The Hoot opens on the South side

BY NICOLE ZHAO
THE THRESHER

The Hoot opened at its new location in South Seney Sunday and has so far garnered steady business.

The self-sufficient student-run eatery first opened at its original location in West Seney on January 11, 2010. Its success led to plans for The Hoot’s expansion into the south colleges location has been onerous, but Justin Sable, business at The Hoot’s parent company, had been working on elevating the day, the space would be used to serve graduate students meals. The football team, which was once a member of the now-defunct Southwest Conference, arguably the best football conference in the country for a period of time, has fallen on hard times lately against teams with realistic hopes of playing in a national championship game. Prior to last Saturday, the football team’s win over Duke six years ago — three years before the launch of Facebook — had been the last time it had defeated a team from a major Bowl Championship Series conference. Forty years have passed since Rice had last defeated a Big Ten team, when it had ended a win streak against Northwestern University during the 1924 season. Improvement seemed unlikely. Needless to say, the team was due for success — any kind of success — and it finally found some last Saturday.

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When Purdue University's Team came into Rice Stadium last Saturday after narrowly snatching a win against Middle Tennessee State University on a blocked kick, it was widely considered the worst team in the Big Ten Conference. Rice, after a disappointing performance against the University of Texas, knew that if they wanted to utilize the opportunity to help out others, they were going to need to improve access to course materials much faster and easier than building an application that only certain devices can access.

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The two professors decided to get rid of the course’s traditional textbook and use a series of digitally available scholarly research readings instead, Kimbro said. She added that they wanted these readings to be accessible on a wide range of devices.

"We are still working out the kinks — some of the documents don’t display nicely on e-readers because of how they are structured," Kimbro said. "However, I think it’s great that the OWL-Space team has provided this mobile browser for us.

The students have been using the new browser and seem to enjoy it, Denney noted.

"I hope the mobile browser will enhance the student experience at Rice through making course material more accessible," Denney said.

"If anyone goes to OWL-Space with a mobile browser you get something that makes course information much faster and easier to access," Rabuck said. "We want to improve access to course materials for both students and faculty.

It particularly wanted to expand the types of media and files available for download from the mobile browser, Rabuck said. Assistant Sociology Professor Rachel Emmon and Justin Denney supported this initiative in their winning proposal.

Now, anyone using a smart mobile device — phone, tablet, etc. — can access a new version of the OWL-Space team has provided.

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However, he added that they would like to see the browser have more color in the future.
the Rice Thresher

Rice football team’s victory gives hope for 100th season

The Rice Owls football team found itself on SportsCenter’s Top 10 plays this past Saturday for its unbelievable last-second, come-saving field goal block (see story pg. 1). The Owls looked great all afternoon and were rewarded with a marquee win against a Big Ten opponent. In the win, against Purdue, the first win Rice has posted against a BCS league opponent in the past two years, and the Owls are looking to be the potential to spark the team to a great season and to rejuvenate student interest in the football team. The home opener was very well-attended, and those students who left early were plagued with the guilt of missing the greatest Rice athletics moment of the past few years. Rice looked good against a stronger University of Texas opponent during the first half and came away with a huge win in their second game of the season against Purdue. The team deserves the students’ support, as this may just be the break-out year we’ve all been dreaming about. As the hero on the last play, Blake Garrett, deficiency was not a concern, and he ran away or one step short. But today we weren’t. ‘Today we took that last step, and we believed in ourselves.’ It’s obvious this team knows they can accomplish huge things, and we should get out to Rice Stadium and be there for every step of the journey or risk missing great moments like last Saturday’s win.

