A $6 million Turrell Skyspace to be constructed

Rice students—spent last day’s Beer Bike also participating in early morning celebrations, a campus-wide tradition that will be continued as a part of Rice’s upcoming centennial.

Director of Student Recreation Beckwith said that the wind was an issue, especially coming around the second turn. He also said that there are many conditions can be helpful but even professional riders crashes,” Jenkinson said. “I have seen windier races on that track with fewer crashes but sometimes it’s easier to sık in a bike race.”

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Will Rice Bike Team Co-Captain Peter Hokanson said he was satisfied with the Beer Run decision. “I think it's a good call,” Hokanson said. “It was far more crashes than I've seen since I've been at an undergrad.”

Jones men's biker Ian Fernandez said he was disappointed but felt that it was the right decision.

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Beer Bike successful

Kudos is due to Matt Sawyer, the university-wide Beer Bike coordinator, and the Beer Bike coordinators from each college (see story, pg. 1). Beer Bike came and went smoothly, safely and too swiftly. The Beer Bike leadership was met with a multitude of challenges never seen in the past, and each problem was addressed with great success.

Alcohol responsibility was a necessity for this Beer Bike much more so than for any in the past. The Rice student body enjoyed a Beer Bike which included minimal to no hospital transports for over-intoxication; furthermore, the students exhibited strict adherence to the newly revised conduct policy, which prohibits hard liquor consumption in private or public gatherings. Champagne, malt liquor, wine and beer were all served at the Liberty Camp, more in line with a Beer Bike which included both great times and responsible drinking.

Another unique problem presented to the coordinators of this year’s Beer Bike was the drop-off of many track rentals. The coordinators smoothly executed the movement of the trash cans and every college was prepared for the balloon flight. Furthermore, this was the first year that the parade system was changed. The lengthy meandering parade loop was replaced with a cheer battle which was perfectly spontaneous and brilliantly spirited. The lack of parade also allowed for fighting access to all colleges and ensured that more balloons were available for the actual battle. The fact that the fight ended earlier than usual likely encouraged more students to make it to the race, as attendance was exceptional with the grand stands full.

A final alteration was necessitated by the dangerously windy racing conditions plaguing the track. Heavy winds caused 11 injuries before Sawyer prudently called an “all stop” on the track. After a quick conferment with the college coordinators, a decision was made to convert the race to a running competition. The Beer Bike leadership preserved biker safety while not depriving the audience of a winner. To the chagrin of the coordinators or bikers, the numerous accidents that occurred over the course of the three races are definitely a cause for concern, and moving into the future, it may be wise to take proactive precautions. First, reducing the total number of racers, or at the very least ensuring that there is a greater margin of competitors are skilled bikers. Some of the more apathetic colleges are often forced to pull racers from the crowd who may lack the safety training and experience necessary for them to be apt racers in a very fast and very competitive arena. Secondly, the racers need to be more thoroughly monitored to ensure that they complete all necessary safety training prior to being permitted on the track. A racer should not be allowed to help fill out a team if they did not go through the tutorials during Willy Week.

All in all, the Thresher commends the 2011 Beer Bike coordinators for adeptly adjusting to unique circumstance and putting on an extremely successful Beer Bike.

ALFA recs overly specific

The ALFA committee has concluded its survey process and made its recommendations to administration (see story, pg. 6). Unfortunately their recommendations were influenced by a measur 24 pro.

Out of the over 1500 students at Rice University, a remarkably small proportion of us as a student body contributed to the process.

The ALFA committee has made several solid recommendations such as endorsements for EMS expenses, rock wall and improvement of IM field conditions and lighting. The EMS budget not only supports a student organization, but in turn helps all students since projects are selected, and if so, that we will come together as a student body to voice our opinions in unison.

In an article in last week’s Thresher (“Rules increase for incoming Rice students,” Mar. 11), it was noted that tuition for next year’s incoming class will increase by 5.4 percent. This is in spite of the fact that, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the CPI for food only increased 15 percent. Over the same period, the S&P 500 increased 52.6 percent (Yahoo Finance) excluding dividends. This substantial increase likely reflects the increase in Rice’s endowment, which is the largest revenue source for the university. The university estimates that the endowment is around $8.0 billion.

It’s difficult to justify this increase in light of the above even if, as President Leebron notes, the university is facing some potential losses of state and federal funding. He also said, “It is important to note that based on both tuition charges and financial aid, Rice remains one of the most affordable private universities and colleges.” It won’t remain in that group for long if it keeps raising tuition at a rate over three and a half times the rise in prices.

President Leebron noted, “We have maintained our commitment to provide a generous financial aid and a lower tuition price even in the midst of the present economic environment and our endowment losses.” What hope? According to the university itself, the value of the endowment increased by $800 million in the last fiscal year (ending June 30th) and it estimates the increase in the $3 billion this year.

Tuition increases far beyond the rate of inflation in not only a strain on next year’s students but injurious to the future of the university.

Roy Loya (Parent ’53)

Last week’s online poll results: Do you think students should care about how “hard” liquor is defined?

