KTRU: FCC approves sale of tower, license and frequency to UH, deal to close May 3

BY ELLEN LIU
THEOLOGY EDITORIAL STAFF

The sale of KTRU's tower, license and frequency to KHUF at the University of Houston has been approved, as announced by the Federal Communications Commission last Friday. The administration told KTRU students on Wednesday that their programming will be discontinued at 6 a.m. on April 28, and the sale will be closed on May 3.

KHUF CEO and General Manager John Proffitt said their new, second UHF station had done well in preliminary listener surveys. He added that KHUF did not spend any public funds on the purchase because neither KHUF nor the State of Texas provided any money for it. According to Proffitt, the purchase of KHUF was funded by individual gifts and memberships to KHUF and from program underwriting by businesses and other non-profits.

Vice President for Administration Kevin Kirby said Rice's administration in currently considering recommendations from the Asset Liquidation Funds Appropriation Committee and KTRU for how to allocate some of the sale proceeds once they are estimated.

"Like myself, the majority of our students are probably unaware of this sale, but we hope there's no bad blood," Kirby said.

Kevin Kirby said Rice's administration approved the KTRU sale, but he wasn't sure how feasible the transition to KHUF would have to be. He noted that KTRU would have to not only buy the physical device but apply for a license to operate on a radio band which is often competitive. He estimated the total cost of this undertaking at $250,000, which would be affordable only if KHUF received $1 million from the sale. Thus, he said KTRU was waiting to hear back from the administration on their proposal before making any final decisions.

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Drinking Culture Survey Results

Results as reported by the Student Association's Drinking Culture Task Force

Survey respondents

18 or under

19 years old

20 years old

21 years old

22 years old

23 or over

77

179

184

157

62

9

I drink more than I would like as a result of pressure.

I would call EMS for a friend who was dangerously intoxicated at a party.

I would want EMS called if I was dangerous ly intoxicated at a party.

When you drink at a public party, what state of inebriation do you typically intend to reach?

When do you drink at a private party, what state of inebriation do you typically intend to reach?

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Impaired

Buzzed

Slightly Buzzed

No effect

I drink punch at parties without knowing the contents.

I would call EMS for a friend who was dangerously intoxicated at a party.

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The Drinking Culture Task Force released its campus-wide survey results, revealing concerning disturbing trends among the Rice community (see story, pg. 1). The survey received a resounding 672 responses from a diverse cross-section of the 11 colleges, surveying students and non-students about 25 percent of its res-pondents said they did not drink. This commendable response rate is a result of good distribution, social networking and the utilization of college-wide distributions in addition to university-wide initiatives. The vast number of responses also proves how important the alcohol discussion has become, not just for a small population at Rice, but for the entire community.

This was the first of which shows that 27 percent of students begin a public party pre-game attempting to get “wasted” or “impaired” and 31 percent of students entering a private party have the same mindset. These disturbing statistics prove that about a third of students are acting irresponsibly. It is true that impairment does not by any means indicate that medical intervention is necessary; how- ever, if a student plans to get significantly impaired before the next night begins, it is a quick and slippery slope from planned “impaired” to unexpected and dangerous intoxication. This drinking culture is not conducive to a responsible atmosphere, and it is likely a major contributor to the drinking problems on campus.

Additionally, half of students responded that they were willing to drink punch from unmarked coolers. Hard liquor was also listed as the drink of choice in many different party situa- tions. These two facts combined make the presence of liquor, straight or mixed, very dangerous. While the response data did pro-vide the necessary intervention to nix the effects of liquor this past semester, this precaution will likely not be a permanent move. Thus, once the prohibition is lifted, it is imperative that students forward to new legacies created by KTRU going into the future.

We will certainly be left with the great memories, and we look forward to seeing every one of you recycle that bottle you saved for the “it’s the last day of school” celebration. Before you do, remember that you might want to keep that bottle in case you titled it to your roommate’sлerry box. The best memories can always be redeemed. Let’s not let the memories of the last three years go to waste. Let’s do the best with what we have left. We must not lose sight of the real meaning of this going away party. Let’s do not want to receive medical attention under any circumst-ances and our credibility as a responsible student body.

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A poll was held in an online poll that asked a question about the upcoming Centennial Celebrations. The poll showed that 29% of students were excited about the upcoming events, 22% were indifferent, and 27% were not interested in the events. The poll received over 672 responses from a diverse cross-section of the 11 colleges, surveying students and non-students about 25 percent of its respondents said they did not drink. This commendable response rate is a result of good distribution, social networking and the utilization of college-wide distributions in addition to university-wide initiatives. The vast number of responses also proves how important the alcohol discussion has become, not just for a small population at Rice, but for the entire community.

