's young team, the first three minutes and was Kazemi picked up two fouls in the opening minutes rather than utilizing their many rebounds in the game's early minutes as the team's attempts on three pointers.

Facing an extremely undersized St. Thomas Celtics, as the team went on a run late in the half to take a 3-2 lead with under two minutes left over the heavily favored Owls. Sophomore forward Christian Fiedler, who combined with Stansoti to score more than half of the team's first-half points, put in a lay-up with under 30 seconds left to cut the deficit to 30-27. But for Braun's young team, the first-half numbers were not pretty. Despite having nearly twice as many rebounds as St. Thomas, the Owls shot just 12-31 from the field in the first half and were ice cold from behind the arc, missing all of the team's attempts on three pointers.

"I think our guys understood that we weren't in a basketball game, which is good," Braun said when asked about his team's demeanor after the first half. For the first 20 minutes, St. Thomas' game plan to lull and try to make the three-point shot was working well, as the Owls went to the locker room trailing by one.

Rice came out flat in the first couple of minutes of the second half, swinging back to back-to-back jump shots by junior guard Connor Frizzelle and sophomore guard Tamir Jackson. The game began to turn around for Rice after a backcourt steal led to a fast-break dunk by Kazemi, which gave Rice a 40-36 lead and forced St. Thomas to call a timeout. Leading by six points with 11 minutes remaining, the Owls pounded the ball inside to their big men, scoring 11 of their next 12 points from the free throw line to take a 55-43 lead with just over five minutes left in the game. Kazemi, Stansoti and Brimah took over in the second half, working the boards and forcing St. Thomas undersized post players to foul out and send the Owls to the free-throw line.

"I wish we could have stuck with it easier and more consistently today," Braun said of the team's in
Football sees victory taken away in last minutes

Owls go ahead with two minutes left, give up late touchdown and fail to answer Green Wave

by Teddy Grodek

Not only does the football team have one of the highest point-averages in college football, injuries in seemingly every position and one of the best teams in Conference USA coming to town this weekend following last weekend's 56-40 loss to Tulane University (4-6, 2-4 C-USA), but now they have one more team-destroying issue to deal with—a full-blown quarterback controversy.

The quarterback is arguably the most important position in all of sports; the man who handles the ball on every play and leads the team in both a figurative and literal sense. Offenses like stability, and up until recently, redshirt junior transfer Nick Fanuzzi had provided that.

After redshirt freshman Taylor McIlgourne stepped up early in the season with an injury, Fanuzzi stepped up and seized the position attempting to ensure it was not the Owls' offense that led to their defeats. Fanuzzi's performance, however, has steadily declined after the two-week, with redshirt sophomore backup Taylor Cook playing well in his last two appearances. Adding to the debate is Head Coach David Bailiff's insistence at his Monday press conference that McIlgourne is healthy and able to return to the field.

"We are going to evaluate the quarterbacks this week," Bailiff said. "McIlgourne has been cleared to play. He is healthy now. He actually got cleared to play a couple weeks ago, but he did not have any velocity on his ball or accuracy. You could tell he was not getting his form and getting into clearing. But he is back and healthy now."

It will not matter who is under center this week against East Carolina (5-5, 2-4 C-USA), the Owls' defense that has given up 1,289 points in 2010 after forcing 17 turnovers in two touchdowns to move up 18-12. Bailiff was unhappy with the four turnovers that he had in the first half, all at the hands of Fanuzzi, which provided Tulane with a touchdown.

Tulane scored on the first drive of the game, marching down the field, hitting redshirt senior wide receiver Patrick Randolph over the middle with a 30-yard pass to put the Owls up by one in the closing minutes of the half.

Despite a Fanuzzi fumble, the Owls went to the next to score, with a Fanuzzi pass to sophomore tight end Vance McDonald to the game. The teams scored touchdowns until the closing minutes of the half, when Tulane gained the upper hand, pushing in two touchdowns to move up 18-12. Fanuzzi's three interceptions and one lost fumble caused Bailiff to make the switch at quarterback to Cook, and it largely proved successful. Rice drew the first blood of the second half, with a touchdown pass from Cook to McDonald, McDonald's second touchdown of the game. This moved the Owls within 10 points, which was cut to three after Rice punched in a touchdown from the one-yard line with a run from freshman running back Jeremy Eddington.

Tulane scored a touchdown on their next possession, giving the ball back to Rice with just over four minutes left. Cook led the team down the field, hitting redshirt senior wide receiver Ryan Griffin countered, hitting wide receiver Ryan Grant with a 75-yard touchdown pass. After a missed two-point conversion attempt, Tulane went up by a score of 24-19. Rice failed to score in their next possession, leading to a five-point loss, leaving the Owls at 2-6 and 1-4 in C-USA play with two games left on their schedule.