• Anything not beer, wine, champagne or ale.
• Anything 40 proof (20% alcohol by volume)
• Anything 40 proof or stronger after mixing.
• Everything else.

This week’s poll: What do you think should count as ‘hard liquor’?

• Anything not beer, wine, champagne or ale.
• Anything 40 proof (20% alcohol by volume)
• Anything 40 proof or stronger after mixing.
• Anything else.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Dear Thresher,

I am writing to express my concern about the current state of University Affairs at Rice University. The increasing tuition costs and the lack of transparency in financial decisions have led to a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction among students.

Firstly, I would like to express my concern over the recent decision to increase tuition rates by 5.4%. This increase, which many believe is not justified by the cost of living or the quality of education being offered, has caused a great deal of anxiety and dissatisfaction among students.

Furthermore, I believe that there is a clear disconnect between the university administration and the student body. The decision to increase tuition was made without sufficient consultation or input from students, which only serves to further alienate the student body.

I urge the administration to consider the feedback and concerns of the students more seriously in future decision-making processes. It is important that we work together to ensure a fair and equitable education for all students at Rice University.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Position]

[Your Contact Information]
Baker Institute Student Forum debate: Terrorism in the Homeland

Unity with Muslim Americans necessary

Islam begets the radicalism of terrorism

Since the beginning of the war on terror, many Americans have expressed a concern about "homeland" radicalized terrorism as an area they believe we should prevent them.

While a cell has yet to stage an attack, events of the past few years have brought the issue back into distinct focus. The tragic Times Square bombing and the botched Times Square car bombing attempt were both marked by Islamic extremism. After all, some of our most recent attacks have been inspired by attacks on American Muslims.

When looking at how to deal with this issue politically, however, a different event should stand out: the New York Mosque protests.

These protests sent a clear message that, at a minimum, there remains significant anger towards the Muslim community for the Sept. 11 attacks, and, at most, significant bigotry in this country. Such national sentiments sow the seeds for the anger and isolation that then make Muslims worth's easier targets for radical extremists. It is a sad irony that our fear and anger can help create the very thing that driven our fear.

Given this circumstance, our national leaders must act with considerable political acumen to promote the safety of the nation. We must call for and support domestic terrorism, including protection against domestic terrorism, without further isolating or antagonizing Muslims. Such a stance is the only way to bring about the change that we need.

First, the conversation should be framed around preventing domestic terrorism and extremism. After all, some of our most egregious home-grown terrorist acts, like the Oklahoma City bombings, had nothing to do with Islam. It makes sense, therefore, that the conversation is framed.

The conversation must focus on terrorism prevention and how to best protect our citizens and our liberties. In a world where terrorists must be caught before they act, finding the line separating prudent security and invasive government action is one of the toughest challenges facing our nation, and it is an issue that still remains relatively unsettled. This is where the conversation fails.

Finally, there must be a concerted effort to address misconceptions and unfounded fears about American Muslims. Our history is blotched by eras where fear motivated mistreatment of certain groups; whether during World War II, when Japanese Americans were blacker still or accused of treason; or during our Cold War, when we equated religion with the Soviet Union. We must, as demonstrated by the New York mosque protests, and a door will likely still exist. And never has this fear been more dangerous.

Supporters of King's position have accused detractors of placing political correctness before identifying the enemy. However, the United States will be safe if we make sure who is not our enemy.

In the first place, the conversation should focus on understanding that there are Muslims doing good things, and that our law enforcement has the tools to fight these malicious individuals and foreign agents. In the second place, it rests upon the belief that the United States is a better place for being.

Very well: graciously could be a basis for the children of other religions could engage in the same kind of civil rights, and every other thing. Very well in the second place, it rests upon the belief that the United States is a better place for being.

Those who caution against the use of any magical facilities claim that criticism will alienate Muslims and drive them into the arms of extremists. Well, in the first place, this really is less than a threat. Don't criticize what I think or FII kill you), and in the second place, it rests upon the tremendous understanding premise that Muslims are so infinitely expressive that any criticism may set them off. (Try to remember the last time you were called upon to tip toe around the "Christian community" in this way.)

Eric Harrison is a Wiorns College alumus.

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More than halfway through my final semester as a student at Rice, I have begun to realize that I rarely take time to enjoy my environment. Outdoors. Many students at Rice feel the pressure that they will soon be unable to ever go back and relive their glory days.

I am the other hand, have searched and searched for the answer to my life's most pressing and infuriating question and continue to search for an answer: Why does one of the greatest universities in the world allow students to squat in their dorms for the sole purpose of making their life on campus easier.

I have asked this question of a number of students, and received a variety of responses. Some said that they couldn't imagine living in a dorm, while others said that they preferred the dorm life over anything else. But one thing that they all seem to have in common is the idea that they are "better than" the students who live in dorms.

As a student at Rice, I have learned that being "better than" someone else is not necessarily a sign of superiority. In fact, it can be a sign of arrogance and a lack of empathy. It is important to remember that everyone has different strengths and weaknesses, and that we should respect each other for who we are, rather than judge each other based on our differences.