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Public parties serve as Rice's social hub

The defining voice of the '90s, Kenneth Parke said, "You gotta fight for your right to party." Accepting this timeless challenge, it must be true that you gotta fight for your right to party with transfers as much as regular students. Transfers is becoming a regular feature reviewing public parties. We wanted to challenge the colleges to continue their work in providing quality parties and to change the times that don't work.

Anthony Lauriello

Many would be quick to dismiss the public party's importance, but these events provide much needed opportunities to meet new people in a social setting and to contribute to a stronger sense of community within the university.

Hopefully, our reviews will provide specific improvements for college students. But no opinion on all matters is always in high demand, let me say some things about our social events that I have noticed during my two years here at Rice.

First of all, unlike American citizens or Scooby-Doo plots, all party themes are not created equal. In general, colleges that stick with the same solid theme every year, such as The Banquet's "Rice is Family" or Rice's "Bacchanalia," if we truly want to foster a culture of care, this is a necessity. The ancient Athenians believed the open sky and market or agora was necessary for the civic health of their city, while we would all be silly to call the dry bumping tech booths of the dance floor bunch grounds for democracy and not for helping simpler public, the建立 through keeping a city's core institutions. We should take pride that unlike many other schools, public parties are inclusive events. They might get wet, and they might not always show up, but overall, social public parties help make up what it means to be an Owl.

Transfer students face many hurdles

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Transfer credits are a huge pain for recent transfers. While the Registrar's Office tells you over the summer which classes will and will not transfer for specific class, if you have taken a certain class elsewhere, and want to prove you have taken a class you got with that school, you go to and talk to the professors in order to get their signature which is far from perfect or even acceptable.

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THRESHER PARTY PATROL

In this new section, the Thresher staff review and comment on recent public parties. Parties are judged on four categories — music, theme, dancing and private parties — and are also given an overall score by each of these party critiquing experts.

Baker '90s party

Alex Moharam, Photo Editor

Music: A-

"These days, we can't stay in the '90s."

Theme: A-

"And party for girls to dress up and guys aren't expected to care. Perfection."

Dancing: B

"It's more like karate night than a dance party, but not bad."

Private Parties: A

"Probably the best party I've ever been to. Real talk, it couldn't have been better."

Overall: B+

"While Baker isn't particularly known for top-caliber parties, a lot of reversing went for a way that this year make it an enjoyable night for a lot of people."

Duncan Whitoutely party

Alex Moharam, Photo Editor

Music: B

"Good stuff, fun to dance to."

Theme: A-

"It was pretty good, and a rave theme is even better a party participation in the theme fuse."

Dancing: C-

"Everyone was definitely in."

Private Party: B

"Bad, but liked fairly early."

Overall: B

"One of the last parties of the semester. The encore was special and I know you a party is great when people dance after the lights go on."

Duncan Whitoutely party

Alex Moharam, Photo Editor

Music: B+

"For Katy Perry's 'Fireworks."

Theme: A+

"Duncan is doing a good job of making "Sensation: Whiteout" an established theme. The multi-colored lights worked well and the theme was also easy to dress for."

Dancing: B

"Nothing glittery or anything for more SP at a Rice private party, but there was a little bit of fun to be one of us."

Private Party: C+

"A Duncan hallway cummery with people and light. It got going down quite early."

Overall: B-

"A pretty standard and solid party, Duncan Whitoutely is a good theme that the college should take further when deciding what songs to play."

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BRC finds non-Rice tenants

BY TINA OU
THE THRESHER STAFF

The BioScience Research Col-
laborative has made progress in
finding non-Rice tenants to fill the
south side of the building since it
opened in April 2010.

"The whole design of the build-
ing is to foster collaboration," Com-
munity Development Special-
st Maegan French said. "There are
fabulous things the Rice faculty can
do by themselves, but by bringing
in outside research groups with
related interests, we can build on
each other's strengths and learn
much more."

French said the BRC is still
working towards its goal of being
a center for collaborative research,
which she said began with the Rice
faculty being grouped by interest
rather than by department.

"We work towards [our goal] through our conversations with our
neighbors and [try] finding ways to
put the right people together in the
building to enable all groups to syn-
ergo their efforts and make some
big leaps forward," French said.

French said enthusiasm and en-
gagement are important in choosing
groups to occupy the BRC. She de-
scribed the selection process as more
like participating in a dating service
rather than choosing team members.

