Fate of KTRU money in hands of committee

BY HALLIE JORDAN

Members of the Rice Endowment for Sustainable Energy Technology recently pooled their first round of grant winners. Six projects are receiving a combined $5,000 of funding from RESET to begin green projects around campus, with two groups receiving funds from Housing and Dining and Facilities, Engineering and Planning — another combined $2,000. According to its website, RESET works to combat rising energy costs and climate change by funding student initiatives. The groups awarded grants from RESET’s will work toward a greener, more environmentally friendly campus.

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BY JOCelyn WRIGHT

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Rendezvous gets us fallin’ in love again, so dance dance

Rondelet attendees pack the dance floor at the Treviso restaurant Jan. 22, dancing up a storm to remixes of popular hits and covers by local band Tiger Lilly. Songs of the night included “Billie Jean,” “Don’t Stop Believin’,” “Hey Soul Sister,” “Grenade,” and “OMG.”

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Stay classy: Don’t get EMSed

The first public party of the year is tomorrow night at 10 p.m.: Will Rice’s classy/Trashy party. Go trashy! We recommend wearing only clothing made of trash bags. Stay classy: Combine black and white bags to make a suit.

Die Bleierne Zeit

The German Studies Department is hosting a showing of Mörder und Jain, a 1981 film about two sisters — one a journalist, and one a far-right Fascist terrorist. The film is showing at 8 p.m. in HUMA 117.

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Turning your passed-out buddy over to be done with his own vomit and then running off for more shots isn’t caring. She.

Drunk like-a-white-pops yes, people still use that will still be there in the morning.

At Baker, Female, Black hair.

HAWT ASIAN!!! I was teh one who grabbed at teh party rememery! anything anyone let’s get drunk. I have yellow fever!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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What sort of group should KTRU book for this year’s Outdoor Show?

What do you think about Rice’s alcohol policy?

38 RESPONSES RECEIVED

26%

50%

24%

It keeps students safe.

It’s important, but it can only work if students watch out for each other.

It’s too liberal and encourages illegal activity.

This week’s poll:

Last week’s online poll results:

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Please call for medical assistance at the earliest indication that symptoms in becoming difficult. Calling too late may be as dangerous as not calling at all.

“A Culture of Care” means everyone looks out for one another.

Bill Taylor
Chief of Police

Public Safety

Editorial

Envisioning the Rice (Thresher)

Revealed in a recent study, the university, the AUC, deems itself a social experiment for students from different backgrounds and life experiences to share their collective knowledge in a mutually beneficial process. Rice prides itself on diversity, that’s where we should accept it into the campus culture. Cultural “invasions” like these further contribute to the goals of the Vision for the Second Century and could potentially play a key role in the provost’s newly formed “international strategy” initiative.

We hope the Baker Institute and the university at large will continue to expand such programs, not only in the interest of foreign relations but to enhance the overall cultural enrichment of this university.

RESPECT projects innovative

The Thresher blanket tax that is paid by every undergraduate at this university has not gone to waste (see story, page 1). Half of the funds, approximately $50,000, have been allotted to six projects which are aimed at making environmental sustainability improvements. These initiatives are wonderful; they are a testament to the initiative of Rice students and an example of how to support our students and its environment. Furthermore, the program is planned to continue each year that RESPECT is funded by blanket taxes; over $15,000, have been allotted to six projects which are considered to be substantive for both the student and the university.

The Rice (Thresher) is quite frankly outdated. A quick comparison of the RMC to counterpart facilities at peer universities immediately exposes the deficiencies of our student center. With the exception of Willy’s, the RMC lacks popular lounge-like spaces that are conducive to relaxing or hanging out; the lack of study space is also something that needs to be addressed. On the food front, the RMC also lags behind its peers. While most student center provides food that college students find attractive, such as Whataburger, Taco Cabana or another popular chain restaurant, Rice students are stuck with 19th Street’s boring sandwiches and boxed sushi. As Rice continues to grow, the Grand Hall’s grandeur also seems to be lacking a bit. The university should work (see story, page 1). Subtracting pre-allotted amounts, the comparison could be made.

The interest accrued from the endowment could fund an epic annual performance. T-Pain, Chiddy Bang, Wyclef and Wiz Khalifa have performed at uni-
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Veritas Forum: MIT professor on religion, robots

BY MICHELLE PHILLIPS

Implementing a new format for its third year, Tuesday's Veritas For- mum attracted 450 students to hear a discussion about what it means to be human and the respective roles of technological research and reli- gion in that search.

The Veritas Forum is a nation- wide program that brings promi- nent Christian scholars to campuses to talk about their faith, according to Matthew Moravec.

Also a part-time staff mem- ber of Agape Christian Ministries, Moravec is the planning director for the Veritas Forum this year and a staff member in the Electrical Engi- neering Department.

"We want to examine life's big- gest questions at a high level of aca- demic inquiry, and explore them in connection to the person of Jesus," Moravec said. Seventeen Rice clubs and Houston churches sponsored this year's forum.

This year's speaker was Rosalind Picard, a professor at the Mas- sachusetts Institute of Technology and founder of the field of affective computing.

She has spent many years ex- perimenting with programs that al- low robots to recognize emotion. At the forum, she shared both her re- search and the insight it has given her into humans.

During the first 20 minutes of the forum, Picard, who has spoken at Veritas Forums at five other universities, including MIT and Columbia University, explained her research and its application to people with autism. Afterward, Sociology Pro- fessor Elaine Ecklund, who stud- ied the intersection of science and religion, interviewed Picard further about her faith and how it applied to her research. "We can give robots all sorts of algorithms to replicate appropriate responses, but we are nowhere near to giving machines feelings," Picard said during her presentation.

