**Transformed Night Market attracts**

BY RUBY GEE
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Red head-printed lanterns and white fairy lights dotted the sky above the annual Rice Taiwanese Association Night Market, which was held at the Farnsworth Pavilion and the adjacent Brown Garden Nov. 20. More than 300 students participated in the Night Market, which required free admission for the first time this year.

"We wanted to recreate the noisy, bustling, sensory-rich atmosphere of a real Taiwanese night market," Rice Taiwanese Association Co-President Allen Liao said. "We didn't want it to just be a take-and-leave kind of event, so we really changed it up from previous years to encourage people to stick around.

Changes from past RTA Night Markets include increased public efforts and a stronger emphasis on a carnival atmosphere.

For $5, students could get in to food and games. Students could use their tickets to play at any of the booths: hula pong, karaoke, mini arcade basketball, swing rides, rides from businesses like Red Mango, and a marble-chopsticks game.

Game prizes varied, but ranged from Asian candy to $5 gift cards from businesses like Red Mango.

According to Liao, a McMurry College junior, the intention was for the tickets to be spent like money, rather than for them to be representative of vendors at a real night market.

Liao said that because they budgeted a lot more to make the event bigger and better than before, the admission charge was a way to help offset the costs as well as incorporate the spending aspect of a real night market.

"We had no idea whether charging for admission would deter people, but it was a really great turnout," Liao said.

Like previous years, a variety of ethnic foods were served at the event. RTA gave a subsidy of $40 to the seven other East Asian cultural organizations that provided food.

Martel College freshman Mimi Shihadeh said that the food was good and authentic, but ran out within 30 minutes.

"Everyone was really excited to try different Asian cuisine," Lovett College freshman Megan Chang said. "The variation was cool because Rice students sometimes don't have this opportunity to try the food."

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EMSS calls increase

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This semester, Rice Emergency Medical Services saw a significant increase in the number of calls for help they received. According to EMS Captain Hashim Zaidi, this increase included alcohol-related episodes and general incidents across the board.

Representatives of EMS and RPD said that certain aspects of this rise have raised concerns about Rice’s alcohol culture and their own resources.

According to Zaidi, a Will Rice College senior, the number of intoxication incidents has grown, from public parties to private parties, and EMS Senior Lieutenant John Nikhaid said that most of the calls occurred on weekends.

REMS Lieutenant Wilhelm Kienast said that there was an 18 percent increase in calls this academic year, and Zaidi attributed the increase in call volume to a variety of causes, from the larger student body to more on-campus visitors to the popularity of Four Loko, caffeinated alcoholic beverages that received attention in the media for causing the hospitalization of multiple college students.

"A lot of our patients are due to Four Loko," Zaidi said. "The FDA is probably going to ban it, which is a good idea."

According to Zaidi, the danger of a Four Loko lies in the fact that its caffeine makes the drinker energetic and unaware of its alcohol content, which is the equivalent of four to five beers.

Zaidi said that, particularly this semester, the severity of the calls seemed to be higher, with more ambulance transports to the hospital than ever.

"These aren't precautionary transports," Zaidi said. "These are of a serious nature."

According to Zaidi, one of the most troubling characteristics of the increase in alcohol-related calls was the increased demand from students who are not all oversleep. Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number? Did you know that 2011 is a prime number?

In celebration of its 20th birthday, the Thresher takes a brief look at the history of Coffeehouse throughout the decades.

By RUBY GEE
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Feb. 22, 2010: Coffeehouse Interim General Manager Erin Roese announces an aggressive bid to expand into the Brockhouse Pavilion. However, Coffeehouse is not allowed to bid for the space.

Nov. 16, 2005: Coffeehouse began serving organically grown and fair-trade-certified coffee from Katz Coffee, a Houston-based roaster.

Oct. 22, 2004: Coffeehouse announces plans to undergo renovations over the summer. With a budget of approximately $20,000, Coffeehouse considers making its look more aesthetically pleasing.

Dec. 3, 1990: Rice Coffeehouse officially opens, serving coffee temporarily in the RMC courtyard and Sammy’s PDR.

April 29, 1987: Coffeehouse’s predecessor, Hansen Coffeehouse, opens, later known as Bredistics and Pomegranates, the coffeehouse operates in Hanszen’s basement but later closes due to flooding.

Duncan inaugurated

BY AMI DAVY
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

The cheers of Duncan College students filled the air Nov. 19 as members of the college gathered to celebrate the official inauguration of Rice’s 11th residential college. Charles Duncan (’51) and his wife Anne attended the formal ceremony which recognized their $50 million contribution which the made Duncan’s construction possible.

Dean of Undergraduates John Hutchinson introduced the event and a procession of the presidents of the other 10 colleges, accompanied by members of their respective colleges. Chairman of the Rice Board of Trustees Jim Crownover introduced President David Leebron, who said a few words of thanks to the Duncans and emphasized the importance of the residential college system to the university.

"The residential colleges are one of the most vital contributions to the community," Leebron said. "The feel of Duncan College, as well as its environmental impact, make a positive statement for Rice and its community.

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Nie sollst du mich befragen!

The Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra has that concert of the semester behind tonight in Studio Concert Hall. The orchestra will be performing the prelude to the third act of Wagner’s "Lohengrin" with the Shepherd School Symphony in Cand Braunes’s second piano concertos.

What, no Super Smash Bros? Check out the Dean and President’s Study Break Sunday from 9 p.m. to midnight. The theme is Mario Kart, and there will be events at Rice Memorial Center, Brockhouse Pavilion and the Wellness Center. Don’t forget your banana!
Coffeehouse

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Administration, students at disconnect in 2010

With 2010 coming to an end, the Thresher would like to reflect on the plethora of incidents over the last year which have hindered the success of the administration in terms of its relationship with the student body. As a small university, we have the rare opportunity of having administration and student body present a unified, synchronized front in which the desires of each party are mutually understood. However, over the past year it seems that a great disconnect has emerged between the administration’s actions and the students’ desires.