In addition, preparations have
begun for construction on part of
the ninth floor for the Houston Area
Translational Research Consorti-
um, which will provide a team of
scientists and engineers with lab
products and devices to the clinic.
French said other negotiations are current-
lly underway with groups that will
complement the current research at
the BRC.

Third year biomedical student
Jie Chou, who works in the McDevitt
lab, said the labs and student offices,
having an open layout, allow for opportunities for
collaboration. He said it was very
easy to start collaborations with
labs inside the buildings and with
the Medical Center.

"The BRC is like a bridge be-
 tween Rice scientists and engineers
and the clinical researchers from
the Medical Center," Chou said.

Rice faculty occupy the north-
half of the BRC from the third floor
through the eighth floor. Because of
the fire code, the chemistry de-
partment occupies the lower floors,
while the lower chemical elements
research members, the highest
the floor of the labs and offices for
the group.

Pierre Floriano, Ph.D. Senior
Scientist in the McDevitt Lab, said
the building, though well-
designed, may have disadvantages
for some people who prefer to work
in secluded environments instead
of open office spaces like the ones
in the BRC. Additionally, Floriano
said it would be helpful to have
more clinicians in the building.

French said in the future, a sec-
tor tower may be added to the BRC
if more space is needed, but for
now, the BRC is being modified to
be more comfortable and livable.

"If there's not a place for people
to hang out and talk, if you're not
at ease or find no inspiration in the
space, it's hard to make the broader
impact that can lead to the kind of
amazing changes we're an-
ticipating," French said.
Research Vice Provost to leave

Coelman joins VCU

BY HALLIE JORDAN

Vice Provost for Research

James Coleman will leave Rice to become Dean of the Humanities and Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University, effective July 15.

"He has really made a huge contribution to Rice's research and to the infrastructure needed to support the faculty," Vice President of Public Affairs Linda Thorn said.

During his time here he helped the university get over $100 million in sponsored research grants, both from the government and from private institutions. Thorn said.

Coleman, also a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, has been at Rice since 2000.

VCU, Virginia's largest public university, has 15,000 students in its Humanities and Sciences department, where Coleman will be working.

"VCU is extraordinarily transformational and I am very excited to be going to a high-quality place that truly has a public mission, providing the most opportunities possible for students," Coleman said.

Before VCU, he went to work with Coleman to communicate research updates to the university, emphasizing how much the university has benefitted from Coleman's efforts.

"In addition to being a brilliant researcher, he is really a great friend and human being," Thorn said. "I will miss him for the friendship and warmth he brought to Rice.

RUPD POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period April 5-18.

RESIDENTIAL CITIES

Brown College
Apr. 6
Criminal trespass

Brown College
Apr. 6
Drug/narcotics violations

Brown College
Apr. 8
Alcohol violations

Brown College
Apr. 8
Drug/narcotics violations

Duncan College
Apr. 11
Criminal mischief

Mattel College
Apr. 12
Public intoxication

Weiss College
Apr. 12
Drug/narcotics violations

Will Rice College
Apr. 18
Drug/narcotics violations

ACADEMIC BUILDINGS

Jesse H. Jones School
Apr. 7
Criminal mischief

A. P. Brown Hall
Apr. 11
Credit card abuse

Lowell Hall
Apr. 11
Criminal mischief

OTHER BUILDINGS

Rice Memorial Center
Apr. 6
Criminal mischief

Rec Center
Apr. 12
Thief

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J.J. BEYOND THE HEDGES

NATIONAL

Wildfires rage in west Texas

Texas Governor Rick Perry said on Sunday that the state needs more federal aid to combat the wildfire crisis, which consumed 4.5 million acres of forest and land in west Texas. Twenty new fires were reported Sunday. In addition to nearly 8,000 people that had been reported since the beginning of the year, Texas Forest Service told the Christian Science Monitor that the fires are caused by unusual dry conditions and strong winds. One of the fires was caused by a homeless man that went on a beer run, leaving his fire unattended on Sunday. After heavily damaging to homes, the fire is 50 percent contained on the outskirts of Austin. Currently, 1,400 firefighters are on duty to fight the Texas wildfires — only a portion of US Forest Service has reported 17,000 firefighters though the Forest Service has said more of those firefighters could be called on to help if needed. However, many fires are still starting every day and a large portion of the state is on high alert for forest fires.

"There are so many ecosystems, it won't be a big problem. It's more an issue for human health and cities," said Thrane, who worked with Coleman to communicate research updates to the university, emphasizing how much the university has benefitted from Coleman's efforts.