Picard said all of our actions and even our rational thinking is col- ored by our emotions — something robots cannot duplicate.

Picard listed four things that she believes set humans apart from robots that scientists cannot repli- cate as yet: feelings and a sense of morality; conscious experience; the "self" or "spirit"; and free will.

"As far as I can tell, no one has an instinct on how to build these in ro- bots," Picard said.

However, if Picard did discover this dis- cernment did not discourage her from trying to find out all she could about human emotions. "You're probably like me: You want to learn constantly, to find the meaning in everything," Picard said, addressing the students in at- tendance. It is this thirst for learning, Picard said, that has motivated both her research and her faith.

"Both my faith and my research are about finding what's true," Picard said.

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"I liked that her science is rooted in her faith," Anon Yu, Hanszen '11 said. The Veritas Forum at Rice start- ed in the spring of 2009 with for- mer Human Genome Project Direc- tor Francis Collins talking about evolution and was continued last year with author David Bairstow addressing human trafficking. Moravec said technology and what it means to be human was a com- mon theme that carried over to the forum's third year. Moravec also said ADVANCE is partnering with the Veritas Forum to host a discussion today at noon in the Miner Lounge regarding the issues Picard raised during the for- rum. Moravec said he hopes this will be the start of further dialogue on campus.

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President Barack Obama called for the nation to work together in the name of progress on Tuesday night. Ten key proposals in his speech included the suggestion of a five-year freeze on domestic spending, a pledge to veto earmarked bills that support congressional pet projects and the expansion of high-speed wireless connectivity to 98 percent of the population over the next five years. Obama also discussed reforming the tax code to close loopholes, increasing clean energy standards and updating the 2001 No Child Left Behind law. He asked that Congress address the issue of illegal immigration by passing a comprehensive reform bill and spoke about setting limits on medical malpractice case awards. He urged the repeal of the 1996 law, a health law that requires small businesses, starting in 2012, to file 1099 forms for the repeal of the 1099 rule, a health law that requires small businesses, increasing clean energy standards, raising the minimum wage and raising the corporate tax-code to close loopholes, speeding wireless connectivity to 98 percent of the population, repealing the ban on offshore drilling and calling for the resignation of President Ali Abdullah Saleh and reform. Saleh, who has been president for more than 30 years, has been criticized for the country’s economic strife and political corruption. Yemen is the poorest country in the Middle East with 60 percent of Yemenis living on less than $2 a day. With two-thirds of its population under the age of 24, the nation also suffers from a 50 percent illiteracy rate, 35 percent unemployment rate, falling oil reserves and a severe water shortage. Meanwhile, an estimated 700 protesters have been arrested in Cairo and Suez, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who has been in power since 1981, has declared the protests to be illegal. Egyptian protesters, who have criticized the administration in its failure to address corruption, poverty and unemployment, include Nobel Prize winner Shirin Ebadi. According to Griswold, personal solicitations — donations by request through mail — contribute to fundraising the most. Other common fundraising ideas include bake sales, lemonade sales, car washes and dances. Harris College freshman Jame Little said that she bought the cupcakes from friends and family. "I mean, I would rather buy a bag of chips than cupcake," Little said. "It’s just not worth it."

"[Students] are excited about the late-night food sales," Abian said. "I think that they are excited because they get to eat food that they usually aren’t able to eat before 10 o’clock."

Source: ABC News

Protesters rally in Yemen, Egypt

Egyptians and Yemenis alike rallied in the streets this week in protest of their respective presidents. Thousands of people protested in Sanaa, Yemen’s capital, calling for the resignation of President Ali Abdullah Saleh and reform. Saleh, who has been president for more than 30 years, has been criticized for the country’s economic strife and political corruption. Yemen is the poorest country in the Middle East with 60 percent of Yemenis living on less than $2 a day. With two-thirds of its population under the age of 24, the nation also suffers from a 50 percent illiteracy rate, 35 percent unemployment rate, falling oil reserves and a severe water shortage. Meanwhile, an estimated 700 protesters have been arrested in Cairo and Suez, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who has been in power since 1981, has declared the protests to be illegal. Egyptian protesters, who have criticized the administration in its failure to address corruption, poverty and unemployment, include Nobel Prize winner Shirin Ebadi.

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National Engineers Week

ENGINEERING COMPETITION
Open to all Rice Students
Free Registration at www.forum.rice.edu
Wednesday, February 23
3 to 5:30 pm
Grand Hall
Cash Prizes!
First Prize - $300,
Second Prize - $200,
5 - $100 prizes
Pizza, T-Shirts, Door Prizes

Teams of 3 or 4 will compete to solve a problem under competition rules.
Details of the problem will be distributed to team captains at check-in.

Register at www.forum.rice.edu byFeb. 13

The number of teams is limited.

Sponsored by the Rice Global E&C Forum, Fluor Corporation, and the George R. Brown School of Engineering
In recognition of their research efforts, Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Fatemeh Koushanfar and Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Physics and Astronomy Emilia Morosan were awarded the Early Presidential Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers.

Eighty-four researchers nationwide were honored with the award, which is given to scientists and engineers who are in the early stages of their careers, but have already conducted outstanding research. Nominees are selected by 10 federal departments and agencies. Both Koushanfar and Morosan were nominated by the U.S. Department of Defense. The ceremony was held on Dec. 13 at the White House and was followed by a reception and meeting with President Barack Obama.

"I was impressed by the breadth of research that's being covered by all the awardees," Morosan said. "I was humbled to be one of them."