Not tonight, this shift toward disconnect is epitomized by the KTRU debacle. The nature of secrecy and lack of communication surrounding this business deal which dealt a severe blow to a major group of students. This issue is one that is just coming to the forefront. It seems that the administration has not comprehended the importance of having administration and student body present a unified, pleasant front in which the desires of each party are mutually understood.

The issue of Salento receiving the Brochstein Pavilion contract represents a similar situation on a smaller scale. While Coffeehouse sought to submit a proposal to take control of Brochstein, their request was scarcely considered before being rejected on the premise of Coffeehouse not having a liquor license. The university was clearly acting solely on its own ambitions. A great number of students would have preferred Coffeehouse to win the bid; however, they were not even considered, let alone selected.

In its distribution of new college budgets, the students were once again neglected. McMurtry and Duncan Colleges have greater expenses with no extra money. This situation means that upward of 20 percent of the student body is stuck in a situation where their college can’t provide the amenities and services of other established colleges.

On the judicial front, RUPD crackdowns this year have come as a complete surprise to most returning students. Without warning and without consistency, RUPD officers’ actions on weekend nights this year vary. While one MCOC’s kindly issuing MIC’s to kindly issuing MCOC’s to kindly issuing MIC’s to kindly issuing MCOC’s to kindly offering students rides back to their home colleges. It seems that protocol has been lost among the hiring of new officers and students don’t know what to expect from RUPD anymore. A university service present for the safety of its students is quickly losing credibility among these students. This issue is one that is just coming to the forefront and will undoubtedly be an escalating battle next semester.

Despite the flurry of woes, the Thresher does not want to paint the administration as an evil entity, simply a forgetful one. Once the administration is provided by the student body to take their opinions into account, the administration becomes a pleasant and cooperative body. For example, the hours of Brochstein have been expanded, the KTRU Committee for allocating the sale money was formed, and the Beer Bike track is at last receiving a renovation—all on student request.

However, looking forward to the new year, the Thresher would like to see a new attitude from the administration—perhaps one that seeks “permission” before “apology” from its students more often.

Happy Birthday, Coffeehouse

The Thresher would like to wish Coffeehouse a wonderful 20th birthday (see graphic, page 1). For the last 20 years, Coffeehouse has done everything from providing the setting for Rice students’ awkward first dates to providing the only thing that could get an engineer through the late nights of finals. We’ve seen the menu expand from just coffee to a lineup that includes just about every nuance of caffeinated beverage possible (minus Four Lokos). Coffeehouse has shifted from just a place to refuel to one of the eminent student groups on campus. We at the Thresher certainly hope that the administration will soon reward Coffeehouse’s loyalty and service to the Rice community with a new and improved home in the Rice Memorial Center.

Rice scholars impress

The Thresher would like to commend three graduating seniors, Will Rice College seniors Ye Jin Kang and Anthony Austin and Sid Richardson College senior Jingyuan Luo, for achieving an array of academic honors never received by one graduating class (see story, page 8). For Rice to have two Marshall Scholars and one Rhodes Scholar in the same year is a testament to Rice’s academic prestige, and these three students have certainly made this university and its student body proud. They have betted Rice in their time here and the Thresher wishes them the very best going into the future.
Currency war looms as G-20 delays老实话。 Currency war looms as G-20 delays

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If it would be intertolerably barbic for Christian fundamentalist to force themselves upon you, why is it not intertolerably barbic for Islamic fundamentalist to force themselves upon you, particularly people of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and other countries?  

Watch for this sinister equation.

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**College close Dec 16**

**BY JOSHDUTTEN**

The Rice University police department will close midnight Friday from Monday to Thursday to provide a more secure campus over winter break. The campus will close from a 4 p.m. Dec. 16 until 1 p.m. Jan. 8. During this time, students will not be allowed in the buildings except for those attending an event or seeking shelter from the winter break weather.

**Last-minute closings**

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**Previous years, keeping the col-**

lege open has resulted in problems for security, which prompts a major impetus for closing during the holiday season. “We’ve had everything from unavailable to the building to people needing shelter to the scenes,” said Chou. “If something were to happen, there’s nobody around to make a decision.”

**Chou said the lack of students on campus will make it easier for RUPD to keep an eye on campus. “There are less people to watch,” Chou said.**

**Taking a break**

Chou said his committee discussed the option of closing down one or two days a week, allowing students to stay on campus, but that measure was not taken.

**Chou said, “It’s a 24-hour job and anyone can do it.”**

**Taking care of the safety of people on campus after the break is a return to the norm, according to Chou. “We are perfectly comfortable spending the money we can afford to spend on campus.”**

**RUPD POLICE BLOTTER**

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period Nov. 16-23.

**THE RICE THRESHER**

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Alumni Drive Nov. 29

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West Loa Nov. 21

West Loa Nov. 23

Alumni Drive Nov. 29

Rice University Police Department for the period Nov. 16-23.
**SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO CPS**

- Addition of "the student's plea of 'in violation' or 'not in violation'" as one of the factors the council cannot consider as a mitigating factor.

- Separation of mitigating and aggravating factors.

- Replacement of the mitigating factor, "the nature of the violation," by "the weight of the assignment," "the amount of the assignment," and "the student's intent when committing the violation."

- Removal of premeditation and collusion with other students as aggravating factors.

- Rewarding of "the Council may cite circumstances to lower, maintain, or increase a penalty as much as is necessary" into "the Council may cite mitigating and aggravating factors to lower, maintain, or increase a penalty to reach an appropriate penalty for the violation."

- Rewarding of "full and truthful disclosure" in the mitigating factors into "substantial disclosure."

- Rewarding of "deceit of Council and/or false disclosure" in the aggravating factors into "deceit of Council and/or false disclosure that can be proven by material evidence."

- Rewarding of "attempt to conceal a violation" into "attempt to conceal a violation after the initial violation had occurred."

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**Students attend TSA**

For the first time, a delegation of Rice students was invited to a meeting of the Texas Student Association in Austin Nov. 6. SA President Selim Sheikh, Martel College Senior Maria Pickett comprised the delegation.

TSA has brought public university student associations from across the state together since 1948, but has been inactive since the early 1990s, Sheikh said.

"The purpose of the organization is primarily lobbying for students," Sheikh, a Martel College senior, said.