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BEYOND THE HEDGES

Tornadoes outside Raleigh, NC kill 22

A storm system that started in Oklahoma Thursday, Apr. 14 moved through Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia over the past weekend. At least 23 were dead across all the states, with a minimum of 22 in North Carolina alone. The storm left 14,000 people without power in N.C. after causing hundreds of homes and injuries 150 people. A meteorologist for the National Weather Service explained to the New York Times that the tornadoes came from one thunderstorm system whose effects were felt as far as away as New York City when winds reached 50 miles an hour during a rainstorm on Saturday. The storm left four dead in Virginia after a tornado and flash flooding, while Arkansas, Alabama, Oklahoma and Mississippi had a combined death toll of 12 after the tornado came through. Public information officer for N.C.'s Division of Emergency Patty McQuillan said that the series of tornadoes is the worst to hit the state since March 1974, Governor Beverly Perdue called for a state of emergency, which allows large support and supplies get in to the state to deal with this disaster.
MEET AYSHA POLLNITZ AND STEPHEN BRADSHAW

BY ROHINI SIGIREDDI
FOR THE THRESHER

Aysha Pollnitz and Stephen Bradshaw will begin their term at Baker College as Resident Associates in the fall. The Thresher talked to them to get more insight on the new RAs.

The Rice Thresher: What department do you work for at Rice?

Aysha Pollnitz: History, member of the Medieval and Early Modern Workshop.

Stephen Bradshaw: Physics and Astronomy: Astrophysics

The Rice Thresher: How long have you been at Rice?

AP: 1 year (1st of July 2010)

SB: 1 year (1st of July 2010)

The Rice Thresher: Have you been a Master or RA before?

AP: I have not.

SB: At Imperial College in London, I held a postdoctoral position and had a similar live-in role in a hall of college residents.

The Rice Thresher: What brought you to Rice in the first place?

AP: For Stephen, this is the opportunity to assist in creating a teaching stellar optical center. For me, it is a fantastic opportunity to build upon graduate interest in early modern European history.

SB: Work; when we left the UK at the beginning of 2009, I initially had a postdoctoral position at NASA in Maryland. The faculty position in my field became available at Rice, and they offered me the job. Additionally, Aysha could offer some courses in early modern European history initially not offered at Rice, she really slotted nicely into the department.

The Rice Thresher: What attracted you to Baker?

AP: I am an early modern historian and very much like old things and Baker is the oldest college on campus.

SB: We heard really great things about it. Also, being from the United Kingdom, I very much enjoyed the service's curries and sausage and mash.

The Rice Thresher: Are there any college traditions or folklore that your new college you are particularly looking forward to?

AP: I have heard of Keenan May Day, a new tradition that has evolved to celebrate the current chief justice; the second one is this Thursday. We are excited to see what this day could be.

SB: I would like to implement Commonwealth traditions. The college masters are English so they may have begun to Anglicize the college.

The Rice Thresher: What is your favorite building at Rice?

AP: The Humanities Building; I live and work here and enjoy the good company and intellect of those who occupy the building.

SB: The new Brockman Hall for physics; the new campus observatory is on the roof and I am teaching Introduction to Astronomy; I would like to organize an observing experiences.

The Rice Thresher: What is your favorite type of rice?

AP: Arborio rice. I love making risotto.

SB: Egg fried rice.

The Rice Thresher: Who is your favorite historical figure and why?

AP: Erasmus of Rotterdam, an early 16th century translator, satirist and humanist. He wrote a marvelous book, The Praise of Folly, and shows what you can achieve socially, culturally and politically by having a good sense of humor.

SB: Isaac Newton, for his shear devotion to science. He put a needle in his eye to change the shape of the lens to change how he viewed things. His sheer devotion and passion.

The Rice Thresher: What's the best part of the residential college system?

AP: When students arrive at a university, a residential college gives them a sense of belonging. By the time they leave, the college really belongs to them, and let them feel kindred spirits and become part of a community that is socially, academically and culturally fantastic.

SB: I agree, we have had wonderful experience at residential colleges while at Cambridge and we are excited to have the chance to give back to the residential college community.

The Rice Thresher: Anything else?

AP: We are looking forward to Kulu manjushree week. Bring it on!

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RURS PERSPECTIVES: SPEAKER LINDSAY, CO-HOST

LINDSAY GLENN, UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER

- Background: 2nd-year Ph.D. student in Sociology, Rice University, majoring in Social Inequality, focusing on Race and Education.

- Experience: 2 years of research experience, including a year-long internship at the Department of Justice.