Koushanfar received the award for her research in areas that concern national security, such as her work on integrated circuits. Her lab works on developing methods to make chips safe and secure.

Because chips are often designed in Western countries such as the United States and then manufactured in offshore countries, Koushanfar said that issues that must be considered include countries, theft of intellectual property, theft of integrated circuits and the integrity of the materials.

According to Koushanfar, counterfeit electronics on the market are counterfeit. Koushanfar said her research is important to governments, industries, and businesses not only because it provides protection against financial losses but also because chips are used in a variety of devices, including mobile phones, bank cards, access control devices, and in particular weapons. She said tampering with the technology used to make chips is considered a matter of national security.

To counter such problems, Koushanfar's lab is working on anti-counterfeiting technology, power prevention, hardware security and low-power design for cell phones and laptops.

Koushanfar said she received the award not only for her research but also for her contributions to education and leadership as founding and faculty advisor of ERCIL, a network of women in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department dedicated to providing mentoring, promoting career opportunities, cultivating women leadership and advocating diversity.

"One of the things I'm proud of is that we have been able to attract a lot of external fellowships," Koushanfar said. "Several of our women have gotten national and international awards and scholarships.

Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Chair Ruhollah Aazhang said the award is a recognition of Rice and said the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department is very honored that Koushanfar received the award.

"She is very accomplished, and she works in a very relevant and timely research area," Aazhang said. "In addition to the visibility and the recognition that she gained, she will also be carrying out a very important research project for the nation."

As for the impact of this award on her research, Koushanfar said she hopes to use the financial aid she received to advance security of embedded devices and low-power radios. She also hopes that Rice will implement a more-effective system of rewarding students who show excellence and leadership in research.

"It's an honor to receive this award. It's one of the key awards one could get. I am hoping graduates and undergraduates will come tearing down my door because I'd like to have them join our group and research."

Emilia Morosan Assistant Professor

"I hope there is a way to encourage outstanding students like in other top research institutions so that we are not at a competitive disadvantage, and we can follow the provost's vision," Koushanfar said.

Morosan received the award for her research on novel superconducting materials. These materials have both superconductivity at high temperatures and magnetism, which is unusual in superconductors.

In addition, Morosan said it appeared the magnetism was necessary for the high superconducting temperature, and conventional superconductors had a relatively low critical temperature.

Morosan said there are two purposes to her research: to look for other superconducting materials that show these unusual properties and also to understand the connection between superconductivity and other properties such as crystal structure and magnetism.

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Physics and astronomy fourth-year graduate student Liang Zhao, who has worked in Morosan's lab since she came to Rice in 2007, said Morosan contributes to the good relationship between the lab members.

"She always inspires us to learn new things, not just in our research but also to broaden our knowledge of other fields," Zhao said. "She always gives us feedback on how to improve our research and how to do better research."

With regard to the effects of receiving the award, Morosan said it has brought funding to her lab and validated the importance of the lab group's research.

Morosan said that with awards come funding, which young researchers may have difficulty getting. She said early career awards in recognition of high quality work and the ability to produce results are especially likely to bring the awardee research funds, which is crucial because having research funds is necessary for a researcher to continue to develop his project.

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Event to encourage health

BY AMI DAVE
THRESHED NEWS

The Wellness Center is holding a month-long event called "Love Your Body Month," which focuses on promoting a healthy lifestyle.

LYBM is a campus-wide campaign that will be an education and outreach program aimed at increasing awareness of healthy body image throughout campus. Wellness Center intern Sherry Lin and Dietician Maria Tsakalis are coordinating LYBM events. The event center around educating students about healthy eating habits. There will also be a focus on increasing acceptance of different body types and (expressing) satisfaction with one's own healthiest body.

Dr. Michael Berreiter. There will also be events throughout the month dedicated to increasing body awareness and raising levels of self-esteem while teaching students how to treat their bodies well.

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The truth is, not everyone handles everyday pressures with the ease and grace his or her facade suggests. And that's ok. In fact, as if the benefits aren't enough, the Wellness Center also offers the Club Nirvana incentive program. For $2() students can enroll and accumulate a point for each session they attend. Once they earn a certain number of points, they are eligible for their rewards for a healthy practice.

As an intern at the Wellness Center, one of my responsibilities is to help facilitate the Nirvana Sessions. I could count on one hand the number of times I'd previously participated in guided imagery, and 1 had never meditated. I knew little about these practices but was aware of data on the benefits. Therefore, I did not question whether these activities were beneficial to others, but I have to admit, I was skeptical about whether they would work for me. The first few sessions were difficult because I found myself sitting with every fiber of my being set to sit still. I was annoyed. Rice and ruin someone else quite a moment. However, I tried to keep an open mind, and a few weeks later, I found myself looking forward to these quiet, calming moments when I could turn off the high-killing and actually have an honest and legitimate reason for not responding to others. The sessions have also helped me during late night studying. It's overwhelming for me to focus on my breathing and help me feel relaxed, sleep catastrophizing, and remember to tackle one thing at a time. I'm not doing as these realizations. "I have been going to Nirvana for a year and a half and continue to make it go. It is one of the most relaxing times during my week and helps reduce stress on challenging times," says Christopher Meyer, a senior at Haste College.

Elizabeth Marks, a graduate student in anthropology, says she attends sessions in order to improve focus and spend time more productively. I probably gain time by coming to the Nirvana sessions, she says. The sessions have also given Elizabeth tools to use during her own time. "The kind of calm that regular meditation generates gives you something to look forward to farming on your height for a few minutes.

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But don't take my word for it, let your school talk and other obligations aside for a little noisemaker, and bring a friend to the Nirvana Sessions. You just might be surprised by the results.