The fallacy goes like this: Two options are both undesirable and potentially dangerous for Rice varsity athletes. LPAPs unnecessary and potentially dangerous for Rice varsity athletes.

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Dance team takes 7th at first national competition

BY TINA OU
THRESHER STAFF

For the first time since the creation of the Rice Owls Dance Team, the dance team attended a competition to showcase their talent. From Feb 19-20, six dance team members—Hanszen College junior Gracey Lam, Duncan College sophomore Shalina Mooney, Jones College freshman Monica Barrera, Jones junior Reapul Khan, Wise College senior Stephanie Dunlop, and Hanszen senior Ashley Broads — competed at the National Cheerleading and Dance Championship in Atlanta, Ga. The team placed seventh in the College Open Hip-Hop Division.

Broads, captain of the dance team, said that the only teams that placed above the Rice team were those made up of college-age students who were performing with private dance studios. According to Broads, all other college teams placed below the Rice Owls Dance Team.

"If we have an established, nationally-recognized, award-winning dance team, we could have more dancers come to Rice," Ashley Broads, Hanszen '11

Kahn said she had previously competed at a few national competitions with a studio, but her experience with the Rice Owls Dance Team was nothing peted at a few national competitions like her previous experiences.

"It was different from anything I was expecting or that I had experi-enced," Kahn said. "It was huge, and it was very impressive. There was a lot of amazing and surprising talent from all over the country."

Broads said the dance team performed twice for the judges — the first was on Saturday, after which the judges gave the dance team recommendations on how to improve their dance.

On Sunday, the dance team gave their second performance. The scores from Sunday's performance were used to determine the final placing of the teams. Broads said the Rice Owls Dance Team increased their score by 11 points from Saturday to Sunday.

According to Broads, the judges wanted to see more energy from the team, as well as more modern moves, since the dance routine included many '90s-style dance moves.

"We didn't really have time to incor-porate a lot of new choreography in one day, but we did work a lot to improve our energy and sharpness and moving in unison," Broads said.

Kahn said that although the dance team may have been a little ambitious this year by competing at a national level competition, she believes competing is not only fun but also motivates dancers to reach a goal. She said attending the competition this year was a big commitment, especially for students at Rice who are serious about academics, but she encourages those who enjoy dancing and are ready to dedicate themselves to the team to try out for the team during the coming fall semester.

"People underestimated what they're capable of doing," Kahn said. "If you love something or are passionate about something, you shouldn't let academics stand in your way."

Co-Captain Dunlop said she hopes the team will continue to be able to participate in dance competitions.

"I hope the dance team continues to compete in the future," Dunlop said. "The best thing was being able to take the trip as a team together. We had a great bonding experience, and we were able to see what we needed to improve in the future."

Broads said she began choreo-graphing the dance in October with Dunlop and Volunteer Coach Emily Smith. They finished the dance routine before winter break, and the dance team began practicing the competition piece at the beginning of spring semester. She said occasional additional prac-tices were needed, but mostly, the team rehearsed the routine during their regular practices and even performed the competition piece at basketball games. Performing at the competition was not required for the dance team members. Broadus said issues facing the dance team include publicity and funding. Because the dance team is relatively new to Rice, she said, there are few resources and alumni available to help the dance team. Broads said the dance team has been working a lot more closely with the Athletics department recently and received a budget for the first time this year.

"In the future, I would love to be able to recruit people for dance," Broads said. "If we have an established, nationally recognized, award-winning dance team, we could have more dancers come to Rice."

Smith said she is very proud of the dance team's progress and considers the members of the dance team to be like an extended family. She said her goal is for the dance team to become one of the best teams in the country.

She began volunteering as a coach to the Rice Owls Dance Team during fall of 2010. It is the first time the dance team had a coach.

"We hope to continue entertainment spectacles at Rice sporting events and representing the University with integrity and pride," Smith said. "I predict the dance team will bring home a first place trophy very soon. We will make Rice proud. Watch out, here we come!"

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STUDENT ASSOCIATION 2011 SPRING ELECTIONS
University Court Junior Representative
Glory Nwaugbola: "I am running for University Court Junior Repre-sentative because not only can I make a difference and represent the Rice community, but I have done so for the last year. This past year I have represented Brown at University Court, as well as helping to revamp the University Court system. I was able to be productive due to my experi-ence as an intern at a law firm, giving public speeches, participating in Rice's George R. Brown Forensics Team and representing my incoming class to Brown Court as New Student Representative. I hope that Rice's great students will allow me to represent them and their interests at U-court. I hope Rice will vote for me, Glory Nwaugbola, for University Court Junior Representative."

Campanile Editor-in-Chief
Beth Herlin and Rachel Green: "Hey Rice! Beth Herlin and Rachel Green are ready to step up as next year's Campanile Co-Editors In Chief. Beth is a rising junior Lovettian with a passion for art and an exceptional work ethic, and Rachel is a rising junior Duncanian who is ready to put her design and technical skills to good use. Together, these two are going to beef up next year's yearbook with amazing pictures and exciting stories that accurately portray the insane experi-ence that is Rice. If you have any ideas for what you think should be in the Campanile, don't hesitate to approach either of these gals, or better yet, come join the staff!"