Several years ago, the University of Houston and the University of North Texas decided to resurrect TSA. Last summer, UH e-mailed student governments, including private ones, from all across the state to ask them to participate. The organization hopes to convene a meeting of the legislative session, Sheikh said. According to Sheikh, only two other private university students attended.

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Sheikh said Rice hopes to host this event in the next year or two.
**Alumna & COO Maryana Iskander gives leadership advice**

**BY ELLEN LUI**

**THURSDAY STAFF**

What can a sociology major take 12 hours each semester when she graduates? If her name is Maryana Iskander, she can build a long list of scholarships and take on a senatorial seat. No doubt, this includes working with federal judges, advising President David Leebron and overseeing the Student Government. Iskander also serves as the Associate Director of Development. After completing her undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan, Iskander attended Yale Law School and Oxford University. She is known for her work in social causes, more than triple what was collected records since its inception, with a total seniors. Keman said this is also the mission statement and have a good sense of what your own accountability to yourself and to people holding up a mirror and asking other who say, 'I want to make sure that I'm doing, Kirton and fellow Wiess senior Duncan College junior Farrah Kirton and fellow Wiess senior Kaitlin Smith said that seniors who went to be great leaders have to be committed to getting feedback from people around them and from students, staff and faculty members attended her presentation in her senior year. [choosing just a few activities or] can be hard for Rice students to do anything, but [focusing really worked for me]," Kirton said. "For most of my time here, I took 12 hours every semester, got really good grades and had some other things really well, which is good when it came to apply to the annual fund, more than triple what was collected records since its inception, with a total.

"It's really the courageous leaders who we, I mean, I'm not sure that I'm the best person to persuade people to help me," Kirton said. "She also was a part of the Student Senate, where she worked as an adviser to Leebron, and Ker- ton said they were happy to see you there and be able to explain why you're applying," Kirton said. "This is a real change from three years ago, the Senior Gift became an offering for seniors as a way for seniors to express their appreciation for the university. I think that Leebron had been named Rice's Senate seat in Illinois named Barack Obama. "Iskander said. "So I went to this party at a house and there was [Obama] and I thought, 'Oh my God, he's really impressive.'" Iskander worked looking at Obama's campaign but then learned that his term was up and that Rice's new president and decided to cotact with his advisor.

"I sent him an e-mail with a list of my backgroud," Iskander said. "I didn't have that good of a chance, I felt that there would be a lot of things that you'd need to do to help them." Director of Leadership Rice Judy Le helped bringing Iskander to speak at Rice and mentioned that she also supported what Iskander said about being superior at a few things rather than average at many.

"I work with many students who seem like they have their hand in everything but aren't all that effective at making positive contributions to any one thing," Iskander said. "Maryana makes significant positive changes in most everything she commits to, but she is very intentional about what these commitments are." In a day with her, Iskander's statement that Rice students, coming from an elite university, are obligated to take risks because they can. She said leadership involves taking risks, putting yourself out there and being vulnerable to failure. Le added that Iskander's leadership does not lie in the title she holds but rather in her ex- cellence in making those organizational can be. "She is also authentic in how she approaches leadership; her decisions are based on values and not on a checklist of accomplishments," Le said.

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**BY MICHELLE PHILLIPS**

**STAFF**

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Diplomatic cables leaked to public

WASHINGTON (AP) - American diplomatic cables that contain details about political activities in the Middle East were acquired by the online source WikiLeaks, which then released them to the public, including The New York Times this past Sunday. However, WikiLeaks only began to publish the articles on Sunday in stages. Each will focus on a particular topic or country. The majority of the cables date back about three years up until this past February, but some are several decades old. PM Bradley Manning is accused of having leaked the cables to WikiLeaks after evidence was found in an online chat conversation between Manning and Adrian Lamo, a computer hacker, stating he had downloaded some 262,000 State Department cables. Manning now faces a possible court martial after being charged with illegally releasing classified documents. Items discussed in the cables ranged from a discussion between the U.S. and South Korea on the expected collapse of North Korea to bargaining with other countries to acceptQuantamanBay prion centers in exchange for monetary or political benefits. Other topics included a global computer hacking plot involving Chinese government officials, security experts and Internet outlaws, human rights clashes between the U.S. and Germany over an alleged U.S. spy, Pakistan's nuclear bomb and the possible removal of uranium from a Pakistani research reactor. The release of such information, though only some of it was marked as classified or top secret, could put a strain on international relations with the U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and China's premier, who have been contacting foreign officials to let them know that the content that was leaked on WikiLeaks. The White House released a statement that actions of WikiLeaks due to the highly sensitive nature of the cables. However, the administration continues to state that supports an responsible open government.

Jobless benefits set to end Dec. 8

Nearly 3 million Americans will lose extended unemployment benefits next Wednesday with the expiration of the extension granted by Congress in 2009. Jobless benefits typically last for six months, but due to the economic crisis, Congress voted to extend the benefits to 99 weeks. With a 9.6 percent of the population stuck in unemployment, senators Democrats tried to extend the extension before it expired but were blocked by Republican Scott Brown. Republicans said that in order to avoid increasing the budget deficit, any further extension of benefits would have to be offset.

Source: MSNBC

INTERNATIONAL

U.S. declines attending emergency talks

North Korea launched a deadly artillery attack on the South Korean island of Yeonpyeong last night, which killed two South Korean marines and two civilians as well as injuring 16 people, the country's official news agency reported this morning. According to reports, the South Korean government has vowed to respond. China, which has experienced similar attacks, tremendous economic and political losses, is also expected to call Chinese President Hu Jintao to discuss the crisis in the Korean Peninsula.

Source: The New York Times

RUSSIA may stockpile missiles if NEW START does not pass

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A motion by Sheikh was passed to suspend the three-week rule - for the Asset Liquidation Funds Appropriations Committee and Syllabus Standards resolutions. Both resolutions passed unanimously.