- Key Takeaways: The importance of research in understanding social phenomena and its role in shaping public policy.

- Advice: Pursue research opportunities, even if they are outside your comfort zone.

EVENT COORDINATORS’ PERSPECTIVE:

- Tzuanas: As a coordinator for the Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium, I focused on reviewing and matching students to research projects.

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Fools is a funny, free and successful show

BY KENSEY KING
THEATER STAFF

Now that Beer Bike is over, Will Rice College can focus on other aspects of college life, like college theater. Its play selection, Fools, by Neil Simon, makes the college look anything but foolish. With a small but strong cast, good set design and an amusing script, Fools is a huge success.

The play opens on Leon Tolchinsky, the narrator of the story, as he ventures into the village of Kulyenchikov for the first time. His duty there, as he informs the audience, is to be the new schoolteacher. His first encounter with the people of the village becomes very interesting, as someone claims that her name is "Something Something Smetka." Soon after he arranges in Mushchikov, he learns that the town is cursed with ignorance. This curse provides the humor throughout the play, as the characters forget how to perform everyday tasks like opening a bread house vibes of the village, the inappropriately named school teacher, the Count, as he juggles the Count's ill-tempered manners with an old-school Ricky and Lucy-type romance. Will Rice senior Julianne Zubritsky (Mrs. Zubritsky) and Gregory Perin (Mr. Zubritsky) get plenty of laughs in this film this beyond this reviewer.

The setting of this show is perfect, every cast member gives a great performance. Carrying most of the lines, Will Rice junior Nicholas Riggall delivers a role of Tolchinsky with ease. Riggall's energy remains high throughout most of the lines, Will Rice junior Nicholas Riggall delivers a role of Tolchinsky with ease. Riggall's energy remains high throughout most of the lines, Will Rice junior Nicholas Riggall delivers a role of Tolchinsky with ease. Riggall's energy remains high throughout most of the lines, Will Rice junior Nicholas Riggall delivers a role of Tolchinsky with ease. Riggall's energy remains high throughout most of the lines, Will Rice junior Nicholas Riggall delivers a role of Tolchinsky with ease. Riggall's energy remains high throughout

Relish: "beautiful people meet" at Chapultepec Lupita

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Red Riding Hood grimmer than Grimm

BY AAREN PASTOR
THEATER STAFF

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Chapultepec, is a house-cum-restaurant, with its spacious main dining area where the front yard used to be. As such, it offers a unique dining experience fusing tailgating with ballet shoes and cricket, year-round Christmas lights and slightly uncomfor table plastic furniture combine to create a fascinating, if initially off-putting, atmosphere. Sometimes it smells like the management has not cleaned the bathroom in a week or two, but what's the problem with that? Music does not play at all times, but a brand new jukebox plays Shakira and Selena hits if the patrons choose to do TACOS, page 11

From the first pan over a brooding alpine forest, it is obvious that Catherine Hardwicke's directorial style still remains in Twilight mode. And the cliches of poorly made "movies" continue. Mavros (Antonio Banderas) is a doe-eyed vampire who spends his time sipping morose, going around trying to look beautiful, threatening to, and by the last 30, the plot is totally out of vacuous blue eyes. The cliches, which could be invented, are the centerpiece of this film this beyond this reviewer.

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No class on Monday! Cell phones are banned and you cannot wear your cell phone in the classroom. The Hous-
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pay. Otherwise, the silence can be awkward when you can’t muster a coherent sentence at 4 a.m.

The menu is remarkably large, but every item is pretty much the same. The basic formula is tortillas with sauce, rice, beans and sometimes guacamole. If you tried hard enough and had the ingredients, you could probably cook most of the items on the menu yourself, but half the fun of the restaurant is that its waiters are usually too incapacitated to cook for themselves anyway.

The standouts are the tacos al carbon, tostadas and burger-friendly burritos, all of which seem entirely un-micro waved. The green enchiladas are, like most items on the menu, overchlorinated with cheese, but they are still some of the best in the city. Whateverื\textsuperscript{'}s going on, get these. You will see the same faces every time you visit, which is great for sharing due to its abundance of artery-clogging cheese and bacon.

Also of note is the royally-complementary chips and salsa, just spicy enough to wake you up from a drunken stupor. Don’t try to get a meal’s worth of salsa though; the waitstaff will promptly cut you off if that’s probably because of linguistic shortcomings on both ends; it’s better to point at the item you want than try to pronounce it.