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HIV + TREATMENT = CHOICE FOR A HEALTHY LIFE

ONE HOUSTONIAN IS INFECTED WITH HIV EVERY 8 HOURS
Panel discusses impacts of reproductive tech

BY MICHELLE PHILLIPS

At the Baker Institute’s Monday presentation, several scholars posed a theory question: Could reproductive technologies eventually change what it means to be human in our society? Over 100 students, faculty and associates attended the talk on the controversial subject, titled “The Meaning of Being Human.”

John Evans, a sociology professor at the University of California, San Diego, was the forum’s main speaker. His recent book, Contested Religion, examines how religion informs people’s views on reproductive technologies, their uses and the ethics behind them.

Rice Sociology professor Elaine Ecklund interviewed Evans and moderated the audience discussion. A question-and-answer session and book signing after the event provided an informal venue and book signing after the event provided a hope for a productive discussion. “The other side uses the same moral vocabulary,” Evans said, which led him to believe there is hope for a productive discussion.

According to Evans, while scientists may provide the facts, they should have no more of a say in this than anyone else in society. “Scientists’ claims to precision are illusory,” Evans said in response to a question from the audience. While science can provide numerical data, even scientists must make qualitative judgments to say what that data means, he said.

In his research, Evans did come across a divide between the religious and secular perspectives on reproductive technologies. In general, he said, secular people worry about human social justice issues, while conservative religious people focus more on being sure to treat every individual — including an embryo — equally.

As he began his project, Evans confessed that he feared this debate would get subsumed into the abortion controversy, where the two sides seem to just talk right past each other.

However, as Evans studied further, he found this was not the case: even though they might not agree, the two sides use largely the same language to describe the issues, and they actually do desire some of the same outcomes: to eliminate pernicious genetic diseases and prevent discriminatory enhancements.

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According to Evans, the problem then lies in defining “enhancement” versus “treatment.” “Religious scholarship may seem esoteric, but there’s nothing more important,” Ecklund said. “And we need to get it out there to the public.”

University of California, San Diego Sociology Professor John Evans speaks on the possible societal implications of reproductive technologies.
ALFA COMMITTEE MAKES PROGRESS
Final proposals chosen

BY BROOKE BULLOCK
Managing Editor, The Rice Thresher

The Asset Liquidation Funds Ap-propriations committee released its proposal for spending the $6 million from the KTUE sale on Monday, Mar. 14. Committee Co-Chair Selim Sheikh and committee member Kevin Mell and Jennifer Dayrit presented the proposal to the Student Association before sending it to President David Leebron.

Of the 24 proposals submitted to the SA, 13 were chosen. Co-Chair Anna Dodson from the Graduate Student Association said that they first looked at the proposals submitted through the SA website and then considered the student survey they conducted and input from both undergraduate and graduate houses. The proposals also had to follow three criteria set by Leebron for the Student Body for providing the information, Dodson said. "I was very impressed with the quality of the proposals. It made our job a lot easier having such intellignet input," Dodson said.

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Graduate Student Association

News in Brief

Escaped prisoner in TMC area

Students were alerted by e-mail Monday by RUPD regarding an escaped prisoner who was seen in the Texas Medical Center area. Twenty-two-year-old David Puckett had escaped from the Stiles Prison Unit recreation yard Wednesday evening. He was apprehended Monday night in Omaha, Neb. at the apartment of a female friend.

Charged for aggravated assault of a public servant, Puckett was serving a 30-year sentence in the Beaumont prison. According to Texas Department of Criminal Justice Director of Public Information Michelle Lyons, Puckett was spotted Wednesday night at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and later allegedly at the Texas Children's Hospital. He was last seen in a white prison inmate uniform, driving a stolen 1992 white Chevrolet pickup. Originally from Wisconsin, Puckett was described as a white male with brown eyes and hair, at a height of 5'7" and weight of 155 pounds. In 2001, Puckett also made local headlines for his attempt to flee to Mexico after escaping from a child correctional facility.

News in Brief

MARCH MADNESS

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Sprint on into Ruby Tequila's for our annual March Madness!
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There is no cure for HIV

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Asset Liquidation Funds Appropriations Committee members Jennifer Daunt and Kevin Schull, along with SA President and Committee Co-Chair Selim Shokri, presented the committee's completed survey results and proposal to the SA. There were 1,108 students who responded to the survey sent out through the SA. The committee found graduate students to be slightly underrepresented, but all residential colleges were close to equal representation. A total of 13 projects were selected from 24 submissions. The projects will serve four of our categories: Academic Concerns; Arts; Health, Wellness and Safety; and Student Community Life. The proposals will still need comments and approval from President Leebron. The proposals can be viewed on the SA website: sa.rice.edu.

Maria Pickett announced that applications for appointed SA positions came out on Monday, March 14. These include the chairing positions of all SA committees, directors of elections, technology and communications and parliamentarian. Applications are due at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 19. Interview times will be sent out by 11 p.m. the same day.