Beer Bike Coordinator Matt Sawyer and Brown College Junior Philip Tarpley presented the two Beetle bike proposal options. In the first option, the parade would start at Founder's Court and proceed to IM field 6 past the south colleges. There would be five balloon fights, one at each end of the parade, and the trucks would move with the students along the Inner Loop. This change would result in increased security costs and therefore higher ticket prices. The second option is similar to the first, but the trucks would move separately from the students along the north route. Security costs would be reduced. The third option has one balloon fight, w. the trucks parked at the IM fields. Two other options would lead up to the balloon fights; a cheer battle beginning in the academic quad or a send-off for the bikers from Founder's Court with decorated cars and floats. This option is the least expensive.

Sawyer - a Sid Richardson College junior - said security costs averaged $4,000 in the past for RUPD and other miscellaneous fees, but EHS personnel still cost $1,500 per event, so costs are projected to increase. Option 3 is open to student input, with a possible combination of both parades and cheer battles. Concerns and input should be e-mailed to msawyer@rice.edu or to the college Beer Bike coordinators. The Beer Bike survey is available on the SA website.

Academics Committee members Ly Hoang and Sanjula Jain presented last year's minority survey results, Hoang, a McMurtry College senior, said many of the responses were in descending order - psychology, economics, Hispanic studies, and visual and dramatic arts.

Sports and Health Committee member Sevith Rao updated the SA on new initiatives. The committee is working with Rice Outdoor Programs and Education on getting a rock-climbing wall in the Barbara and David Gibb Recreation and Wellness Center. Rao, a McMurry College sophomore, said the committee is working to bring a special nutrition program to students, with two fully funded years of study at any institution in the United States.

While the Office of Fellowships will accept applications from every student who wants to apply for the Rhodes and Marshall scholarships, it will only nominate a few. Rice candidates will move forward in the application process this year, there were 19 Rhodes applicants and 23 Marshall applicants. In September, a faculty committee at Rice nominated seven Rhodes and 10 Marshall applicants to move forward in the competition.

"Anybody at Rice can apply, but that doesn't mean everybody should apply," Quinnemore warned.

Fighting infectious diseases
Kang has worked in both experimental and evolutionary biology and medicine, as well as minoring in biochemistry and cell biology, will pursue two masters degrees in infectious science and global health science and another in global governance and diplomacy at Oxford. She explained that when she studied infectious diseases, I lack a lot of knowledge in the arena of how to develop vaccines and the tools, and the global health degree will fill in those gaps for her.

She said she wants to study governance to help her work with policy. "When you fight infectious diseases you have to work with ministries of health and health care systems," Kang said. "I found that a lot of ministries of health are corrupt, so you need a way to work really well with them because in order to create sustainable change, you need to work with the government."

"I have already done work tackling tuberculosis as a clinical intern at National Tuberculosis Hospital in South Korea and studied the effects of the disease on victims in Zambia. Additionally, Kang has traveled to Mexico with Rice students through Global Medical Training and to Honduras as part of the health education team with Engineers Without Borders. After obtaining her degrees from Oxford U.K., Kang plans on applying to medical school. She hopes to eventually become a physician and work with the World Health Organization one day.

"Preparing for this kind of life, like a three-credit course," Kang said.

"After grad school, I would like to become a university professor to research and teach others the subjects I love for the rest of my life." -Anthony Austin

"I think it will be a really good experience for me. Both as a person and as a professional, to get out there into the real world and see how people do things, before I sit down and pick a graduate school," Austin said. "This is going to be a real, real adventure."

Biomedicine and society
Luo, a biochemistry and cell biology major, has also picked two programs that suit her interests and her goal. She will use the Marshall Scholarship to obtain a master of science degree in biochemistry, biotechnology and society at the London School of Economics and Political Science and a master of research degree in stem cell biology at Imperial College London.

"I feel it might be the first time that we've had two Marshall Scholars in one year," Kang said. "You've got to put in so much dedication to it. If you're not committed to going to Oxford, it's not worth your time."

"I also encourage other students at Rice to make an impact and develop even greater interests," Luo said.

"As I started working with the [latest things as undergraduates] Public Policy" and noting the policy differences between the U.K. and the U.S., Luo said, "I thought that this would be a really good opportunity not only to get the educational experience but to really immerse myself in the policy environment there."

As a Century Scholar, Luo continued to support her work as well as policy research at the Baker Institute on stem cell research. She is interested in the different approach that the U.K. has to stem cell research.

"The U.K. has developed a very systematic and rational research environment where the U.S. tends not to really address the issue there at all. The U.S. is a very reactive nation,

"I don't think we have a very good reaction at all in our response to the corn situation, to things like stem cell research," Luo said. "The U.K. has a very different approach..." Despite having done safely different things as undergraduates at Rice, all three scholarship recipients were very fit for what their scholarships provided them, Quinnemore said.

"We didn't do this because it's another notch in your belt," Quinnemore said. "We do this because there's an opportunity there that suits you and you will get you to one day where you hope to be."
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Decoded reveals meaning of Jay-Z's lyrics, identity

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Shawn Carter’s aptly titled book, Decoded, is a deep exploration into his monumental rap identity, “Jay-Z,” and the lyrics behind his work. His significant influence not just as a rapper, but also as a businessman, entrepreneur and media mogul is juxtaposed with his success, drug-ridden beginnings.

The book’s design, with Carter as the art director, is consistently beautiful. Clean lines and images correspond with the constantly changing topics, and the front cover is striking: gold ink, seamlessly transitioned from the musical to the storytelling. Internal conflict and identity struggle are perhaps the book’s most pertinent themes. Carter demonstrates his frustration over constantly being held accountable for his lyrics. His evolution over time, however, seems to run parallel to the development of the rap industry, from a near-delinquent staple of the projects to a sophisticated multi-billion dollar industry. He critiques the likes of former President George W. Bush for his lackluster response to Hurricane Katrina and Noel Gallagher for promoting a hip-hop performance at the legendary Glastonbury Music Festival in England; this highlights of the urban environment that fueled the rap game’s against-all-odds transition from an underground hobby to a mainstream lifestyle.