The Nirvana Sessions are ongoing from January 28th to May 5th. Sessions last twenty minutes and are offered Tuesdays at 3PM, Wednesdays at 12:30PM, and Thursdays at 3:30PM. For more information or to register for Club Nirvana, please visit The Wellness Center's website at http://wellness.rice.edu/nirvana.
Network fails, revived

BY RUCY LUI
THREESHEAR

Students and faculty across campus started reporting issues with Internet connectivity last Monday night around 9 p.m. A computer bug forced the firewall to go down. The lagging network was especially apparent when browsing graphically intensive websites such as YouTube and Facebook. After troubleshooting, Information Technology had the bug fixed. IT scheduled its repair for the next meeting, but works were both adversely affected by the lag. The problem also helped to dive stereotypes and provide an opportunity for open discussion.

Campbell, one of the original student leaders in the creation of this program, said the problem was two years in the making before any of the student exchange visits occurred. As a senior major, he had chosen Cairo for the program was especially exciting. The city not only hosts the headquarters of the Arab League, which is an organization similar to the European Union, but is also a crossroads to Arab-Israeli relations. "Cairo is the crossroads of many different current events," Campbell said. "Egypt has historically been a big leader in the Arab world and still has a great deal of power today."

Campbell said the discussions between the two groups of students, both in Cairo and here at Rice, were very interesting and very successful, but the non-working time spent together was definitely an unexpected surprise. For him, it was rewarding to experience a new place and a new culture. "You can't really understand a people until you've been to where they are from," he said.

One of the Egyptian students, Aida Mohamed Yehia, is currently in the process of obtaining her master's degree in political science from AUC. Yehia said she decided to participate in this program because it was an opportunity to meet people with different backgrounds and to add to Middle East-U.S. relations. However, she especially enjoyed simply being at Rice. "My favorite part was attending classes with our hosts," Yehia said. "Rice University is very reputable, huge and has highly competitive students. I loved it."

Even though the student exchange portion of the calibration is now over, Rice and the Baker Institute plans to continue expanding the theme. Campbell said different ideas for expansion include another trip abroad for Rice students, since they were able to form connections throughout the region, as well as to add to the future of the Baker Institute. Campbell said the discussions and experiences highlighted how making connections with foreign universities is not easy, he said. "So having this program between the two countries is great."

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Program

RICE MMUF ALUMNI WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE PH.D.

Jennifer Alexander Dickson: 39. Ph.D. from University of New Mexico in Educational Psychology
Anneliese Malloy: 36. Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins in English
Vernon Cotton: 38. Ph.D. from Pennsylvania University in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Tara Fitchpatrick: 35. Ph.D. from Texas A&M University in History
Armanda Lewis: 36. Ph.D. from Columbia University in History
Melody Venier: 38. Ph.D. from Tulane University in History
Laura Paterson: 37. Ph.D. from University of Toronto in Philosophy
Emmy Smith: 37. Ph.D. from Northwestern University in Anthropology
Eric McWilliam: 33. Ph.D. from Yale University in African American Studies
Miles Rodriguez: 36. Ph.D. from Harvard University in History
Tania Fierro: 36. Ph.D. from University of Chicago in Anthropology
Pamela Man: 38. M.A. from University of Chicago in Anthropology

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT GRADUATE STUDY LEADING TO THE PH.D.?

(1) Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Program (MMUF) at Rice University has three goals: First, in order to maximize the number of minority students and doctors with a Student-Mentor Commitment to graduate study, the program will encourage the arts and sciences. In doing so, the program aims to reduce many of the persistent factors that have been important in increasing the academic opportunities available to minority students. In the second goal, the University will expand the number of minority students of the University; in the third, the University will or can achieve high-quality, dynamic, and exciting undergraduate programs that will bring together the arts and sciences. In doing so, the program aims to reduce many of the persistent factors that have been important in increasing the academic opportunities available to minority students. In the second goal, the University will expand the number of minority students of the University; in the third, the University will or can achieve high-quality, dynamic, and exciting undergraduate programs that will bring together the arts and sciences. In doing so, the program aims to reduce many of the persistent factors that have been important in increasing the academic opportunities available to minority students. In the second goal, the University will expand the number of minority students of the University; in the third, the University will or can achieve high-quality, dynamic, and exciting undergraduate programs that will bring together the arts and sciences. In doing so, the program aims to reduce many of the persistent factors that have been important in increasing the academic opportunities available to minority students. In the second goal, the University will expand the number of minority students of the University; in the third, the University will or can achieve high-quality, dynamic, and exciting undergraduate programs that will bring together the arts and sciences. In doing so, the program aims to reduce many of the persistent factors that have been important in increasing the academic opportunities available to minority students. In the second goal, the University will expand the number of minority students of the University; in the third, the University will or can achieve high-quality, dynamic, and exciting undergraduate programs that will bring together the arts and sciences.

For more information and to download the application go to: http://diversity.rice.edu/mellon_mays.aspx

Application deadline is February 02, 2011

CONTACT:
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Office of the Associate Provost, Rice University, 713.348.6488

Beer pong, K'Nex style

Students build with K'Nex for the second ASME Design Competition in the Wiess College Commons.
Rice University Bike Share
The University Bike Share program with ORUPD, located at the northwest corner of the Rice building, is designed to help students and faculty use bicycles instead of motor vehicles to get around campus. This initiative is part of Rice's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint.

**Bike Reps' Main Jobs**
- Assist students in finding bike racks on campus.
- Help students lock their bikes securely.
- Help students identify the best bike locks for their bikes.