RMC improvements require tinkering

The RMC received quite the overhaul this past summer, resulting in a new convenience store and a new Mediterranean food outlet (see story pg. 7). However, these non-student businesses are out of sync with the needs of the student body. Currently, ReCharge is open only 7 p.m. on weekdays and closes even sooner on the weekends. Droubi’s is also only open till 7 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and closes at 2 a.m. on Fridays. These hours of operation render these brand-new RMC offerings useless at peak-need times. Currently, there is nowhere on campus to grab a late dinner if one is too late to the servers; the same lack of options exists on Saturday nights when servers are closed. Many circumstances, including illness, may preclude a student from leaving campus on Saturday nights. Not having a Saturday night-on-campus dinner option is simply unacceptable; however, all RMC vendors are closed on Saturday night and students are literally forced off-campus to find food. There are plans to experiment with new hours next week, and the Thresher strongly encourages ReCharge to permanently implement these extended hours. Ideally, ReCharge would be able to fill the gap between the servers’ close and the Root’s opening. Perhaps ReCharge and Droubi’s should consider hiring Rice students to fill the later shifts if any companies on late weekday nights and Saturday evenings is difficult. The RMC changes have the potential to really improve student life; however, until a few changes are made to hours of operation, these improvements do very little for the student body.

Bicycle Awareness Week antagonistic to cyclists

The recent Bicycle Awareness Week seemed to antagonize campus cyclists more than promote them (see story pg. 7). The influx of signs around campus offered pointed, patronizing directions to bikers; furthermore, these signs address only bikers, not pedestrians. Campus cycling safety is not a simple one-way street. Pedestrians, cars, scooters and bikes all have equal rights on the road, and the recent attempts to only focus on the bikers’ responsibilities is absurd. The Bicycle Awareness Week also included the negative news that bikers will soon be susceptible to moving violation tickets. Frankly, biking safety around campus is reasonable, and bikers should be quite responsible on the whole. RUPD’s decision to begin ticketing bikers will only dissuade students from using bikes on campus. If Bicycle Awareness Week is to occur again at Rice it should be completely overhauled, and the vastly negative tone of the week needs to be reversed. Perhaps in the future, we can take a look at promoting the environmentally-conscious act of biking, offering bike repair stations and bike racks, and emphasizing campus cycling facilities such as the bike shop.

LETTERs TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
The day after Labor Day, I got a flat tire pulling into the underground parking garage. My first thought was thank goodness this happened at Rice and not somewhere outside of the community that feels like home. It’s part of multiple Rice communities — on-dergraduate, graduate student, alum, staff and now faculty — I know Rice to be a place of compassion, humor, and immense tolerance. It is where a faculty member gave a graduate student $20 to get his medication when he didn’t have the cash for it; where an elderly couple was personally received by students to the building they were trying to find; where RUPD officers have invited female staff who regularly walk late on strategies for staying safe on campus and at home; where students laden with heavy backpacks give up seats on buses for pregnant women without a second thought.

I like to think that members of the Rice community are exceptional on campus as well as outside the hedges: that our students, faculty, and staff are recognizable by our empathy as well as our breadth of knowledge. I parked underground and got out my spare tire, my two tools, and my jack and started trying to get things set up, confident that I could quickly find someone strong enough to help me get the flat tire off and the tire changed. I was surprised that, of the two students who got into the car next to me, the many staff members in the parking office, the RUPD officer I called, the facilities people he directed us to, the students-by-silly mistake who passed my growing desperation, not a single one responded to my request for 10 minutes of time and some arm muscle. A coworker eventually took out her keys and helped me, and a friend drove back with me later that evening to put the spare tire on.

I am fortunate in that this was not a serious problem and I have generous coworkers and friends in Houston willing to help. More importantly, I am grateful to know that this is not typical of Rice. Had I been a status to campus or a new student, I would have felt telling that Rice was not a community of which I would want to remain a part. And the few hours late in the incident during the early winnight, the situation would have been dangerous. Cell phones do not work in the underground garage, and parking lots, especially those isolated from view, are notorious hot-spots for crime. What if I had been pregnant or not been able-bodied (the RUPD on the phone asked nothing about my situation before hanging up)? Is my problem mine alone and your problem towards keeping others safe, produ-

Last Week’s Online Poll Results:
What direction do you think Rice Athletics should pursue in the future?

Join a more prestigious DI conference

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Total number of responses: 111

Josh Rottenberg
Editor in Chief
Bicycle week not inclusive

When writing the sign announcing the Bicycle Safety Week, it is easy to believe that the first line of thought to come to me was, "Sure, it’s a good idea. Let’s make it happen." But the truth is, I had never really thought about the safety of bicyclists before. I had always assumed that the roads were safe and that everyone knew how to ride their bikes. But after this week, I am beginning to realize that this is not the case.