Despite the loss, Eddington was still proud of the offense. "I felt like we did a bunch of good things," Eddington said. "We just went out and had fun and played for the first time in a long time."

This weekend, ECU comes to town, as the Owls play their first home game since their Barret Bowl victory over the University of Houston in the middle of October. It will be a challenge for the Owls, who have many questions to answer before tomorrow's game.
by Jonathan Myers

THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Head Coach Jon Warren (Jones '88) has always prided to be somewhat confusing. He knows that the Rice cross country team’s lineup at their highest meets of the year. Before the NCAA South Regional last Saturday in Waco, Texas, Warren said he could see the team finishing anywhere from fifth to sixth. As it were, the Owls finished at the bottom end of that spectrum, taking home a sixth place finish from the regional for the second straight year.

The usual cast of characters had strong performances, with redshirt junior Michael Trejo leading the pack with his time of 13:36.5 minutes and sixth-place overall. Following him were redshirt sophomores Gabe Cuadra and Matt Camp, who finished ninth and 25th seconds behind Trejo, respectively. Freshman John Casado continued his stellar inaugural campaign by finishing in fourth for the Owls with a 4:01 pace finish overall. Redshirt sophomore James Llamas finished the second conflagration with his 75th-place finish. Freshman Wyatt Doep and Anthony Danelli completed the lineup for Rice, all finishing within the top 10 runners.

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Rice University and the University of Houston have filed paperwork with the FCC to transfer ownership of KTRU's 91.7 FM license (and 91.5 FM translator station) which, if approved, would silence Rice's 50,000 watt student-created, student-run radio voice. Don't let it happen! Don't let four decades of effort by Rice students and Houston community members be thrown away for a little quick cash. Keep Rice on 91.7 FM! Here's how you can help:

Let the Public Comments Begin!

I⇒ Step 1: Write an email to the FCC

The filing has triggered a 30 day public comment period, which runs through December 2nd. Now is the time to write to the FCC and help convince them that this proposal is not in the "public interest". Tell them why KTRU matters to you. Tell them what KTRU means both to Rice and to the Houston area. Tell them why we can't afford to lose KTRU's unique locally produced programming and why we don't need just another radio station with nationally syndicated programming, like what would replace KTRU if this transfer is allowed to go through.

We've written a sample letter to the FCC commissioners, which you are free to use in your own email. The letter, along with links to easily email all the commissioners at once, can be found at http://savektru.org/help.

I⇒ Step 2: Sign our letter to the FCC

Add your signature to our letter of protest, which will be delivered to the FCC. You can find the link at http://savektru.org/help.

I⇒ Step 3: Write letters to key members of Congress

You can find a list of key U.S. Representatives and Senators and their electronic contact information, as well as a sample email to send, at http://savektru.org/help. As with the FCC, tell them why KTRU's unique locally produced programming is more important for Houston than additional nationally syndicated programs.

Tell them how important radio is to you, and that it's not a "declining asset".

Also, tell them what you think about this deal being secretly negotiated by Rice and U.H. without the knowledge or consent of the students, faculty or alumni of either university, not to mention the station itself or the Houston community in general.

I⇒ Step 4: Spread the word

Tell everyone you know that NOW is the time to speak up and make your voice heard!

And, as always...

Stay tuned to 91.7 FM (or 91.5 FM on campus) for the most interesting sounds around, and keep your eyes on www.savektru.org for updates on the situation!
Volleyball swept by Marshall, takes out ECU

Women's basketball compiles .500 record to start season

The Owls (3-2) started their season off with a big road win in overtime against Montana State University (3-2), an occurrence that was hard to come by last season. Junior forward Brittania Hypolite stepped up big in her first game as a staple in the starting lineup by scoring 28 points, a career high.

Also chipping in double-digit points were junior point guard Officez Smart and senior forward Morgan Mayse with 13 and 12, respectively. The Owls shot especially well in the game, with a 78.2 percent shooting percentage. Rice was missing key pieces of their lineup, including star junior forward Jacie Stanley, who had to sit the weekend out with knee ailments.

The second game of the tournament did not go as well for the Owls, who, despite having four double-digit scorers, lost to Florida International University (0-3) 66-64. Hypolite had a turnover to win the game at the buzzer, but failed to connect, giving FIU a narrow win. The Owls came out and shot miserably in the first half, converting only 24 percent of their looks, a far cry from the 58 percent they shot the day before.

Sunday was the main attraction, as the Owls tackled the Bears (3-0), a national championship contender. Rice was simply overwhelmed in the first nine minutes, as they were outscored 11-0 and were simply never able to recover from the Bayler run, losing 29-51. sophomore guard Jessica Gwosdzl contributed 13 points, while Smart chipped in 12. Rice was out-rebounded 32-57 and was simply unable to respond to the Bears' superior athleticism. Brittany Griner, Baylor's star center, threw in 14 rebounds and 12 points to finish as one of four Bears in double figures.