**Why Students Should Participate**
- Reduces carbon emissions and helps address climate change.
- Encourages physical activity.
- Improves health and wellbeing.
- Reduces traffic congestion.

**Join the Rice Student Volunteer Program's Educational Committee for the following Education Awareness Week Events:**

**Monday, January 31**
**Class Observation at KIPP Sunnyside**

Come observe a class at KIPP Sunnyside High School from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. The required time commitment is about two and a half hours, including travel time. Please contact Katherine West (kw3@rice.edu) for more information or to sign up to observe.

**Tuesday, February 1**
**Teach for America Panel**

Teach for America Panel: David Boyd and Rene Sewall 300

Interested in learning more about Teach for America? Attend an informational panel about Teach for America from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm. For more information, contact Rene Sewall at (713) 449-7890.

**Wednesday, February 2**
**Advance - Education Reform Discussion**

12:00 pm - Miner Lounge

Learn more about the Rice Student Volunteer Program (RSVP) by attending a general meeting - every Monday night at 9:00 pm in the Miner Lounge of the RMC.

RSVP is a student organization that encourages students to volunteer in the Houston community. It provides opportunities for students to engage in social and community service projects, and offers volunteer opportunities for credit.

**Thursday, February 3**
**The First Year Screening**

7:30 pm - Sewall Hall 307

Come watch a screening of the documentary "The First Year" which follows students in their first year of teaching. A brief discussion will follow the screening.

**Friday, February 4**
**BREAKFAST -的一门课程的中级和高级课程**

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President David Leebro

Discusses tuition, image and grad student expansion

BY DAVID REDAHL
THIRD EDITION STAFF

Rice Thresher: You've been spending a lot of money on buildings. But we have a lot more debt than usual and a bit less revenue to back it up. The number one question on students' minds is if you've got any plans to stabilize tuition costs, especially if Rice wants to maintain its reputation as a bargain school.

President David Leebro: I wouldn't call it a "bargain" school. I don't think in the word we use. I think we deliver the best value around. You don't want to be the cheapest; you want to be the best value. I would say one thing we hadn't quite anticipated was the very substantial increase in scholarships, and that's for a number of reasons. We've seen a growth, for example, in Pell Grant recipients. We had 90 percent more Pell Grant recipients than we had five years ago. So, a lot more diversity in our student population. If you look at our peers, we certainly have one of the most economically diverse populations among our peers. That's expensive. Our net tuition revenue is more than it was because we have more students. Our net tuition per student is less because we have more than matched the increase as one of the best values.

Inflation is: Do we expect to see unusually large tuition increases over the next few years? The answer to that is no, we've recovered, we're not going to see large tuition increases out of the endowment over the endowment losses, some of which have been. They're larger than we would like, certainly larger than our students would like; as in the past, those will be matched by scholarship aid. That's not to say no families will be affected or people won't feel a burden, but if you're on scholarship, every dollar of tuition increase is matched by a dollar increase in scholarship. Part of the reason we've maintained our ranking as best value is because our average scholarship have been increasing, and the number of students on scholarships have been increasing.

What's our international image as a university?

DL: We have a very strong image, as people would expect. Somewhat small but very high quality. We're known as a research university, so I think that, on the domestic level, people may know us more as a place with great undergraduate education, but the international reputation certainly has a higher component of great research, emerging out of things like nanotechnology, for example, and work with the Baker Institute; people know about the Shepherd School. There are all programs with international visibility [...] I would say, internationally, we're probably known for our science and engineering, and I think one of our tasks is to make sure people know we have good humanities and social sciences. In the foreign students, we are seeing more interested in humanities and social sciences.

In relations with Chinese universities, for example, we had a whole delegation come from Fudan University, which is one of the best universities in China. After that delegation, they were as interested in philosophy, economics and public policy as they were in science and engineering. The challenge always is to catch people up. We're actually a very balanced university. Our fundamental challenge is the breadth of our university under a relatively small student and resource base. If we were a more focused university, we would kind of be financially perhaps a little more comfortable than we are. So I think we're doing very well internationally, I think we have a fair visibility.

I think in terms of visibility and reputation, one of the most important things is the number of applicants that you get because they spread the word. Every time somebody applies, people say, "Oh, where are you applying?" They're applying to Rice, Stanford University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, whatever. If you look at foreign applicants, that's a number that, over five years, has quintupled. So we've gone from 400 to 2,000 foreign applicants, and nothing else has increased at quite that level. This year, we saw a big increase in applicants from the UK, for example, that's very heartening. Working on Latin America.

In this growth in recent years just in undergraduate population or in graduate population, too?

DL: No, we're still the same population. We've been around the same level. Our graduate student population has grown some. We're actually like to see it grow a little more. But both the procedural aspects of that and the financing is very different. Although you could say we lose money on every student, when we add a marginal undergraduate student, actually, we probably make money on that. It's not true when you add a marginal graduate student. It depends a little on how they're financed. So, we do have more graduate students, but we'll have to let that grow organically over time. But with the graduate students as at many places but particularly places strong with science and engineering, we have a lot of foreign students, particularly from China and from India. So that's been actually loss of an issue. I think where we have an opportunity to have a strength is building some relationships — despite your horrible ordeal — building some relationships between graduate and undergraduates. For example, some of the student ethnic organizations, to really reach across that barrier, and we have the capacity to make Rice a special place for graduate students. In my view, we ought to seize that, and we ought to welcome them to participate in Rice Bike, or whatever it is.