Given its fantastic hours, Chapultepec attracts a very interesting demographic. On any given night, it welcomes denizens of the neighboring nightclubs, those who are fresh out of prison and grass hoppers. On our most recent visit, we witnessed a man in a tank top repeatedly have his arm up to his nephew’s face. Jamie of Chapultepec’s strange atmosphere and clientele, the Houston Culture Map even speculated that Lady Gaga would enjoy visiting there during her recent tour in the city. While we’re pretty sure she didn’t end up visiting the fine establishment, the idea certainly points out the restaurant’s reputation. Beckoning little monsters from all walks of life, Chapultepec is a refuge for those of us who find ourselves awake at odd hours and in need of some comfort food.

For those who are of age and of interest, Chapultepec offers over 140 different tequilas and an expansive drink menu. We hear through word of mouth, but certainly don’t know ourselves, that the house margaritas are delicious. According to insider sources, the micheladas, which are margaritas topped with liqueurs like Chambord, are the greatest drinks this side of the Mississippi.

If we were basing our judgment on the food alone, Chapultepec would be on the low-end of average. But the great staff, no-fuss attitude and convenient hours make the restaurant one of the best spots in the city for a good late-night meal with friends.

And as its dancing Latinos say, Chapultepec is both “Where the Beautiful People Meet” and “Where Everyone is Beautiful.”

Ray Becton is a Whitt College freshman and Luis de las Cuevas is a Whitt sophomore.

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In a span of roughly eight hours last weekend, the women's track and field team set an awe-inspiring new season-best or career-best mark at competitions roughly 600 miles apart. Keenan Cook's distance of 2,13.90 in the 1,500 vault since the inception of the event in 2000. How- ever, the 13' vaulters on the squad at the same time, as did junior Lillian Nwora (19') in her first meet this season, while her long jump, javelin, and high jump marks improved by 3 inches, 1 and 2 inches, respectively. Still room for improvement but we are making the connection a lot better," Bevan said. "We're starting to get some momentum this weekend when they compete in the J. Fred Duckett Twilight Meet held at Hol- liday Field/Rice Track tomorrow. Field events will occur October 22-23, but the bulk of the running events will be from 6-9 p.m.

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Men’s tennis takes out SMU, UT-Arlington to end season

Owls finish regular season up in dominant fashion, face Tulane in C-USA Tournament today

by Dan Elledge
Senior correspondent, Urban

Two weeks after (that short Rice run on a four-match losing streak, the Owls are finally soaring high in the sky against thanks to a return to Jake Hess Tennis Stadium on the weekend that saw the men’s tennis team win against both Southern Methodist University (16-8) and the University of Texas-Arlington (12-9).

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A 4-2 victory was the outcome for Rice the last time these two teams met. Should the Owls advance, they will take on Host SMU at 1:00 as the semifinals. Rice is the defending champion after beating Tulane in the championship last year.

On Saturday against SMU, the Owls took an early 1-0 lead in doubles thanks to a sweep across the board. Partners senior Oscar Podlewski and sophomore Harry Fowler, seniors Christian Saravia and Michael Nuesslein, and the third ranked doubles team in the nation, sophomore Peter Frank and junior Sam Garforth-Bles, each won their matches to give the Owls the early lead they needed. Thanks to two dominant wins by Frank and Garforth-Bles and two more by Nuesslein, the Owls cruised to victory to end their slate.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2011

WOMEN’S TENNIS

On Sunday against UTA, the Owls got out of the gate fast again as the same doubles pairings from Saturday against SMU played and won to give Rice a 1-0 lead. Garforth-Bles added another singles victory to his great weekend along with Saravia, Nuesslein and Podlewski, who played his final match ever at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium on Sunday.

Before the match, Podlewski was honored as a graduating senior and received a plaque. Podlewski said it was a good day not only because of the pre-match ceremony but also because he had a good final match as his sendoff. Both he and the team came out with victories.

“The match was a good match, as it was pretty thrilling,” Podlewski said. “It challenged me both mentally and physically. It was good to win that kind of match in my last home game along with the team winning as well.”

The Owls are now 9-6 on the season and ranked 23rd as they prepare for the Conference USA tournament that begins Wednesday in Tulsa, Okla. The Owls are the No. 2 seed in the tournament, and they will face the No. 7 seed, TulaneUniversity (16-8), today at 5 p.m. The Owls last played Tulane on February 4th as the Owls traveled to New Orleans and beat the Green Wave 4-2 thanks to winning the doubles point along with victories from Podlewski, Saravia and freshman Philipp Jundt.