There are too many accidents involving bicyclists. We need to find a way to make the streets safer for everyone, not just those who choose to ride bikes. I am proud of the people who work to keep our streets safe, and I hope that we can continue to make progress in this area.

Anthony LaRiello

Bicycle Safety Week.

Lovett's public party a good time despite the heat

The American Jobs Act has potential to aid vast American unemployment

There are not just too many good, qualified Rice students for the list- ing positions. In fact, the current recession is responsible for $400 billion of the current federal budget deficit. It was in this economic crisis that Presi- dent Barack Obama gave his much-anticipated jobs speech and un- veiled the long-awaited American Jobs Act.

The American Jobs Act is Obama's most recent plan to help grow the economy. The plan es- sentially features two broad poli- cies - infrastructure spending and tax cuts - with multiple initiatives within each framework. The en- tire plan costs about $400 billion (roughly half of the first stimu- lus) and will be paid for by limit- ing earmarked deductions for those earning more than $500,000 annu- ally and closing tax loopholes for both oil and gas companies and corporate jet owners.

Regardless infrastructure spending, the plan calls for the creation of an infrastructure bank - where- in the government and private sec- tor can invest money to fund infra- structure projects.

The infrastructure bank makes sense for three reasons: one, Amer- ican infrastructure is dilapidated; two, the plan would put hundreds of thousands of Americans back to work, and three, it is a bipar- tisan initiative supported by the AFL-CIO, the U.S. Chamber of Com- mence and Senators John Kerry and Kay Bailey Hutchison. Simply speaking, the infrastructure bank is a bipartisan proposal that will pro- vide employment for thousands Ameri- can workers.

On tax cuts, Obama calls for reducing the payroll tax on both households and companies. This will put on average about $600 a year in pocket- books of ordinary American families and reduce the cost for American companies to hire.

The bill also offers companies a tax credit for hiring either the long- term unemployed or America's vet- erans. Finally, the American Jobs Act will also allow companies ac- celerated depreciation for any pur- chases made this year. All these poli- cies will lower the tax burdens on families or companies and help stimulate the economy and spur job creation.

In addition to the two main goals, the American Jobs Act has other innovative ideas to stimulate the economy. First, the plan calls for refinancing home mortgages to reduce the debt burden hanging over millions of Americans. Removing this overhang can stimulate investment and boost economic growth.

Second, the plan reforms and streamlines the patent applica- tion process. This would allow the bill Congress to pass Free Trade Agree- ments with Colombia, South Korea, and Panama.

These treaties will open new markets for U.S. goods and services.

Fourth, the plan asks U.S. banks to ease their lending requirements so that small businesses can get money to invest in new equipment, hire new workers and research new products. Further, and most important to Rice students, the plan mobilizes businesses to create more intern- ships for college students.

On balance, Obama's Ameri- can Jobs Act, which consists of infrastructure spending, tax cuts and other innovative policy ideas, is a solid step in the right direc- tion. In fact, as Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's, notes, "The plan would add two percent points to GDP growth next year, add 1.5 million jobs and cut the unemployment rate by a percentage point."

These are real numbers that represent ordinary Americans who, because of this plan, will be able to find a job and provide for their families. In the final analysis, the American Jobs Act represents a step to rebuilding the U.S. economy, and, by pass- ing the bill, Congress can create jobs for thousands of unemployed Americans.

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The Party Patrol

Right now I urge every single one of you who does not ride a bike to join me. The administration is taking away our freedoms, and we are under attack. We must fight for hearts and minds. So get on your social networking sites and urge every single one of you to get on your social networking sites and fight for our freedoms, and we are under attack. The administration is taking away our freedoms, and we must fight back. I urge everyone to join me.

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POVERTY RATE REACHES NEW HIGH

POVERTY HAS REACHED

Rice has ties with Vanderbilt University for 30th place from among the 40 colleges ranked. Rice trains Cornell University and Brown University, which both held for 29th place,Harvard was ranked first.