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**IMPOSTER**

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At Rice for a semester and was in Will Rice College but living off campus. However, Goldsmith was not found to be a Harvard student, Young Demo-
cratic and Hassen College junior Myles Baphe realized.

The Rice University Police Department (RUPD), and Alridge was removed from the event under suspicion, Peague said. RUPD will also be present to re-

RUPD declined to give any details due to a pending investigation but at the time of writing had not deter-

We have the matter under investiga-
tion, and for this reason we are not able to release information regarding the matter at the time," Chief of Police Bill Taylor said.

Alridge's history at Rice started in 2011, when Professor of Violin Ken-

During high school, Alridge also ap-

and was accepted to a prestigious music camp called Madeline Island. How-

Acceptance was quickly rescinded after his audition tape was found to be falsified, Goldsmith said. Alridge's violin talent was ques-
tioned again in the summer of 2009 at a camp called Tanglewood, where half way through the program he was found to have faked his audition tape, Will Rice College freshman Angela Guo, who attended the same summer program, said.

"He told me, You better not do anything, or both of us could get hurt."

Angela Guo Will Rice '16

**TURREL**

FROM PAGE 1

for the visual and performing arts at Rice," Yekovich said.

Wendt said that she was disappointed with the space was designed with acoustics in mind, with subtly damped walls to max-

Rebecca Scholnick, a vocal performance major, said she was happy to see Rice involving the Will Rice College students with her suspicion that Alridge was not actually a student, and they contacted RUPD Monday night.

Baker College junior Cindy Dirch said Goldsmith contacted her through Facebook about applying for the Treas-

"I thought he was a student and al-

wanting to help," Dirch said.

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Monday, March 28

Jones College Master's House
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Jan Leuwensteijn, Fernanda Steinberg, Nicky Mchau, Dylan McNally, and Elizabeth Ramirez reflect on their unique summer experiences and discuss different approaches to development in Mexico.
Martel wins College Battle, Jones tops Jar Wars

BY MICHELLE PHILLIPS
THURSDAY STAFF

Jacks and Beer Bike were not the only sources of college competition during Willy Week. The Rice Annual Fund hosted Jar Wars for the first time between Monday the 7th and Thursday the 10th, giving undergraduates a chance to contribute to the university's 5th College Battle and earn this year's Sammy Cup for their college.

The College Battle is a donation competition that encourages seniors, alumni and parents of the students to give to the Annual Fund during Willy Week in order to earn more points for their college. The college with the highest percentage of supporters earns $1,000 from the Annual Fund. At Beer Bike, Martel College was declared this year's winner for the second year in a row.

“We were hoping that giving them the ability to affect the outcome of the battle would help [the students] buy into it more,” Annual Fund Assistant Director Emily Kernan said.

According to Kernan, she was not disappointed; the Jar Wars alone collected $359.53. Martel and Jones College were the most active, and Jones actually won the Jar Wars, with Martel coming in second.

“I think [including the students in the College Battle] has both short- and long-term benefits,” Martel President Amy Busbaum said.

Busbaum said she hopes that when current students graduate they will feel more invested in giving back, but she believes the competition has benefited even for current students.

“It will make students feel like their involvement had an impact,” Busbaum said.

Busbaum said Martel plans to use the $3,400 to furnish the college's endowment. When planning events like Masters searches, she explained, it's good for the college to have some money to fall back on.

However, Martel does not have a large amount because of its recent establishment, she said, and has been trying to build it up for some time.

“My office is doing a great step toward that goal, which is a great start to her term as president,” Busbaum said.

“This was something the students could do that was not only Rice-centered but Martel-centered,” Busbaum said, adding the competition showed how invested Martelians are in improving their college.

For the four days Jar Wars were open, any student could come by and add to each college's jar. Loose change would give positive points according to face value, and dollar bills would give negative points according to face value. The Annual Fund simply gave the two new colleges the average participation percentage of the other college's alumni, Kernan said.

Martel had very strong participation in all other aspects of the College Battle, Kernan said, so it still managed to come out on top, with Jones coming in at close second.

In honor of winning the Jar Wars, however, Jones will receive a pizza party from the Annual Fund, Kernan added.

“This was a way for us to measure people's interest,” Kernan said. “And the students were very generous.”

RAFSI Jar Wars

Students donated coins and answered trivia questions to get points for their own college or bills to subtract points from other colleges. The top three colleges got 3, 2 and 1 percent added to their College Battle senior donation totals.

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Baker and Duncan students engage in battle as sophomore Joseph Yu races on the Hanszen College President's flag before McMurtry College senior Julia Botev, Miura College junior Ali Scully chugs. Sid Richardson biker taunts other colleges during Valery Piedra lobs a balloon. Martel e Andrew Lou drenches McMurtry McWhite. GSA biker David Kao's rate is switched to a run. Students watch the bike race from the bleachers.