The Owls hosted their first home game of the season when Oral Stephen F. Austin University (2-2) came to Tudor Fieldhouse Wednesday looking for their first win. The game remained tight throughout, with Rice heading to the locker room at halftime clinging to a two-point advantage. However, the Owls' stingy defense helped them prevail 29-27, as the Owls were only able to muster a paltry 29-7 shooting percentage. Rice was able to halt the scoring efforts of the majority of the SFA squad, as 26 of their 56 points came from just two players.

Smart continued assuming her role as emotional and statistical leader for Rice by posting 12 points to go with five assists. Junior forward Megan Elliott paced the Owls with five points and five rebounds. Despite their loss, the Owls were only able to score 29.7 percent from behind the arc, a statistic that will need to improve if they wish to knock off some of the perennial powers that litter their schedule.

Texas A&M University (3-1), another women's basketball powerhouse, comes to Tudor tomorrow at 7 p.m., giving Rice another chance to pick off a major conference opponent - Teddy Grodek

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Welcome to College-dom

Duncan College becomes official today. Today marks the Duncan College Dedication Ceremony and Reception. We will celebrate our youngest college, and leave your Hummers and pandas you plan to put at home.

El discurso

Today is the last of the lectures in the Mexican Revolution Lecture Series. The theme at this lecture, which takes place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Herzog 314, is the life and words of the Mexican writer and poet Octavio Paz.

Evening of laughs

Rice's improvisational comedy group Spontaneous Combustion, which recently won the South-west Regionals of the College Improv tournament, is putting on a show of long-form improvisation today at 8 p.m. in the McMurtry Room. Come see us. It's free, and SpCoo never disappoints!

Your nightmare...

Today at 8 p.m., Wien's Tablopop Theater will be performing Martin McDonagh's award-winning black comedy, The Pillowman. The Pillowman tells the tale of a writer living under a totalitarian dictatorship, which recently won the South-west Regionals of the College Improv tournament, is putting on a show of long-form improvisation today at 8 p.m. in the McMurtry Room. Come see us. It's free, and SpCoo never disappoints!

Slackers aprender

Unless you're a senior, going abroad or not planning on attending Rice next semester, you should be signed up for classes by now. Today is the last day to register. If you haven't signed up by 5 p.m., you'll be charged a late registration fee, and the Registrar's Office will send an angry swarm of hornets to attack you. Totally serious.

MOVIE RELEASES THIS WEEKEND

In the thrilling part of two marking the end of the boy-wizard saga, Harry must race to find the Deathly Hallows, the three most powerful artifacts in the world. Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint. If you can't go to the Rice premiere, check out the Houston Museum of Natural Science's mid-night showing.

On my honor...

The Honor Council will have its annual public meeting to review the Consensus Penalty Structure (CPS) at 2 p.m. in HUM 119. The CPS lays out the guidelines for how the council reaches penalty decisions after a student has been found "In Violation," so it is an important topic to discuss. All students who are interested in joining the conversation are welcome to attend. There will be food.

Give thanks

Rice Caterbury welcomes you to its annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Dinner, today at 5 p.m. at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church on Main Street. There will be a free, delicious, and traditional Thanksgiving dinner as thanks is given to whatever higher power you believe in.

How to submit calendar items

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

Submission methods

Fax: 713.348.5248
E-mail: therusher-calendar@rice.edu
Campus Mail: Calendar
Thresher, MS-524

What's the difference between a house and a meal and a dead baby?

Nothing. If you're a cannibalistic maniac, the Campanile Orchestra performs selections from Harry and Gretel as well as Dvorak's Symphony No. 9. A TBA competition-winning combo today starting at 8 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall. Music that's written by a guy named Humperdinck and inspired by a creepy ass German story about witches eating children should be a win in anyone's book. Also, it's free.

Be merry and feast

No class today and tomorrow for Thanksgiving! Huzzah! You probably already skipped class and pooped out yesterday, but now you're officially free to celebrate the Pilgrims and Native Americans by stuffing your face with delicious homemade food. Try to enjoy the break even though, like the rest of us, you have this looming threat of finals looking over your shoulder. Also, spending the whole time studying.

The Next Three Days

John Brennan's life shatters when his wife is wrongly arrested for murder. After several failed appeals, John makes up his mind to break his wife out of prison with a detailed escape plan. Starring Russell Crowe, Elizabeth Banks, and Liam Neeson.

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Step One: Sexting

Are you always a little shy about sexting with your freshmam or senior? To make you out of luck, we are happy to tell you a quick way to sext before you leave or when she’s creeped out. As long as you are clear about your intentions, you can sext a little girl to feel more secure. However, please note that the risks of sexting are great and you must take them into account.