"We are pleased that we continue to be in the top 10," Vice President for Finance Kathy Callin said. "From a reputational standpoint as we compare for the students and faculty it serves us well," Collins said.

Though she said she was happy with the ranking in itself, she hopes Rice was moved up in the future and that they do influence both potential students.

The ranking can help prospective students who know about Rice but are somewhat unsure about their interest in the school decide to apply.

"Primarily it helps students who are already considering Rice but are maybe not as familiar with us. It's a way of qualifying," Marcus said.

"It's not going to make the applicant pool grow, but it is a strong statement," Rice.

Although rankings are important, Collins said, the university does not actively pursue them with the sole goal of moving upward.

"We try to do things that make academic sense but also help with rankings," Collins said.

Film director visits Rice

BY JESSICA WILDER

Mexican film director Arturo Ripstein came to speak for a film series based on his movies, last Friday and Saturday at the Rice Media Center.

Ripstein was invited to do a screening of his films at Rice University by Hispanic Studies Department Professor Luis Duno-Gottberg, who teaches SPAN 406: Introduction to Latin American Cinema and is currently collaborating on a volume about Ripstein's work. Duno-Gottberg said he worked closely with Ripstein and his wife and screenwriter Paz Alicia Garciadiego throughout the entire process of planning the film retrospective.

"At one point, we were trying to screen only Ripstein's films and it kept taking off of the list," Duno-Gottberg explained. "We decided that the public needed to see some of his most celebrated works." Duno-Gottberg said.

"This is an enormous joy in my work," Ripstein said, specifically of his film Principios y Fin.

Ripstein started his 46-year-long career in the film industry when he worked as the assistant to Mexican director Luis Buñuel. He said he was honored to have his own films chosen by Duno-Gottberg for the screening.

Ripstein's latest movie "Ramires" was only part of the Mexican Film Series that was held in May and throughout the month of September. The larger series is an annual public event in its second year that is the joint effort of Rice University and the Mexican Consulate. Last year the Film Series included a retrospective of the works of Juan Antonio de la Riva, and plans are already underway for hosting another Mexican director at next year's event.

The Mexican Film Series continues on Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rice Media Center with Jorge Perez-Silwan's tragic-comedy Special.

How does free tuition to Rice and a guaranteed job after graduation sound?

By Rice NROTC Unit is actively recruiting qualified students with less than 30 college hours to apply for the NROTC National Four Year Scholarship.

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Crazy costumes deck the central quad

Bicycle etiquette reviewed

Tips and strategically place them around campus.

In addition to the signs that have died on campus this week, the committee has also filmed a short three-minute video on the dos and don'ts of biking on campus.

The video, posted on the "Bikes at Rice" website, provides a quick guide to basic biking etiquette and safety tips.

The video has been widely viewed and praised by the Rice community.

MOB honors NASA at halftime

The MOB, a student organization at Rice University, honored NASA at halftime during the Rice vs. Texas football game.

The MOB assembled a life-size model of the International Space Station, which was displayed on the Rice campus.

The MOB worked closely with NASA to ensure the accuracy of the model.

The MOB's efforts were recognized by NASA, which thanked them for their contribution.

The MOB's dedication to the project has been praised by the Rice community.

The MOB's activities are a testament to the creativity and resourcefulness of Rice students.

The MOB continues to contribute to the Rice community and is an example of how student groups can make a positive impact on campus.
Project Spotlight: The Body Project

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Tsakalis criated the Body Project, though co-sponsored by the Wellness and Counseling Centers, is not a homogeneous Rico project, but is a community-wide initiative to help increase women's self-esteem on campus. The project was creted by University of Texas Psychol- ogist Erica rhet.

"Using a pre-written program is really great because we know the evidence that it works for the majority of people," Tsakalis said. "I love it because — we know it helps." Thus, "The Body Project is based on the evidence-based and involves exercise revolving around different topics related to body image and self-esteem. Sessions include the "too fat" talk and take home assignments to confidently look in the mirror, address areas of weakness where many women would like to seek improvement. But according to Tsakalis, the strength of the program lies in the discussions themselves.