The focus of Decoded revolves around how Carter’s career has reshaped him as a rapper and a man. Carter’s central metamorphosis was going from selling drugs to trusting his love of rapping, which amplified his complete turnaround from political apathy to his heavy involvement with President Barack Obama’s campaign for the presidency. On one page, he criticizes former President Bill Clinton for “trying to prove to white America that he could stand up to black people,” while on the next page he forgives Clinton and admits that he’s “not exactly the same person [he] was in ’89” and that “everyone needs a chance to evolve.”

In addition, it reveals interesting motivations such as the intentional contrast between sound and subject matter in “Hard Knock Life (Ghetto Anthem),” a song, which boasts a beat inspired by the musical Anne, involves drug imagery that discusses “drug spots” and fleeting murder scenes. He also rewrote his line in the song “Public Service Announcement (Interlude)” that claims “I’m like O.J. Giannini with him on ‘I’m complex,’” in response to a rapper who criticized him for his line.

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THE WEEKLY SCENE
Emily’s picks for events outside of campus, both around Rice and in the Houston area, for this week.

NUT
The quintessential holiday ballet, The Nutcracker, is now playing at Houston Ballet at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on weekends. Tickets are $55. The ballet takes place in 19th-century Germany and follows Clara and her new Christmas present, given to her by her uncle Dr. Drosselmeyer, as they go on a magical journey.

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YO
The live version of the trippy kids TV show, “Yo Gabba Gabba Live: There’s a Party in My City!” will be playing at Houston City Hall at 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. for $5! This show also features a beatboxing lesson from legendary rapper Biz Markie.

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ICE
Ice skating has returned to Discovery Green downtown. $1 gets you on the ice and covers your skate rental, too. But you must be in line by 1 a.m. until Jan. 22, so there’s plenty of time to hit it up with your friends.

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Christopher Guest rocks out as Nigel Tufnel, the eccentric lead guitarist, mandolin player and pianist of Spinal Tap.

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Rufus Scappoose. The actor does a laudable job depicting a man losing control but trying desperately to maintain an air of authority. The special effects and design of the movie have always been the highlight of the Hogarth films, and the seventh film is no exception. While the other movies did a great job of crafting the fun-filled world of the earlier books, Dearly Hallows turns this world into something familiar becomes the menacing. The most notable example of this is the Ministry of Magic, which Voldemort has infiltrated and transformed into a Nazi-like institution. Here on the purification of wizardry bloodlines. There is something comforting about seeing Slinketchron (Dall Weeke) earn money for kidknapping non-wizard horn “mud-bloods” with red underwear, revealing the familiar spells of the more innocent Hogwarts days.

While the source material for Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part I might not be the strongest of the series, the decision to split the major two parts makes it one of the stronger films. It allows the movie more time to develop the characters.

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not seen the film, I will not discuss the gap destroying details, but the Stonehenge scene has been tattooed on my heart like a third eye. I have mentally played it in my head so much that it is possible the bewildered expression of Nigel and David’s faces, or, more likely, it is just comedy magic. To paraphrase Mark Twain, attempting to explain humor is like disposing a frog — the process kills both.

It almost seems possible that the event in this Spinal Tap actually transpired. Surely there are real bands like Spinal Tap — they just don’t know it yet. Even rock legends from Robert Plant to Edith Van Halen attest to the accuracy of the film’s depiction of life in a band. British comedian Ricky Gervais has said that the truth of this is Spinal Tap is that it is fictional. If it were real, he said, he would watch it every day.

This is Spinal Tap was the directorial debut of Rob Reiner, who has gone on to direct many commercially successful films, including When Harry Met Sally... (1989), A Few Good Men (1992) and The Bucket List (2007). But does this Spinal Tap really share anything artistically with any of his later endeavors? The question of the film’s authorship is often a contentious subject in film critic circles. Since the creation of the script was all-hid by the actors, much of the writing credit goes to Mimi Kennedy, Sheryl and Guest. The only one of the group who has seriously taken up the process making this line, the language of the current “mockumentary.” From the day “disagreement is a term because his intention is to mock anyone but to explore the boundaries of community by using this style. The same vein of comedic genius prominent in This Is Spinal Tap runs through all of his subsequent films, hilariously improvised mockumentaries in which he has assumed the role of director, writer (often with Eugene Levy, American Pie) and actor. Writing for Guggenheim (1990), Best In Show (2000), A Mighty Wind (2002) and For Your Consideration (2006). Like Italian director Federico Fellini and other great art film-makers of old, Guest tends to take the familiar spells of the more innocent Hogwarts days.

Christopher Guest rocks out as Nigel Tufnel, the eccentric lead guitarist, mandolin player and pianist of Spinal Tap.

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Despite playing two of the top teams in the country, the women’s basketball team was able to make a run in the season, giving Head Coach Greg Williams a big reason to be happy with the play of his team. Despite a setback against Texas A&M University (19-5) the weekend before, the Owls came out storming to the Georgia State Thanksgiving Tournament, winning the event and returning both the championship and MVP trophies to their locker room.

Junior forward Brianna Hypolite arcs a shot over a Texas A&M defender during the Owls' 80-40 loss to the Aggies on Nov. 20.

Cross country finishes 22nd at Nationals

by Natalie Clericuzio

On Nov. 21, seniors Nicole Mericle and Brittany Williams and juniors Becky Wade and Allston Pye reached the goal they had been training for two years: compete at the national meet one final time. The group brought the team a 31st-place finish at Nationals.

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Senior Nicole Mericle and Brittany Williams lead junior Hashey Fowler during the Owls’ win at the HBU Invitational on Oct. 8. With the Owls losing four seniors, the underclassmen will need to work hard to return to Nationals.

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The Owls traveled to Atlanta and came out firing on all cylinders in the first game of the tournament, junior forward Brianna Hypolite caught fire, scoring 13 points against Mercer University (0-5) to lead the way for the Owls. It was the highest scoring effort for a Rice women’s basketball player since junior center Jackie Stanley’s 36-point performance against Sam Houston State University last season.

Rice began the half with a quick tempo, going up 14 at the half. The Owls never went on one large run, but would just constantly add to their lead, slowly putting the game out of reach for Mercer.

The second half was much of the same, as Rice maintained its large advantage throughout, never letting the lead go below single digits. The game ended at a final score of 69-39, a major defensive victory for the Owls as well.