LAYOUT BY RACHEL MARCUS
1. Hanszen College sophomore Chloe Kwan starts chugging for the women’s race.
2. Jones College senior Chase Lecny winds up to throw one of his water balloons.
3. University of Texas sophomore James Bakke points out a potential target to Duncan College sophomore Juyan Azhang.
4. A Will Rice College alumnus wears a beard for the alumni race, which Will Rice won.
5. Duncan students get drenched by an empty balloon trashcan.
6. Wiess College students prepare for their assault.
Limitless stays within the boundaries

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

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YANKEE
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Bowl serves mediocre sandwiches, good pizza

ANTHONY LAURIELLO
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

In this modern era, the upscale sandwich and salad boutique has become as ubiquitous as iPhones and poorly written blogs. Bowl, on 607 Richmond, fits neatly into the idea of a cafe that serves classic items with well-made ingredients. The decor of Bowl resembles a million other similar restaurants.

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KTRU's Battle of the Bands will be held tonight from 7-9 at Willy's Pub. Participating bands include The Smoking Section, Moon Bounce, Kech Phrase, Office Party, and Stranger Still will compete for a slot in KTRU's 40th Annual Outdoor Show. The crowd picks the winners!

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DOGG

Hip-hop staple Snoop Dogg is performing at the House of Blues tonight at 9 for $35. Beginning with a cameo on Dr. Dre's The Chronic, Snoop's almost 20-year career has produced impressive collaborations and solo albums, including classic Doggystyle.

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east, most of it being sarcastic and dry. Essentially the movie is one big adventurous cliff-hanger with some comedic lines thrown in for good measure.

Director Neil Burger (The Illusionist) adds dimension to the film through special effects, telephoto zoom and changing camera angles. Burger captures the pills effect on Eddie by changing the picture and color qualities, allowing for contrast between normally focused and extremely sharp Eddie. By quickly modifying the zoom and clarity of the picture, Burger gives the audience a glimpse of what it would be like to be on a pill like NZT. The technical elements of the film added to its overall quality to the point that the viewer is never really bored.

With the plot focusing on Eddie, Cooper carries the acting and tone of this movie. Cooper's acting is substantial but not necessarily Oscar-worthy. He uses a different kind of talent that viewers have not seen before in his scenes, especially the ones involving more action and gore.

The supporting actors do their best as they can with their roles, but the one-dimensional characters fall flat. Cornish, for example, remains on the same emotional plane for the entirety of the movie. Trying to reclaim his fame in Hollywood, De Niro is not only voice-acting an angel, but he also speaks with two emotions: mad and madder. Overall, the acting matches the movie's quality — only a hair above average. Limitless investigates a radical idea similar to that of Inception but enters into the darker side of the unknown. While it may not be the greatest film of the year, it is definitely one of the best films currently at the box office. Limitless is not excellent in quality but will entertain most of its audiences.

The food, finally, obviously rests on the sadists, but as someone who is almost monthly against the vegetable-based items, I ordered a turkey club sandwich ($7.99) with two fried eggs ($1). As one dinner was simply not enough for my empty belly, I also ordered a tomato basil and goat cheese pizza ($8.75).

After a short wait for the food, the pleasant woman behind the counter handed my party and me our meals. My sandwich, while not amazing, was solid and the ingredients were good. The fried egg was too well-done for my taste, as I prefer my yolk liquidy. The pizza was, surprisingly to the sandwich. The taste of goat cheese was tasty and recognizable and the crust, while not perfect or truly noticeable, was a satisfactory vehicle to deliver the shipment of taste to my mouth. While one of the gunk eating with us was not looking, I sampled his pulled pork sandwich ($8.25). The pork tasted flavorful and smoky and made me rethink my original sand with choice. The final price of my meal struck me as reasonable, especially because I ordered two entrees. For those who don't have appetites garnered from miles of constant running, it would be completely generous.

While I can't say anything really negative about Bowl, I can't find any reason to recommend it either. Restaurants in the Village such as Ruggles and Black Walnut Cafe offer similar terms with similar prices, and there is no real distinguishing feature from these three in sandwich places. It is ironic that these independent cafes pride themselves in uniqueness and local ingredients taste and look so-similar. Of course, one could suggest that the salad choices at Bowl truly are what make the restaurant special, but I highly doubt it.

Stranger Still rocks
Will Rice College

Rice band Stranger Still played at Will Rice College last Thursday for a special Willy Week performance. Catch this alternative rock band in tonight's Battle of the Bands, hosted by KTRU in Willy's Pub.

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Relish: Yogurtland better, cheaper than Swirll

Siegfried Bilstein and Dan Nelson

Sometimes corporations are cool. Like when they give you cheap things—especially when those cheap things are frozen yogurt. This week we traded out to Yogurtland, a national frozen yogurt chain based out of Anaheim, Calif. Since California is pretty far from Rice we went to the branch located at Westheimer and Shepherd instead. For those of you who are geographically challenged, this is the same place where Mitch Handle and that one Verizon store are located.

This week, we were planning on reviewing the dazzling food options on the Carnival cruise we were on during spring break, but after concluding that most of the food was effectively inedible and after a couple days we were unable to eat due to seasickness, we ran over to get some froyo. Hearing that Yogurtland offers frozen yogurt at a meager $0.33 an ounce, Siegfried immediately decided that Yogurtland is totally worth going to, especially with the get’s cross-country team.