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Drive a speedy thrill with intellectual edge

BY CHRISTINE JEON
FOR THE THRESHER

Although the author, dressed in a typical, car-chase blockbuster, it will easily be on top of critics’ movie lists for September.

Drive, the 2011 action-drama film, follows what happens to this character when he involves himself in a heist that’s about to go wrong. Directed by Danish film director Nicholas Winding Refn (who won the Best Director Award at the 30th Cannes Film Festival for Drive), the film stars Ryan Gosling (The Notebook) and English actress Carey Mulligan (An Education), who both deliver superb performances in making the melodramatic film multi-faceted and believable.

“If I drive for you, you give me a time and a place, I give you a five minute window. Anything happens in that five minutes and I’m gone, no matter what. I don’t sit in it while you’re running it down, I don’t carry a gun. I drive,” the nameless wheelman said. However, he’s not just driving a car, he’s helping someone with a heist. The nameless character Gosling portrays seems to have quietly settled into Los Angeles as part mechanic, part Hollywood car stuntman since his last drive. You almost forget that the guy is a wheelmen until he meets his neighbor Irene (Mulligan) and her son, Benicio, played by first time actor Kaden Leos. Irene’s husband has gotten himself tangled up in a high-stake burglary, and the wheelman decides to “drive” once again so that Irene’s family can be at peace. The film follows what happens when the complicated plot goes wrong.

Gosling’s portrayal of the wheelman is nothing short of perfection. Despite his lack of dialogue in the film, Gosling somehow manages to keep you on board with his very much concealed and constructed character, like his car, does a great job portraying the quiet character but probably won’t get the acclaim I predict Gosling will receive. The rest of the cast is comprised of actors that play stereotypical roles you’d expect from an action movie—comrades, mollies, flawless gunners.

Drive definitely has its hold but sure the top moments, with its epic voices matching those of Quentin Tarantino, but it also has the cinematic brilliance that can be found in Christopher Nolan’s Masterpiece (which will appeal to fans of both directors). The unconventional yet pronounced lighting and sound techniques will challenge the trained audience, while the dramatic scenes filled with bloodshed and barfery will lead the unprepared to shut their eyes.

Yet what really makes the film is not its star, director or cinematography. Rather, it is the underlying message the movie highlights. The film references a bible, The Scorpion and the Frog. A scorpion asks a frog to carry him across the river, but the frog refuses. Despite his promise, the scorpion stings the frog, and when asked, “Why did you do that?”, the scorpion asks, “If I drive for you, you give me a time and a place, I drive”. The film is an exhilarating ride that explores human nature. Its action might not exceed the highest standards, but it will invite you to question what it means to live for something, or if it even matters, at one level.

Limonight: the Rice Players’ season

SONIA POTHRAJ

Self-described as "modestly" quality theatre since 1951, the Rice Players, a completely student group, is gearing up for another great year of historical classics and modern novelties.

This year’s directors are Matt Wors, a Hanzsen College freshman, and T.J. Burleson, a Joseph Lockett and T.J. Burleson discussing the trials and benefits of directing the Rice Players.

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Though not opening until April, The Baltimore Waltz is equally enthralling. Written by Paula Vogel, the play is a dream sequence that allows protagonist Anna to peer the reality of her brother’s death from AIDS into perspective. Lockett has also directed several times for Baker Shake, directed twice in the recent past for the Rice Players: Oscar Wilde’s The Importance of Being Earnest in fall 2008 and David Auburn’s Proof in fall 2009. He has also directed several times for Baker Shake, an alumni and current Baker College associate. Lockett has been involved with Rice for quite some time.

As an undergraduate in the late nineties, Lockett first joined the Rice Players with little price experience in theatre. However, after taking classes, observing, and working in shows, he was hooked. Even after graduating, Lockett has remained deeply involved with Rice.

"I keep coming back because I love working with Rice students. Rice actors are clear, cut, and hard-working. You can offer Rice students a share in the creative work of putting a play together, and they will happily leap into the fray once you show them the boundaries," Lockett said.

Currently working in public relations, technical writing and adult housing, Lockett’s career was distinctly shaped by participating in the Rice Players.