Step Two: Beat the TSA

"But Backpage, how do I beat the TSA?" Well, you need to be prepared. Here are some tips to get around the TSA:

1. Be prepared: Always have a copy of your ID and a boarding pass with you.
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4. Be patient: The TSA is always busy, so be patient.

Step Three: Pretty Boy Swag

If you’re looking for a way to look good and feel good, this might be the answer for you. We have a list of tips to help you get the perfect look:

1. Wear clothes that fit well.
2. Choose the right shoes.
3. Keep your hair styled.
4. Use makeup to enhance your natural beauty.

Step Four: FOOTBALL AND THangs

This week we learned an important lesson about sports. You can do anything you want to if you believe in yourself and work hard at it. We’ll even reveal our top-secret formula: "Get a good education and stay positive, and remember that tomorrow is a new day!"

Step Five: Get Extremely Drunk

If you are looking for a good time, we have the perfect idea for you. Get extremely drunk at one of the many bars in the area. You’ll have a great time and make some great memories.

Step Six: Be Estrmee DRNK!!11!

If you’re feeling adventurous, try this: Get extremely drunk at one of the many bars in the area. You’ll have a great time and make some great memories.

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I’m a RICE educated career woman who waited until after 40 to settle down. I recently celebrated my 60th wedding anniversary. My husband and I now want a child, and to do so we need an egg donor (age cut-offs make adoption difficult). We are looking for a beautiful and kind person who would be interested in donating.

FT/PT Ice Cream Truck Helper

We are hiring for a part-time employee to help with our ice cream truck. We need someone who is energetic, reliable, and able to work flexible hours. This is a great opportunity for someone looking to make extra money.

Rice University Event Staff

We are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic individual to help with events at Rice University. This position is perfect for someone who enjoys working with others and is willing to work hard.

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How to Win Thanksgiving

Everything in life is a competition; let’s face it. If you don’t believe this, then you have probably already lost today via forfeit. But, friend, there is always tomorrow. The upcoming Thanksgiving break presents a unique opportunity for most Rice students to have their first real-life victory. Getting an A on your last exam or getting a perfect score on the SAT will not count. Rather, freshmen have a chance to go back home from college with a new man (or woman) and rewrite their nerd-ridden histories. Not to mention, you’ll be tried to the ultimate limits of sanity by your family members. Conquering this challenge is all a must. So sit back, relax, continue pooping and be prepared to acquire an absurd amount of enlightening knowledge. Shit’s about to get real.

Step One: Sexting

Have you always wanted a little attention from that cute girl in your freshman seminar? Thanksgiving break is your chance. Shoot her a quick text before you leave and if she’s creeped out, she’ll probably forget about it before Monday. The possibilities are endless. Our recommendations are the classic dickpic (so long as it’s known as a Brett Favre.) Although winter break presents a more substantial damage-reduction window, the values of Thanksgiving break tend to be lower, yet, still. LIFEики SEX.

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This is where things get tricky. As a part of your background research, go depending on experience. Flexible pay rates. Start on contract basis. I will supply all copies and ads on sites from templates and print ads on confidential and handled through a local, reputable reproductive attorney (or in doctor if you prefer). Please email if interested or with questions: UniqueDonor@gmail.com

WANTED: STUDENT TO TUTOR 5TH GRADE MATH 1-3 TIMES A WEEK

Monday-Thurs. 3-6pm. Send email to janinatedwards@gmail.com

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We are seeking a responsible, detail-oriented individual to assist with all aspects of the Rice Thresher’s publication process. This position involves managing the daily operations of the office, overseeing the production of the newspaper, and working closely with the managing editor and other staff members. The ideal candidate will have strong organizational skills, excellent written and verbal communication abilities, and a proven track record of success in a similar role. This is a full-time position, with a flexible schedule.

GENERAL CIRCULATION MANAGER

We are seeking a creative, energetic, and experienced individual to lead our circulation team. This role involves developing and implementing strategies for the company. Start-up can be performed by a part-time or full-time employee. I will supply all copy and ads on sites from templates and print ads on confidential and handled through a local, reputable reproductive attorney (or in doctor if you prefer). Please email if interested or with questions: UniqueDonor@gmail.com

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Step Five: Get Extremely Drunk

If you made it this far, consider yourself a success. You probably lost a few battles along the way but you ultimately won Thanksgiving break. It’s now you’re probably in bed with one of your cousins wasted off of Four Kids; just stay positive and remember that tomorrow’s a new day!

Step Nine: Return to Geekdom

For those, follow Rice students, you need no introduction whatsoever. As you return to your dorms on Sunday, just be sure to recall one thing: You were a champion this weekend. Be proud.

The Backpage is native and is written by Connor Hayes and James Kohli. Kohli boy album drops next month.