In conclusion, go to Yogurtland. If you’ve been to all the other places that we review, you’re probably out of money anyway and everyone knows that the first step to becoming a Houston foodie is realizing there is more out there than Swirll.

Siegfried Bilstein and Dan Nelson are Rice College seniors.

Yogurtland

2055 Westheimer
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Yogurtland has a large selection of flavors. In addition to the standard flavors such as plain, strawberry, peanut butter and chocolate, they offer red velvet cupcake batter, banana peanut butter and apple fritter and other more exotic flavors listed on their website. The frozen yogurt is high quality, comparable with Swirll or Ben & Jerry’s, but not quite up to the standard of Red Mango.

The toppings at Yogurtland are pretty standard, which is in no way a bad thing. All of the fruit was fresh and tasted like good versions of the fruit it was supposed to taste like, instead of like leather or feet or something. They also had cheesecake bites, which you could put as a topping on your cheesecake yogurt, if you’re into redundancy. They also had vanilla wafers, and vanilla wafer-flavored frozen yogurt and so on. Their toppings don’t differ too much from the other frozen yogurt establishments, except that since the cost per ounce is so low you can put a ton of cheesecake bites on your devil’s food cupcake batter froyo for less.

This is the same standard, which is in no way a bad thing.

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Baseball continues to struggle to gain momentum

Owls go 1-2 in California but cleanup hitter Rathjen tears ACL, lost for rest of season

by Ryan Glassman

There is no shortage of scouts who expect junior third baseman/designated hitter Anthony Rendon to play one day in Major League parks across the country, but perhaps not this quickly.

For the second weekend in a row, Rice (4-9) took part in a tournament played in a MLB stadium, this time traveling to San Francisco, Calif., for the Cal Baseball Classic at AT&T Park. The Owls are now 1-2 on the season, as they have dropped two of their first three matches against top national competition.

The Owls opened up the weekend tournament against Long Beach State University (7-5), a team that entered the game at 6-6 but with wins against top 25 teams University of Arizona (p-9) and California State University-Fullerton (p-7). On the fall for Rice was

the Owls' leader among starters with a 2.50 ERA and strong outing against Austin Peay, which completed game six but shutout of Texas A&M University (6-8) in his previous start earned him CUSA Pitcher of the Week recognition, was again sharp against a highly quality opponent.

The Owls offense was unable to take advantage of the early innings, both teams were scoreless until the bottom of the sixth inning, when Long Beach State led off with a single, and a double to put two runners in scoring position with no one out. Following a groundout by the pitcher, LUSI broke the stalemate with a bloop single on which center fielder Chase McDowell appeared to make a diving catch. Unimers ruled that Mc-

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Golf grabs ninth-place finish in Louisiana

by Paul Fitzgerald

Senior Michael Whitebread has played a terrific senior season so far, and his performance at the Bulldog Classic last weekend fits in with the theme of his season.

Whitebread posted a three-round score of 218, good for two over par, with the theme of his season ending up in sixth place at the far, and his performance at the Owls still ended up with a disappointing finish, placing ninth out of 12 teams. Whitebread talked about what he did in order to achieve another strong individual finish.

"Square is such a difficult course that the key to success there is limiting your mistakes," Whitebread said. "I was able to do that over the course of the event, and minimizing my mistakes really helped me out."

The Owls were unable to navigate the difficult conditions of Squire Creek. The windy weather on Monday didn’t do any favors, and the Owls were unable to climb back up the leaderboard when conditions became favorable on Tuesday. Coach Scott said, "I want everyone to have the mindset that their score is going to count."
The season started, going into the sixth inning without our leading scorer, leading rebounder and third team all-conference player [Junior] Jackie Stanley, I would’ve found it hard to believe,” Williams said. “I am very proud of this team. It’s disappointing. We are disappointed with the outcome today. You give Memphis credit for taking us out of some things.”

Check riceowls.com for updates from Thursday night’s game against Missouri State.

-- Teddy Grodek

**Men’s basketball defeated by Tulsa**

After an upset of the seventh-seeded Southern Methodist University (18-14), a team who the men’s basketball team twice fell to during the season, the Owls advanced to the second round of the Conference USA Tournament. The opponent was the second-seeded University of Tulsa (19-13), led by all-conference senior guard Justin Hurtt.

The game was a close, hard-fought battle until the final minute, as the Owls could not hold on to their lead.

Hurtt led all players with 21 points on the night, including seven points late in the game.

The Owls scored first, taking a 21-17 lead into halftime. Hurtt scored 12 of those points in the first half, including a go-ahead three-pointer at the buzzer.

In the second half, the Owls took control early, building a lead as large as 14 points.

However, the Owls struggled to hold on to their lead, allowing the Golden Hurricane to come within five points with 1:42 left in the game.

After a three-point play, the Owls led 69-63, but Tulsa was able to cut the lead to just two points with 1:14 left.

The Owls scored a basket just before the buzzer, extending their lead to 74-70.

Hurtt made a three-pointer to make it 77-70, but the Owls were able to hold on to their lead, winning 77-70.