"Rice Players taught me that what really enjoy is communication, figuring out how to best convey information. Obviously, that feeds into the education I’ve done, whether in designing lessons, preparing materials or presenting to a classroom, the ability to convey information. In this, I’ve always been interested in understanding real-life situations, developing creative and crafting a strong message," Lockett said.

As a current undergraduate, Burleson’s experience is relatively similar to Lockett’s. Though Burleson had a background in theater before college, he fell in love with Rice Players and is now the troupe’s managing coordinator. "I’ve been involved with Rice since I joined the troupe’s managing coordinator. "I’ve been involved with Rice since I joined," Burleson said.

Burleson said. Though Burleson has yet to graduate, it appears that working with the Rice Players has shaped his future ambitions. At present, he is considering advanced degrees in theater and education at the university level.

"I think being a coordinator is a great learning experience, and potentially becoming a professor of theater has everything to do with it. In many ways, I plan my year around the shows that I’ll be doing, especially ones with the Players. It has also had lots of relevance to skills that every needs and uses—effective communication, time management and budgeting. Rice Players is one of the best organizations I have ever been involved with," Burleson said.

Sonia Pothraj is a Hanzsen College freshman. Limelight is a column that features student artists and their current projects.
Contagion: a medical thriller sure to go viral

BY KENSEY KING
THRESHER STAFF

One act of physical contact is all it takes to catch the deadly virus in Steven Soderbergh's (Ocean's Eleven) new drama, Contagion. Soderbergh's vision of the world as it reacts to a raging epidemic is incredibly frightening, not because it features gory, graphic death scenes but because it realistically captures our fear of the unknown. Due to its phenomenon-like quality, the film is sure to go viral.

Matt Damon has great on-screen chemistry with his natural charm, allowing for his character to have poise and likability. Making him the perfect humble hero, Jennifer Ehle shines bright, proving that they are still as talented as ever.

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Squad goes 0-3 in Hawaii; heads to Nacogdoches today for SFA Invitational

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did not want to go back home empty handed from their adventure to the Hawaiian Islands. The Owls were starting at a winless tournament deal in the eye as they dropped the first two sets to Pacific, 25-22 and 25-21. The Owls clawed their way back into the match with two gut-wrenching wins in the third and fourth set by the scores of 27-25 and 27-25. However, their comeback fell short as the Tigers took the fifth set, 15-11 and the match, 25-21. Bache led the team with a career-high in assists while White had a match-high 27 digs.

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Stacked squads aim to make Rice top cross-country school in C-USA; begin journey today at Justin F. Cooper Rice Invitational

While football, basketball and baseball may garner attention-grabbing headlines week in and week out, it’s difficult to find two other teams at Rice that have been more consistent in winning as the women’s and men’s cross country teams. With experienced squads returning for both teams, there are expectations of the Owls sweeping the Conference USA Championship on Oct. 31 at Wildcat Country in Houston.

The women are clearly led by fifth-year seniors Allison Pye and Becky Wade, who each have missed a season due to injuries, but are ready for their final year of action and to add more titles to their already long list of accolades.

“It’s going to be an interesting year, since we have two lasses that are leading the team that have been to nationals all three years in Allison and Becky, so hopefully we can make it a fourth year,” Head Coach Jim Bevan said.

“They’ve got a conference championship under their belts and two conference runner-ups, so they’re clearly some of the best runners we’ve had at Rice.”

However, the other members of the squad didn’t exactly let expectations diminish last year, as senior Raylon Firth and junior Mericle百姓 (a 29:44 10K runner from this past spring in track) led the way for Rice last year, guiding the Owls to a second-place finish at the 2010 C-USA Championship and a just place finish at the NCAA National Meet. Despite losing Mericle and junior William Will Rice ’11 to graduation, the Owls have an experienced roster across the board, with sophomore Meredith Gainable and senior Marie Thompson filling in key roles on the squad last year. Junior Heather Olson and redshirt sophomore Farah Madani are other Owls with conference championship know how.

“It’s an interesting team, not particularly senior or freshman laden, so we’ve got experience at all levels,” Bevan said. “We’ll host the conference meet at Wildcat Country just south of here, and it’ll be great to have that course that we’re familiar with.”