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Victories in its final two games give football hope

Owls plunder Pirates behind freshman's four-touchdown outburst, squeak win over UAB

by Teddy Grodek

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2010 certainly did not end up being the football season that Rice had in mind. 9-3 and a November end to the season left many on the team disappointed, but the final two weeks will make the early off-season much easier to stomach. The Owls played their first home game since October on Nov. 20, welcoming East Carolina University (6-6, 4-4 CUSA), who will be playing in the Military Bowl later this month, into Rice Stadium. Looking for a spark of confidence after losing three-straight games on the road. Head Coach David Bailiff had hinted in the week before that redshirt freshman quarterback Taylor McHargue was cleared to play but surprised everyone by actually giving him the start, a move that clearly ignited the Rice offense.

McHargue led the Owls with 220 passing yards and three touchdowns, going 22-35 with no interceptions. Capped off with four rushing touchdowns, by freshman running back Jeremy Eddington, the Owls’ offense soared to 62 points, ending the game with a final of 62-38. Bailiff was pleased with the return of McHargue.

“I am very proud of Taylor McHargue coming in,” Bailiff said. “He played two snaps at SMU before re-injuring that shoulder, but the way he responded was very nice.” Bailiff added, "What I was most happy with is that he kept it live. Even though it was a backup, it was good to see him scramble and pick up some yards. That is a trait that he has to have to be a quarterback to be successful and I think he did a great job operating the offense tonight.”

Rice got off to a quick start, scoring on its first possession, only to give seven points back to ECU. Rice then scored the next three touchdowns in the first half, missing them up 20 and putting the game effectively out of reach. Sophomore tight end Vance McDonald hoped that this would give the team confidence for both the next week and next season. "Last week was tough, but we did a lot of good things," McDonald said. "Especially on offense. Our job is to score more points than them. I feel like we came out last week and we had that momentum coming in this week."

McDonald commented further on the offense’s improvement over the course of the year. "We can get a great offense in this game," McDonald said. "We have gotten to that point where we know that we can move the ball against anyone. We can execute and we can also beat ourselves. The confidence has built a great start to go into next year."

Last Saturday, the Owls hosted the University of Alabama at Birmingham (4-2, 5-5 CUSA), another Conference USA team with an explosive offense. It was the defense that really came out to play this game, holding UAB to a meager 23 points, the lowest total of the season.

Rice was once again the first team on the board, going up 7-0 on a rushing touchdown by redshirt sophomore running back Sam McGuffin. UAB scored on the next possession, however, doubling the score to 7-7 at the end of the quarter. The teams traded blows once again in the second half, leaving the score at 14-14 going into the halftime. UAB made a field goal in the opening minutes of the second half, only to be answered by an 83 yard, 19-play Rice drive that ended in McHargue hitting McDuff with a pass in the endzone, giving him his eighth touchdown of the year and leaving the score at 21-17.

UAB answered with another touchdown, throwing a 24-yard touchdown pass to make it 28-17 in favor of ECU.

Once again though, with the game on the line, the Owls got the ball down the field, capped off by a 2-yard Eddington touchdown run. UAB got the ball back with five minutes, but the Owls’ defense came up with a huge stop, forcing UAB to turn the ball over on downs with six seconds left.

The end of this game is probably the happiest that David Bailiff has had all season.

“I am proud of this football team,” Bailiff said. “I am proud of the seniors. We hung together to win our last two conference games in a row. Our last two at home was fitting for this senior class. It gives us a lot of hope for the future if you look at the young men and their ages that are making plays.”

Headed into the offseason, it’s clear the Owls learned a lot about themselves this year, and definitely have some pieces that will be integral to a stronger 2011. Of course, the tandem of Eddington and McHargue will certainly be the focal point, along with McGuffin of the offense next season.

The defense has played better the last two weeks, giving hope to Owls fans everywhere. The secondary, which had been in question all season, played well, including the huge stop at the end of the UAB game, to give the team the victory.

While the 2010 Owls were one of the youngest teams in college football, this season’s edition was even more youthful. Should current redshirt junior decide to call Rice Stadium home for yet another year, the Owls will return each of their three quarterbacks, as well as players that accounted for all but 44 of their 1,913 rushing yards.

Senior wide receiver Patrick Rapaport’s surprising progress as a receiver, three touchdowns will be missed, but it is clear that the receiving corps did not rely on senior leadership for the vast majority of their production.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior defensive end Kaseem Juco and Cheta Ozougwu combined for 72 tackles and seven sacks, so redshirt junior defensive tackle Scott Schubert will need to return to his pre-injury form to help avoid a setback for the defense in all games this season, so Rice can feel somewhat comfortable by your youth at the position. The secondary returns all players save for strong safety Chris Jones, but the unit must learn to work together in a better fashion if they want to post more than six interceptions in 2011.

The Owls will then play in either the consolation game of the championship game tomorrow night.
Men's basketball falters against top squads

Owls dominated by Arizona, lose close battles to Texas, North Texas, beat St. Greg's

by Ryan Glassman

If the men's basketball team hopes to improve upon its 16-10 season of 2009-2010 win total, the turnaround will have to begin in the games that come down to the final possessions. After going just 5-7 in games decided by five points or fewer a season ago, the Owls can begin to turn around their overall fortunes by beating just games with better play.

But after three close losses by a combined seven points, Head Coach Ben Braun's squad is yet to break the trend of late-game struggles.

The stretch of heartbreaking defeats began on Nov. 18, when the Owls fell against an evenly matched Santa Clara University (4-3) team. Rice jumped out to a 41-35 halftime lead behind 15 first-half points from sophomore forward Arsalan Kazemi. Senior center Troy Stanton's basket with 11 minutes left expanded Rice's lead to 10 points, but Santa Clara clawed out the deficit with a 12-8 run over the next five minutes.

With just 18 seconds left, Santa Clara's Kevin Fagan, brother of former Owl great Rodney Fagan (Jones '99), hit a three-pointer to tie the game, giving Rice a 66-66 lead, their first of the game. Rice held the ball for the shot clock, but could not convert on the potential game-winner, failing for the first time in the early season by a single point.