President David Leebro became Rice's seventh president in 2004.
The Warehouse Live's packed house erupted at the first 808 beat as Chicago-based up-and-comers The Cool Kids hit the stage last Sunday on the last stop of their "Road to the H-Town Sneaker Summit" tour. While some people were there day of out of worship in a more traditional sense, these fans were taken to church and baptism by two 20-something indie rappers in a crowded nachi-bowl that no small feat is a city that holds its hip hop holier than most.

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

Connor Hayes is a Baker College senior and Thresher Backpage editor.

THE WEEKLY SCENE

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

CARNAGE
Catch God of Gomorrah at the Alley Theatre before it closes on Sun- day. Based on the interactions between two pairs of parents who meet because one son beats up the other, it won a Tony award in 2009. The play is at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets start at $30.

ALLEY THEATRE
635 TEXAS
www.alleytheatre.org

POLICE
Tokyo Police Club, the popular indie-rock band from Canada, will perform at Warehouse Live on Thursday at 9 p.m. for $45-$55. After a two-year hiatus since its last album A Lesson in Crime and Elephant Shell, Tokyo Police Club is promoting a new album, Champ.

WAREHOUSE LIVE
813 ST. EMANUEL
www.warehouselive.com

LAWDALE
The Lawndale Art Center has four exhibitions opening tonight, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The exhibitions include works by multimedia artist Josephine Doumb, a performance and installation work by The Bridge Club collaborative, a site-specific painting by Holts Cooper, and a new series of works by Mark Aguilar. Admission is free.

LAWDALE ART CENTER
4925 MAIN
www.lawdaleartcenter.org

FBI
Rice Cinema is screening COM- EUROPOL at 7 p.m. for $5-$8. Directed by Andreas Alepizi and Brett Hembry, the documentary follows the efforts of the FBl program preventing racial movements.

RICE CINEMA
RICE UNIVERSITY
www.rice.edu/cinema

Northwestern, Center for Excellence in the Arts
The Way Back: fine acting, breathtaking scenery

ANTHONY LAURELLO
CRITIC

Films glorify many things, but walking is not one of them. We preview three films at lighter speed that that of the pedestrian. Peter Weir's new film, The Way Back, based on the book The Long Walk, is exactly that: an odyssey through some of the most desolate, inhospitable and beautiful places on Earth.

The Way Back

The film concerns a group of inmates in a Siberian gulag. As they escape and trek southward through the mountains of Siberia, the steppe of Mongolia, the Gobi Desert of China and the Himalayas of Nepal to their freedom in India. The film begins with the Polish Janusz (Jim Sturgess, 29) in

GALLERY
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order to relay the expansive nature of her vision, Temple broke the image into branches taper to minuscule points, in India. The film begins with the Polish Janusz (Jim Sturgess, 29) in.

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Relish: Hot dogs that are made of real meat

Haters gonna hate. But not on Moon Tower Inn, an exotic meat hot dog demand for this small patio dog that looks like someone's huge-ass backyard. Featuri

Siegfried Bilstein and Dan Nelson

Moon Tower Inn has tasty food, like this hot dog covered in feta cheese.

Mr. Hulot's Holiday

Mr. Hulot's Holiday is a foreign film originally released in 1953. The film is not foreign only because it is in French but also because it is strange and exotic. Mr. Hulot's Holiday is far removed from the film comedies of its era. At heart, it is a silent film, sans spoken words but with murmurs of human voices, sound effects aplenty and a soundtrack composed of a single jazzy motif. Tati's experience as a mime is readily apparent — Mr. Hulot seems unable to speak, but his trademark glanced posture and childlike shenanigans are insights into the workings of a perpetually bemused man at odds with the rapidly evolving world around him.

Mr. Hulot's Holiday

One of the first things that you'll notice outside of Moon Tower Inn is the total lack of any sign that says "Moon Tower Inn." In fact, the two signs point out front read "Rice Good Stuff" and "Yoga on 6th." After you have no indoor seating or inside, for that matter — just several picnic tables scattered about a very bare lot. More exciting than the tables, however, are the two hot dog pits, the two hammock pits and the two basketball courts. Actually, there is only one base

Sydney Chomel's recent animated film, L'Heure d'été, is based on a script the great French comicific film

Mr. Hulot's Holiday

The movie follows Mr. Hulot's (Jacques Tati) holiday at a beachside hotel. He moves through the hotel and the beach like a ghost, often unnoticed by his fellow vacationers. The characters in the film were not really developed; they are more like anonymous passersby on a long flight with whom we eventually grow familiar. As the film progresses, one begins to feel like a voyeuristic vacationer spying on Hulot's shenanigans. Film critic Roger Ebert wrote of Mr. Hulot's Holiday, "The movie is about the simplest of human pleasures: the desire to get away for a few days, to play instead of work, to breathe in the sea air and maybe meet someone nice.

While Americans treasure Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton as heroes of the silent film era, the French have Tati, who obsessed over his films as much as his American predecessors did. For example, in one scene, Hulot is painting a yacht on the beach. The paint can is carried out to sea, only to float back at the exact moment that Hulot's brush is ready. It is shot in one continuous take, and it is easy to imagine Tati loving for hours to perfect the timing of this short scene.

His particular brand of humor from across the Atlantic has affine

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SPORTS

Men score upset against formerly ranked UCF

Magical second-half play helps team score first conference win, pick up home win against UH

by Ryan Glassman

After a 23-point loss in which the Owls scored just 43 points on the road in El Paso, Texas, Men’s Basketball Head Coach, Tim Braun, told his players in their week off to practice hard in hopes of turning things around.

"Let's just get ourselves better in practice," Braun said following the team's fourth straight loss in conference. "If we're better in practice, we'll get better in games."

Well, it looks like he was right.