Assistant Coach Kie Kondrady is worried that, even though the Owls beat Tulane the first time around, the Owls will not be able to get the win for them, and the Owls need to respond with a complete effort. They are going to be pretty pumped up because they almost had a win the last time we played,” Podlewski said. “This time that is not going to happen, as we are going to step on the court and play as if they are capable of beating us, and that will give us more urgency and help us stop some of those unforced errors.”

Heading into the tournament, Podlewski feels good, as he believes that the past two victories have set up some momentum so that the Owls can still come through and win it. “The right tone was set before the tournament with these two victories at home, as we are going in on a high note,” Podlewski said.

Owls realize that they need to take it one match at a time, but the whole team is hoping for a rematch against the University of Tulsa (4-7), who beat them two weeks ago at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium. Podlewski said that only a Tulsa and Rice matchup in the C USA final would feel right.

“We want to play against Tulsa again to get revenge for what happened earlier in the season,” Podlewski said. “I am really excited about the possibility.”

In terms of their NCAA chances, Podlewski feels like they have improved drastically thanks to the wins over SMU and UTA, which helped to stop the bleeding that was caused by the last four weeks. Podlewski has high expectations not only for the conference tournament but also for the NCAA tournament, as he thinks that the Owls can go far and send him away with a graduating present.

“We have the talent on this team, we should not only get to the NCAA but get to the Sweet 16 or better,” Podlewski said. “I truly believe that.”

Kondrady said that the team can’t feel too safe about their NCAA berth, and they need to just control their own destiny and win to get in. We are going to Tulsa to defend our title,” Kondrady said. “We are not going there to get ourselves comfortably into the NCAA. The easiest way to get in would be to win the title outright.”

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Men's track gets good results
Treyo, Adam shine at Mt. SAC, others place well at UTEP

by Jonathan Myers
Washington Township (Ohio)

Despite being one of the top groups on the men's track team last year, this year has been somewhat trying for the pole vaulters, same for Saturday's efforts by freshman Ben Timmer and the pole vaulters, save for Saturday's vaulting by Jonathan Myers.

"It was a humongous meet for Ben," Warren said. "I think he knew he could have gone higher, but he kind of bailed on his last vault. Still, it was obviously a big improvement for him, but more importantly, it was a promising performance for his future."

Coming through with more solid results were junior Alex Zirchenko and senior Will Meyers, who went 1-2 in the shot put with throws of 16.44 meters (54' 2.25") and 16.47 meters (54' 2.97") respectively. Meyers also continued his success in the hammer throw, placing seventh with a mark of 54.33 meters (178' 4.97").

Another bright spot was redshirt sophomore Jack Spinks venturing back into the high jump, where both he and sophomore Tyler Wisotz jumped 1.98 meters (6' 6") and 1.97 meters (6' 6") respectively, also competing in the javelin, throwing 43.70 meters (143' 6") to lead all five places, as well as the discus, where his performance of 54.69 meters (179' 2") was good enough for eighth.

Rounding out the field events was senior Ugo Nduaguba in the long and triple jump, who has posted some of his best marks in April and May in previous years. Saturday was no different, as he had a season-best jump of 15.42 meters (50' 7.25") in the triple jump to finish seventh, while jumping 1.63 meters (5' 4") in the long jump.

Warren talked up Ugo's jumps and building towards the conference meet.

"Ugo had a good effort out there, something that he can build on and maybe get another foot or two in the triple jump," Warren said.

Turning to the track, it was another good meet for senior Connor Hayes, who paired a season-best time of 14.87 seconds in the 110 meter hurdles and a 15.36 seconds in 200 meter dash to record the time of 42.49 seconds in the 4x100 meter relay to run a time of 42.49 seconds. Spinks also continued his success in the hammer throw, recording a season-best mark of 53.32 meters (175' 0") in the pole vault.

"Well, Michael beat my time in the triple jump," Warren said. "He was only three-tenths of a second away from breaking in Rice history, but for him to have that good of a time on that big of a stage is impressive, Phillips just hitting his stride, and I think that amount of points gives him a good chance to qualify for the national meet."

The Owls take to the track for the first time since the last Conference USA series at home against Memphis, Wall would cruise through the first five innings, but after back-to-back singles, he gave up an RBI single with one out to tie the game and put runners on second and third. Wall was relieved by midweek hero freshman pitcher John Simpson, who got the first two outs and went out of the inning, getting a double play to ground out to Hamilton with the infield ball. The runner broke for home and Simpson caught the high throw and made an outstanding tag to get the out at the plate. Simms got the last out of the inning on a groundout, keeping the one run lead intact.