Before the C-USA Championship, the Owls will compete at the sideline splash in Corpus Christi, which will feature top teams from the South Central Region, as well as the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend, Ind., and the Pre-National Meet in Terre Haute, Ind., both of which annually host the top teams in the nation to provide teams with a stiff challenge before their respective conference championship meets.

The University of Tulsa will continue to be both the men’s and women’s squad’s main rival on the course, with the Golden Hurricane sweeping the races at last year’s C-USA Championship.

For the men’s cross country team, turnover is a foreign concept this year, as all runners return from the squad that finished third at the C-USA Championship and tenth at the NCAA South Central Regional meet. Fifth-year senior Meir Trico is poised to lead the pack yet again, along with veterans runners in redshirt juniors Gabe Cuadra, Matt Carey and senior James Llamas.

“We actually have everybody coming back, we didn’t graduate a single person from last year’s team,” Head Coach Jim Warren said. “They’ll all be significantly better, not only physically but mentally.”

Filling out the squad will be sophomores Anthony Lauriello, Travis Birkett, Wyatt Doep and Anthony Urbanelli, along with redshirt sophomore Alex Weinheimer, Zach Casias and Anthony Laucella. Freshman Will Firth could also figure into the question, but all runners will take part in the 96th Annual Justin F. Cooper Memorial Rice Invitational, with the gun for the men’s race going off at 6:00 p.m. The Owls will be defending their first place finish from last year.

“Trejo should be our number one runner this year, but not necessarily,” Warren said. “He’s a 29:44 10K runner from this past spring in track. I think Gabie and Matt will be right near him or with him. James, John and Travis should be close behind along with a few others. I don’t think any of them are going to be superstars, conference champion or top two or three in the region type of guys, but it should be a pack that’s pretty far up.”

Women is especially optimistic that, despite the home course advantage, the Owls will face a stiff test from the competition.

“This is arguably the deepest field we’ve had at this meet, with teams like Lamar (University), Texas A&M Corpus Christi, McNeese State (University), and Stephen F. Austin (University) all ranked in the top 20 in the region with us,” Warren said.

While the men’s team may have enjoyed steady results in the past, finishing third at the C-USA Championship for the last five seasons other finished second in 2005, it’s clear from the schedule of meets this year that the Owls are looking to gain additional experience versus top competition prior to the C-USA Championship. After their home meet tonight, Rice will head to the Glass Bowls Grand Prix, a new race in Austin, on Sept. 10 before the Houston Baptist University Paces Invitational, a meet that the Owls dominated last year. The real test will come in the form of the Pre-National Meet in Terre Haute, Ind., that will be run on the same course as the National Meet, which annually hosts some of the top teams in the nation. With just four meets before the

Senior Michael Trejo runs to a seventh place finish at last year’s Rice Invitational.
Soccer and Golf suffer over the weekend

For the soccer, the team on a four-game winning streak, the Owls were confident heading into Utah even though they were facing undefeated Utah State University and nationally ranked Brigham Young University. The Owls left the Beehive State disappointed as they lost 1-0 to Utah State and drew 0-0 with BYU.

Last Thursday, the Owls played their first game of their two game road trip against Utah State and left the game feeling they should have come away with a better result. Rice had more corners kicks and more shots, but could never find the goal it needed. After a scoreless first half, Utah State took advantage of its opportunity in the 53rd minute as Aggie sophomore midfielder Jennifer Flynn put one in the back of the net to take a 1-0 lead. The lead stood up as the Owls could not finish any of their nine chances they had at the goal. The loss dropped Rice to 4-4-1 on the season.

Rice played at BYU on Saturday as they hoped to rebound from their tough loss against Utah State. The Owls showed good energy, as they held an advantage in shots in the first half, 7-3, but missed a couple key chances to put the ball in the back of the net. As the game was still tied after 90 minutes, the two teams could not settle the difference in overtime as the game proceeded to go to a 0-0 draw. Freshman goalkeeper Amy Czyz had four huge saves to keep BYU off the scorecard and help preserve the tie. The Owls are now 4-2-1 and are heading back home to Rice Stadium, where they will be hosting Western Kentucky University on Saturday before they host the University of Alabama-Birmingham next week to start Conference USA play.