So Rice came home for a match-up with St. Gregory's University (1-1) and looked sluggish following the tough loss. Rice shot poorly in the first half against its overmatched National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics opponent, leading 37-30 at the half after shooting just 35 percent in the first 20 minutes.

Rice rebounded in the second half, going on a 14-4 run led by Kazemi, sophomore guard Tame Jackson and senior guard Corey Pflieger to take a 51-37 lead. Rice pulled away for a 75-56 win behind a combined 39 points from Jackson and Kazemi. Jackson understood what caused the Owls' slow start.

"We were very disappointed in ourselves," Jackson said. "I think we were being a little overconfident, a little cocky and arrogant."

The Owls suffered a scare when junior guard Connor Frizzelle was cleared for the next game.

Owls dominated by Arizona, lose close battles to Texas, North Texas, beat St. Greg's

by Daniel Elledge

Returning to the Tudor Fieldhouse floor after a halftime intermission, the volleyball team was staving at the positions of its rivals on a nine-game win streak. The team had lost its previous nine contests to Southern Methodist University (30-20, 20 C-USA) and a heartbreaker at Southern Methodist University (25-26, 17-32 C-USA). The Owls were down 2-1 at home against the University of Houston (19-17, 9-11 C-USA) on senior night and were on the verge of falling into a three-way tie for fifth place.

Facing a bigger, faster and more athletic team, Brown put his team in a two-three defensive zone in hopes of offsetting the men's physical disadvantages by forcing the Longhorns to shoot over the top. For much of the game it was this plan that kept the Owls close, as yet another Rice road game came down to the final possessions.

The game's opening minutes went as expected, with the Longhorns finding open space in the zone and hitting shots to pull out two sets to one. The Owls went to Austin to take on the University of Texas (4-6).

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SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Clement, Sendejo shine in pros

When asked the identity of the last Owl to play at Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium, most Rice devotees will reply with names such as Rick Hagler (U10), Ryan Berry (Kinsmen '08) or Diego Sessum (UFL Rice '10), trying in vain to remember which baseball player was the last to run off the diamond. As former Louisiana State University's comeback win over Rice in the 2008 College World Series. However, these answers would all be incorrect, as former Owl quarterback, Chase Clement (Brown '09), led his Las Vegas Locos to the United Football League Championship over the Florida Tuskers Saturday at Rosenblatt Stadium.

While Rosenblatt will soon be demolished, it's dear that Clement's memories of his MVP-winning performance will live on. While Clement began the season as the Locos' third-string quarterback, an injury to starter Tim Rattay helped him elevate himself over unproductive backup Drew Wilks as the Locos moved into the playoffs. In the battles with the Tuskers, Clement threw for 277 yards and two touchdowns. Former New York Giants and current Locos coach Jim Fassel praised Clement's effort.

"I didn't know who Chase Clement was in July," said Fassel in an interview with the UFL Press. "It's interesting how things turn out. When I saw him on tape for the first time ... we looked him up, watched the tape and said, 'I like this guy.' I knew he could do it. He made really good decisions, he managed the game, and then he made some plays." Clement was appreciative of the opportunity the Locos and UFL have given him after his short stay in the Canadian Football League proved futile.

"It feels good. It's crazy the way it worked out," Clement said to the UFL Press. "You start the season off as No. 3, ... not the way I thought it was going to end, but it was awesome." Having a Super Bowl-tested backup on his side Clement feels much more comfortable going into the championship game.

"Growing up watching NFL football for years, a guy like that has been to Super Bowls and done a lot in his career," Clement said. "I got to learn from one of the best. I hope he knows who I am now." With the season now over, making an NFL roster will go back to being Clement's primary focus. His former teammate, Andrew Sendejo (Watts '10), already knows what that feeling is like, as Sendejo was added to the Dallas Cowboys' active roster on Monday after going through workouts and being signed to the Cowboys' practice squad the week before. Sendejo, who played under former NFL coach Dennis Green with the UFL's Sacramento Mountain Lions, tallied 11 tackles this past UFL season, good for second-best in the league, along with two interceptions.

Sendejo talked about what it meant to play for America's Team. "I grew up a Cowboys fan, so it's kind of surreal to be here," Sendejo said in an interview with the San Antonio Express-News. "I'm going to try to make the most of the opportunity and take advantage of it." With the UFL season just ending, Sendejo is still in great football shape and with the Cowboys' experiencing woes at the safety position, he could find himself squaring off against veteran quarterback Peyton Manning in their game against the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday.

"I'm going to try to enjoy it and do what I can to help the team," Sendejo said in the same interview.

— Jonathan Myers

Swimming falls at UH, still posts season-best times

Junior Alexandra Ernst competes in the butterfly during the Owls' dual meet against the University of Miami (Fla.) on Nov. 5, at the Rice Aquatic Center. Rice will hope to capture its first victory of the season tomorrow.

by Christine Jeon (Cooper '10)

In its longest meet of the year, the main team posted more than 30 season-best performances at the Wall Russell Grunder Classic' Institutional, hosted by and for the University of Houston. The three-day meet featured the Owls, Rice and the College of Charleston. The Owls, as usual, dominated the swimming surfaces, as the team wrapped up the three days with 468 points, defeating fellow C-USA program Rice (562) and Houston (550). LSU won the Hansel Classic team title with 2,050 points, while Texas A&M won the event's consolation final with 2,021 points. The Owls, at the University of Houston, now sit in first place in the C-USA standings.

The Owls' 30 performance went in one another. I'm so happy that I have another year with this team, and I look forward to seeing how fast everyone will swim at the end of the season." Rice wrapped up the three days with 200 points, defeating fellow C-USA team Tulane University (200) and the University of New Mexico (205). Rice won the Hansel Classic team title with 2,021 points, ahead of LSU (2,050), Rice (2,050) and Houston (2,021). Senior and captain Karen Fong underlined the importance of the event.

"It's always a good chance to size up our conference competition and know that we're going to have to bring our A-game in February," Fong said. "Swimming fast mid-season makes us confident that we're on track. Success in November just makes us want to be even more successful at Conference." The Owls' next meet is scheduled for tomorrow at 1 p.m. in the Rice Aquatic Center. They will head head to head against nationally ranked Southern Methodist University.