Rendon broke for home on a wild pitch by the University of Alabama-Birmingham pitcher, who can't get back to enjoy the ride.

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The Calendar

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Friday 22

No more pencils, no more books, no more tears! Dirty looks

Today is the last day of classes! Run wild! Smudge dirt in your hair! Shove open your windows so the world can hear your beastly roar. Then calm down and realize that you still have to go through final exams. Take a few easy breaths. Now panic.

3PO will also be launched soon

The 3PO Launch Party is today at 5 p.m. on the lawn in front of Brochstein. Celebrate the arrival of the 2011 edition of Rice's student-run literary journal R2: The Rice Review with free beer, cake, beer, soda and appetizers. The winners of the 2011 awards will also be announced, so practice your snapping skills.

Monday 25

Gustav "Epic" Mahler

Mahler's Symphony No. 3 is one of the longest symphonies in the standard repertoire. The orchestration calls for eight horns: that's eight times the fun! The Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra and the Rice Chorale will be performing this monster piece today at 8 p.m. in the Stude Concert Hall. Tickets are $7 for students and senior citizens and $10 for general admission.

Tuesday 26

OMG PUPPIEZ

Put away your work for a few hours and go to the Rice Program Council President and Dean's Study Break at 9 p.m. in the Rice Memorial Center. I could list all of the exciting programs that will be offered at the spring carnival-themed study break such as carnival games, tattoo parlor, picture booth, Phibs performance, spontaneous combustion show, free massages and free food and drinks, but I know that you will all be too busy petting the puppies in the Brown Garden. So go pet puppies at 9 p.m. in the Brown Garden.

Final exams begin

Did you spend your entire study days period hopping between classes? You're in luck, because the Boot will be previewing its South Savory spot before and during the concert, starting at 8 p.m. The only dilemma: Dunkin' Donuts or Chick-Fil-A?

Wednesday 27

Finally finalize finals

Your final exams are over. Your papers have been submitted. Go ahead and stop thinking about classes for a while. Watch a movie, eat a corn dog or sleep until noon. You're done.

Homage to the womb

Mother's Day is the one day with the most long-distance phone calls. To those children who are making those phone calls today, be thankful that they are long-distance.

During Final Exams

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Steve Martin: renaissance man

The Rice Gallery hosts the Rice Readers in their discussion of Steve Martin's novel An Object of Beauty, a clear and convincing detailed portrayal of New York City's art scene, drawn from Martin's own experience as a renowned art collector. The event starts at 12:15 p.m. Bring your lunch, but beverages and dessert will be provided.

Saturday 23

Study days (and nights)

Study days begin today and last through Tuesday. For your convenience, I have compiled a cramming supplies checklist, so you will be prepared during your cramming pillow, coffee, trail mix (extra chocolate chips) and a lack of joy.

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2011 Rice year in review

O-Week
New students learn to drink responsibly while enjoying themes such as Lovett’s Livin’ in da Ghetto-O-Week.

Dis-O
President David Leebron declares both EMS and freshmen hunting season open as the Rice school year officially begins.

Rice plays Texas
Rice beats Texas 34-17 during the season opener in front of a sold-out Reliant Stadium. A sea of blue overwhelmed the small patch of burnt orange Longhorn fans who had a long, hard, wet drive back home to Austin. Highlights of the game include two spectacular Sam McQuillie touchdown runs and an intricate and flawlessly executed half-time show by the Marching Owl Band.

Snow Day
The Rice University campus receives a record-breaking snowfall that forces the administration to shut down the campus due to impassable road conditions. Students frolic in the snow making snow angels, building snow men, holding hands and sucking each other’s genitals. Thanks to the efforts of the dedicated ground staff, campus is reopened the following week.

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KTRU Sold
Campus erupts in flames after the administration sells widely-listened to 91.7 KTRU. After students and professors alike demonstrate on the lawn and bring classes to a halt, Leebron decides to step in and save the site. KTRU remains on the air broadcasting their popular songs, proving the power and devotion of the student body.

SA Election
Erik Tanner and running mate I. Daniel Hayes win Student Association election by a landslide over Greek, vegetarian opponent Georgia Lagoudas. Election turnout is at an all time high due to the importance of the Student ASociation.

Liquor Ban
Due to the growing number of EMS calls, Dean Hutchison finds it necessary to remove all hard liquor from the servery. Furthermore, the administration banned the practice of professors offering students shots of tequila as attendance incentives in classes. The student body quickly adopts the rules, as Rice kids would never disobey the administration.

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