After a deep start, the Owls did just that to UH play. Rice bounced back for a pair of wins to move to 9-10 in the formerly ranked University of Central Florida (9-10, 1-5 C-USA) after a double-double.

The UCF Knights were out in a 40-28 hole.

On Sunday, the Owls returned home to Tudor Fieldhouse, needing a win to keep their middle-of-the-pack status. A win against a former top-20 team, the Owls’ resilience was tested down the stretch.

However, Taleya Mayberry scored just 43 points on nine field goals.

"We have another post-Thursday breakdown and make one or two, the balls start rolling," Braun said following the loss. "But in practice, we'll get better in games."

"Let's just get ourselves better in practice," Braun said following the game, "so that we're mentally ready to play."
Rugby building strong season around veterans
After one of the most promising starts in recent history, club tries for postseason berth

by Ben Kohl

When it comes to intercollegiate athletics, Rice usually finds itself as the guppy among sharks. Despite the special circumstances for varsity sports, many club sports teams have recently achieved considerable success. Both club baseball and ultimate frisbee have made names for themselves over the past few years, and now the Rice rugby football club is joining their ranks. In fact, after a dominant start in the Texas Rugby Union Div. II league, Rugby magazine has recently awarded the team a No. 15 national ranking.

This success hasn’t come easily, but adversity has helped fuel this hungry squad. Team captain Matt Jones commented on how the tough time helped unite the team.

“The upperclassmen joined the team when it was in the trough of its abilities,” Jones, a Hannan College senior, said. “The bitter taste this left has given us much more drive and passion to not take for granted the chances we have this season.” Jones referenced a stunning 89-0 loss to Louisiana State University suffered two years ago and is relieved to finally experience the other end of such a match after the recent 48-10 pounding of Stephen F. Austin State University.

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Of course, for a game that must be taught from scratch to nouvelle players each season, a team can only be as good as its coaching. Luckily for this squad, the sky is the limit. Botha has been with the team longer than any of the players, and this consistency has provided the team an instrumental part of its success. The coach grew up in South Africa, where he developed a love for rugby at a young age. He was a standout at Humber Park High School and went on to be captain of his men’s club team, which won its league five of the past six years, and it is particularly exciting because the road through the playoffs will start with the Texas Championships, which Rice will be hosting Feb. 26-27.

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COMMENTARY

Au revoir, Lance?

Ladies and gentlemen, Lance Armstrong has finally left the pote-
to, in perhaps the most uncer-
table way of all: by an athlete of his stature, Armstrong es-
ted professional international cycling Sunday after the final stage of the Tour Down Under, which ended in Ad-
celades, Australia with more than 75,000 people watching the six stages of the race, a record for any South Aus-
falo sport event. Without the familiar sight of a yellow jersey, champagne, overexcited stuffed animals and kine-
rists from stateswomen that dwarf the vertically challenged cyclists, it didn’t really seem like the end had actually arrived.

Even the doping doctors, who hung around Armstrong so much they could be considered part of his entourage, were nowhere to be found. For perhaps the greatest cy-
clet ever, his 10th overall finish in the race was a lackluster result, so much so that Armstrong refused to speak with any members of the me-
dia. While Armstrong had already retired once in 2005, he pulled a Bert Formichella in 2008. Armstrong stepped out of the tour in late 2009, following a story in the British newspaper The Sunday Times. Armstrong’s career was over. It was a sad end to a career that once promised so much.

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them of his drug use. A possible federal trial would make the vicious taunting Armstrong experienced from jack at Plano East Senior High look downright tame— which is another reason why Plano East sucks, but I digress.

When taking stock of Armstrong's life, it's easy to list his greatest accomplishments: winning the battle of his life, it's easy to list his greatest achievements. These things are the building blocks of Armstrong's legacy, all of which will certainly crumble should Armstrong eventually be convicted of any usage. Lance is a guy who nearly didn't make it out of cancer. So, Lance, for your sake and for the sake of all the jocks at Piano East Senior High, let's hope Armstrong's legacy will stand the test of time. Take your personal finances seriously. The time to do it is now and not after you've spent millions on a science fair project, as Armstrong did with his new foundation.

Basketball stars hold court

The Owls then got the stop they needed with under 10 seconds left, but Van Slyke got his own rebound and forced a foul that sent Houston to the line with 2.25 seconds left. "This team knows that the key to pull this one out is defense," Van Slyke said of his senior's clutch free throw with two minutes left. The Owls then got the stop they needed with under 10 seconds left, but Van Slyke got his own rebound and forced a foul that sent Houston to the line with 2.25 seconds left. "This team knows that the key to pull this one out is defense," Van Slyke said of his senior's clutch free throw with two minutes left.

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FRIDAY

Like a z?  The Savannah Georgia ASB Four Square Tournament is taking place today at Duncann College, where you can win prizes from Swirl, the Chocolate Bar and other Rice Village establishments. The tournaments start at 3 p.m., and the entrance fee is $5 (donations appreciated).

Calling all nerds

What kind of a school would be if we didn’t have a convention? OwlCon XXX is a board game, card game and live-action roleplay convention hosted by Rice’s own FASTWARP. It starts today from 6 p.m. in the Rice Memorial Center and runs until Sunday. Rice students get 50 percent off the admission price!

Thespian wanted

The Will Rice Players are holding auditions for Neil Simon’s play “Plaza Suite,” directed by Mary Nelson. You can drop in to the Will Rice PDR for your audition between 6:30 and 8 p.m. to night or between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. tomorrow. Don’t stress, but be prepared to cold-read a monologue. Anyone who auditions gets a muffin!