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to a quick 7-8 lead, Rice's defense was getting beat to the spots and Texas was getting the ball to the hoop with ease.

But coming out of a timeout, the Owls tightened up the zone and pushed the Longhorns' shooters further outside, forcing more three-point shots on the defensive end. Texas was forced to settle for jump shots rather than utilize their physical advantages, and the Longhorns went cold for the half's final seven minutes.

Rice finished the half on a 12-1 run in which Texas went 0-9 physically, and the Longhorns could not get the ball to the hoop with ease.

With the Owls' physical advantages, and the Longhorns further outside, the Owls came out in the second half exchanging shirts with the Longhorns to keep the game close. Texas' star sophomore Jordan Hamilton's three consecutive three-pointers gave the Horns a 33-29 lead, but Pflieger answered with a quick three, as he would at several key junctures in the half.

Texas guard Jai Lucas' three-pointers, the team's seventh of the half, with eight minutes left gave the Horns a 42-39 lead, but Pflieger responded with a quick three, as he would at several key junctures in the half.

Texas guard Wade also made her way through the zone, effectively, the Owls came out in and the two-three zone playing out according to Bevan. "Nicole's winning two races in a row, that has never been done before," Bevan said. "Nicole's winning two regional championships, when we've never had anyone win one, is quite an accomplishment. Brittnay came from being a number six runner when she was a freshman to bring our number one runner off and on this year to just running.

"They are unique individually in their own unique ways but their contributions hopefully will be felt down the road, next year even. Brittnay and Nicole have helped this group in numerous ways that go unseen.

"There are some girls running today that wouldn't be running if it weren't for Nicole and Brittnay. They will be dearly missed."
Happy birthday!

Today marks 20 years of Coffeehouse’s existence on our lovely campus! Celebrate 20 years of caffeine goodness in ‘go style with discounts all day long! Stop by Coffeehouse today and wish them a happy birthday. See the Facebook event for more information.

Finally!
The last day of class is finally here! With finals looming over, it’s a bit of a bittersweet time, and yet we have four days to study! Take some time off. Relax and unwind for a bit, before you go completely insane. Then, and only then, should you begin studying for finals.

Root for Rice Rugby
The Rice Men’s rugby team plays Stephen F. Austin State University today at 2 p.m. at the Rice rugby field. The team is undefeated in league play and first in their division. Go out and support your rug by team!

Música de Venezuela
Duncan College, in cooperation with several student groups on campus, brings you the University Orchestra of Latin American Instruments from the Bolivarian University of Venezuela for a concert entitled “Voices and Sounds of Our America.” The concert is free of charge and takes place at 5 p.m. in the Duncan College Quad.

Immerse yourself
The Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees (PAIR) invites you to watch a documentary today at 6 p.m. in Sewall Hall about Haitian refugees called “Home Across Lands.” For only $2, you can watch the film, have great Haitian food for dinner from Blue Nile and learn about refugees here in Houston.

Posada
is happening tonight at 7 p.m. in the Grand Hall. Come with $7 for an evening full of Hispanic culture, food and dance. This event brought to you by the Spanish Department.

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Throwing stones
is bad idea in a glass house, but that means nothing for grass ones. Hanszen College senior Logan Beck presents a new exhibit in the Matchbox Gallery, called “Grass House.” The opening reception is tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Sewall Hall Sculpture Courtyard with refreshments provided by the Visual and Dramatic Arts Department.

Good old alt rock
Remember the Smashing Pumpkins and Jimmy Eat World? They are playing in Houston tonight at the Verizon Wireless Theater starting at 7 p.m., so if you feel like taking a trip down memory lane, you can still get tickets online or at the box office for a little more than $90.

Crazy orchestra rock
Though they are most famous for their song “Christmas Eve in Sarajevo,” the Trans-Siberian Orchestra does more than just Christmas music. Their mind-blowing show rolls through Houston today, one showing at 3 p.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are still available online, so hurry!

OWL-KART Study Break
So much food, entertainment and free stuff! It’s the President’s study break. This year, highlights include photo keychains, a Wheel of Fortune, cakewalk, Mario Kart tournament and a sign Your Own Mug. It kicks off at 3 p.m. at the Rice Memorial Center, Wellness Center and Brochstein Pavilion, and goes until 11 p.m.

Stressed about finals?
Unless you’re an archi, the answer should be yes. The answer to your stress problems is at the Barba-ra and David Gibbs Recreation Center. From 1 to 3 p.m. today there will be a yoga study break in Multipurpose Room 3. Take some time to focus on your breathing and flexibility. If you can’t make it today, it’s also happening tomorrow and Thursday from 9 to 10:30 p.m.

Engage!
Join the Center for Civic Engagement at their Holiday Open House today from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Rice Memorial Center on the second floor above the Grand Hall. You can munch on holiday treats while making holiday cards for residents of local nursing homes. Everyone is welcome!

Dum dum duuuuuuu ... Finals begin today. Good luck. Take care of your-selves; eat well, get enough sleep and remember to set more than one alarm the morning before the test.

This sudoku was created by Helen Shaw.

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Rice Stadium Male, brunnette. Being a coach you surely know all of the rules, but with me illegal use of the hands is more than welcome. I'll let you read my playbook any day.

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At Pub Male, brunnette. Usually you ask the trivia questions, but here's a little riddle for you. What's huge, sopping wet and waiting for you? The answer is me. Me at the pool.

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At Sunset Blvd: Male, bald. From my first day at Rice you were a sight to behold in your formal robes. As the sun glint OSP of your majestic head, I wonder if our president is looking for an eager intern. I know that you have a Ping, but I can be your Pong.

Don't know what this is all about? Do yourself a favor: Crawl out of the hole you're currently dawdling in and go to likealittle.com/rice. In short, this is how creepy people attempt to find love among a sea of friends writing about their own friends. Sorry for the lack of content. We have finals and stuff.

The Backpage is satire and is written by Connor Hayes and James Kohli. Happy Birthday to me! - Connor

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