The Owls are now 0-1 in the C-USA Tournament.

-- Ryan Glassman
THE RICE THRESHER

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FRIDAY 18

Gotta get down on Friday

Tonight there will be partying, partying (yeah). Fun, fun, fun, fun. I'm looking forward to the weekend. But really, nobody cares which seat you take; they probably don't want you sitting in the car and partying with them anyway.

Guitar artillery and bass bombs

Today at 7 p.m. there will be an epic Battle of the Bands. On Willy's Pub territory, an epic Battle of the Bands. The deadline for submission is 3 p.m. the Monday prior to publication.

Lasso the moon

Did you know that the milky way was formed because a cowgirl spilled a bowl of milk? Or that rodeo clowns are actually recruited from the planet Mars? The Archis can tell you, at their headroom of galactic proportions. Get ready for: ArchArts Presents: Space Cowboy, a party tonight at 8 p.m. at the Caroline Collective with music by DJ 0Z.

SATURDAY 19

Don't touch that spindle!

If you picked up a ticket to the Houston Ballet's production of Sleeping Beauty, don't forget to hop on the METRORail to the Wortham Theater. The classical ballet based on the French fairy tale by Charles Perrault starts at 7:30 p.m. If the performance puts you to sleep, there will be charming princes on hand in the aisles to revive you.

Hopp on over!

The lunar new year might have been over a month ago, but we can still celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. Hosted by the Chinese Student Association, the annual Lunar New Year celebration starts with dinner at 6 p.m. and a show at 7 p.m., held in the BMC Grand Hall. A boxed dinner from Fun Do Restaurant and bbq tea from Teahouse will be for sale at the event.

Don't forget your "e"s!

The Department of Visual and Dramatic Arts is hosting a screening of the Houston premiere Our Favorite Things by the groundbreaking culture jammers Negativland. Negativland founding member Mark Hosler will be on hand to talk about copyright laws and art collage. Using Negativland's copyright infringement collage techniques to write your next term paper is not recommended. The event starts at 7 p.m. at the Rice Cinema.

MAGIC EYE

Designed by Devin Glick

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK SHOWCASE

Join the participants of the 2011 Alternative Spring Breaks to learn about the program and see what they were able to accomplish during their weeks of service!

Tuesday, March 22
7:00 – 8:30 pm
RMC - Farnsworth Pavilion

The GSA Committee on Responsible Drinking will be hosting a brainstorming event at 5 p.m. in the GSA lounge. Possible topics include: how to pair an appropriate wine with your thesis topic and which science labs have good beer.

All you did was get drunk on the beach?

The participants of Alternative Spring Breaks will be showcasing their accomplishments today at 7 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion at the GMC. Come and marvel at the houses newly built, wildlife rescued from destruction and children properly managed. It's all on display in the form of photo albums, scrapbooks and slide shows. Food will be provided by the groups, and it is perfectly fine to show disinterest in a group if all they brought was a raw vegetable platter.

Time for recess!

Go away today and Friday and enjoy your juice boxes and fruit gummy snacks!

Free food will be provided by each of the fifteen groups, so come hungry and spend some time eating with them and learning about the ASB experience!

Information will also be available about the 2012 ASB Site Leader, Faculty/Staff Participant, and site selection time lines and applications.

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

Submission methods

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White Rose Complete 2011 Beer Bike Sweep

If a sports team is measured by winning, then Will Rice College must be counted among the most successful. They might be small in numbers, but there can be no doubt about their commitment, attitude, or their dedication to the sport. As Will Rice moved into second and began to make ground, disaster struck. Lovett College’s best rider almost inexplicably swerved as if Mario himself had thrown a banana peel in front of him. He careened off the track, flying over the hay bales and causing a pile up.

Reacting to the news, Beer Bike officials, skillful in spinning commentary but officiating as well, called an all stop to the proceedings. The will of Rice, the culture of preparation and desire for victory clearly paid off last Saturday.

"I was watching our alumni and for warm up due to the sun setting shortly thereaf-ter. As the other colleges scrambled to as semble runners, Will Rice remained calm. This confidence was the result of a college that strove for victory from the first day of O-Week.

"While other freshmen awkwardly try to hire each other through ice breakers, Will Rice freshmen are put on stationary bikes and watch old clippings from past Beer Bikes. Where Rice President Eddie Reyes explained, "The bikers and chuggers are pre sent as gods and examples that should be emulated. This is reinforced by the impressive perks the athletes receive, such as priority access to the football table and amenities normally unavailable in the poorly constructed college, such as running water and electricity." The culture, often an example of trickle down dedication, has a dark side. A source from within the college agreed to speak on the condition they could remain anonymous for the sake of their life. "Sure we are good at Beer Bike, but at what cost? The initiation that began as a small bloody animal sacrifice has now turned into a freshman sacrifice for the purpose of using the blood for blood doping. The years spent practicing the brainwashing lunch announcements. Oh the terrible, terrible announcements."

Despite this more sinister aspect of Will Rice, the culture of preparation and desire for victory clearly paid off last Saturday.

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