SUNDAY

The ultimate showdown

Rice’s ultimate team is hosting a tournament on campus today! They will be playing other Texas schools all day long in various IM fields. Go and support them! The tournament starts at 9 a.m. and goes until 2 p.m.

Woolen wir einen Film anschauen?

Join the German Studies Department for its monthly film series. The theme for this semester is Film and Terror, and the first film is Marianne and Juliane, a 1996 West German film about the complicated politics of the left and social movements of the time. The screening is at 8 p.m. in HUMA 1 17; and is free and open to all Rice students.

You are beautiful

February is Love Your Body Month, sponsored by the Wellness Center. This month is all about encouraging a healthy body image, and there will be a bunch of events all through the month. All this week you can lunch with a dietitian in the various servers. For a schedule of when and where these events are going down, check out http://wellness.rice.edu/loveyourbody/

THURSDAY

All about eating disorders

MentorCONNECT, in partnership with the Center for Change, is hosting an information session about eating disorders entitled “Reaching Out on the Road to Recovery.” It takes place today from 4 to 9 p.m. in Keck Hall 100, and includes a Q&A session and a book signing. Light refreshments will be provided by MiYiToods.

The blacker the berry, the sweeter the juice

The Black List Project is a new exhibit in the Rice Gallery that documents and expresses the experience of being black in America through interviews and portraits of leading African American figures. Conceived by photographer Timothy Greenfield-Sanders, the exhibit is on display until Feb. 25.
**The Battle for the Backpage**

**NAMES:**
- Martin Susmel (Baker '13)
- Kumanayi (Baker '13)

**PHOTOSHOP SKILLZ:**

For this exercise, the Backpage applicants were asked to display their abilities to create rather than manipulate, universal truths with the help of Photoshop. Kunal and Martin chose to fulfill one of our requests, while the Tallahassee Tre (as they have been called) decided to create all three. Although Bieber as Kim Kardashians brought back great memories of her sex tape, as double-teaming Tom Brady is probably the greatest thing ever imagined.

**A TYPICAL SATURDAY NIGHT:**

5:30 p.m. - Steak through Toyota Center. Try to kick Yao Ming in the knees.

6:00 p.m. - Pop open Four Loko while watching Bill O'Reilly. Vomit at all the things.

7:00 p.m. - Recess dance with Chuck E Cheese w/The Krew.

7:30 p.m. - Slip hidden in the honeys' root beer next to us.

7:45 p.m. - Yell at Bill O'Reily while jumping around in manic state.

8:30 p.m. - Run train on honeys.

9:00 p.m. - Play in ball pit with chill honeys.

9:30 p.m. - Lurk in ball pit.

10:00 p.m. - Take light ball back to Rice, dress up as homeless people to scare high schoolers.

11:00 p.m. - Analyze students. Cell 713-385-7512.

12:00 a.m. - Say to Mar缩: "This is what I call Payback, Payback, Paybackkkkkkk." No one cares.

1:00 a.m. - "This is what I call Payback, Payback, Paybackkkkkkk." This is more what we call it.

2:00 a.m. - "This is what I call Payback, Payback, Paybackkkkkkk." Everyone cares.

3:00 a.m. - "This is what I call Payback, Payback, Paybackkkkkkk." The world ends.

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**WHO IS THE FUNNIEST? DO YOU EVEN CARE?**

Either way, you can decide who you think submitted the better application, and e-mail your decision to stk@rice.edu by midnight on Sunday. And don't worry about us. We're going to be fine.

The Backpage is satire and WAS written by (James Kohl and Connor Hayes. Please don't even contact us again.

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**THE BACKPAGE GRADE**

Backpage grades are on a scale of one to sauce.

**NAMES:**
- Alex Weighheimer (Martel '13), Some douche
- Zach Casias (Wies '13), Anthony Lauriello (Wies '13)

**PHOTOSHOP SKILLZ:**

If there's one thing in the world we enjoy reading, it's live blogs. So we asked the applicants to chronicle their Saturday evening excitement (or lack thereof). They were close, but The Big Three narrowly edged it out with a hefty bribe of leftover "Crunkwrap Supremes."

**A TYPICAL SATURDAY NIGHT:**

9:00 p.m. - Zach said, "Tonight's gonna be a good night."

9:04 p.m. - Anthony replied, "Tonight's gonna be a good, good night."

9:05 p.m. - Watched Magic: School Band, drunk when Arnold was a bitch.

10:37 p.m. - Teasted on flatt (U Butter™ and BaconPop™).

11:45 p.m. - Walked toward public party.

11:46 p.m. - Heaven wants the right building. Left for correct college. 1:34 a.m. - Watched people dry hump to "R'K Top."

1:35 a.m. - Alex hit on paramedics, while the EMTs a freshmen.

1:40 a.m. - Dry humped to "Teach Me How to Dougie."

2:30 a.m. - Screamed along to "Don't Stop Believing," while making dramatic faces, and being flying anyone recognizable. Best. Song. Ever.

Between 2:30 and 3:30 a.m. - Taxi Called. Probably at 3:30 a.m. - Great philosophical realization. For [ad] could not only heat Hitler in a RMX competition, but also win at least $1,200,000 on Who Wants to be a Millionaire.

Sometime before Taco Bell Closes a.m. - Ordered a 14" pizza ($12.72) of "Crunkwrap Supremes."

2:12 a.m. - Zach woke up with the strong urge to go to church.

2:32 a.m. - Anthony woke up in his blazer, alone his bed, with a random freshmen girl's ID in his pocket. He immediately wondered how much 13th Street sushi can he buy with her texts points.

2:33 a.m. - Anthony finds Alex sleeping in the shower and wakes him up in time for his 8:00 clock.

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