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With the main act that is the spring season still merits away, the golf team competed in the Sam Hall Intercollegiate hosted by the University of Southern Mississippi. The Owls did not fare that well as a team; finishing 15th out of 15 teams. The University of Alabama-Birmingham won the tournament with an overall score of 856 and a score of 37 under par, leading the University of Louisiana Lafayette by four strokes. Overall, the Owls recorded a total of 916 and finished with a score of 15 over par. Sophomore Jeff Wibawa tied for 37th with a score of 225 and eight strokes over par. Freshman Tommy Economou finished tied in a tie for 69th with a score of 226 and 13 strokes over par. Junior Brock Wilson and freshman Jake Rok finished 77th and 88th respectively with scores of 229 and 223, 16 and 18 strokes over par. The Owls' next fall event is the Squire Creek Invitational in Choudrant, La. on Oct. 7-9.

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points and the ball. One more Purdue field goal in the fourth quarter sent the point difference to two with only minutes left on the clock. After fumbling Rice to punt, Purdue entered field goal position during the closing moments of the game.

With the Purdue field goal team on the field, it looked like it would be a heartbreaking loss for the Owls. However, senior linebacker Justin Allen had other ideas as he rushed past the Hoosiers' offensive line to get his hand in the way of the ball, ensuring that it would never travel through the uprights.

Rice players stormed the field, ecstatic over the narrow victory. As one of the biggest Rice victories in years, it was truly a memorable moment for Head Coach David Bailiff.

"I am responsible part of the team for five years," Bailiff said. "Some of the players have been here for six weeks of it. I'm glad it's over because I am just so happy. I've always believed since we've got here that we're in the process of building a real fine program."

McInnis had his best game ever, throwing for 290 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. McInnis looked good in his first true season debut, tying the ball nine times with an average of 5.3 yards per carry.

This weekend, the Owls will enjoy a week off before traveling to Waco to take on Baylor University (3-1) on Sept. 24.

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Vitational in Natchitoches, LA where they will play North Dakota State University (6-0), Sam Houston State University (6-5) and Stephen F. Austin University (4-4). However, the big match on next week's slate is at Tudor Fieldhouse against the University of Houston (4-2), which will kick off the conference season for the Owls.

Volpe said that the non-conference slate of games had prepared the team for the conference season as they have faced some of the best programs in the nation like Stanford University and Hawaii.

"I think that the conference teams we face are going to be good, but the teams we have faced in the preseason have been strong teams," Volpe said. "We are not going to be surprised by anything in Conference USA because we have been the best serving, blocking and the defense."

White agreed saying that even though they had faced strong teams and have a losing record, their non-conference schedule has them ready for conference play.

"Despite the losses and heartbreaks, I think this will be good for us because I think that we will be more mentally tough and more prepared once the conference season starts," White said.

With the game against Houston on Tuesday, the Owls have a perfect chance to rebound from their loss against Texas A&M, a chance to prove themselves. With the game against Rice, the Owls have a perfect chance to rebound from their loss against Texas A&M, a chance to prove themselves. With the game against Rice, the Owls have a perfect chance to rebound from their loss against Texas A&M, a chance to prove themselves. With the game against Rice, the Owls have a perfect chance to rebound from their loss against Texas A&M, a chance to prove themselves. With the game against Rice, the Owls have a perfect chance to rebound from their loss against Texas A&M, a chance to prove themselves. With the game against Rice, the Owls have a perfect chance to rebound from their loss against Texas A&M, a chance to prove themselves. With the game against Rice, the Owls have a perfect chance to rebound from their loss against Texas A&M, a chance to prove themselves. With the game against Rice, the Owls have a perfect chance to rebound from their loss against Texas A&M, a chance to prove themselves. With the game against Rice, the Owls have a perfect chance to rebound from their loss against Texas A&M, a chance to prove themselves.
**The Calendar**

**SEPT. 16 – 22, 2011**

**FRIDAY 16**

**Fifteen years of free female condoms**

The Rice Women’s Resource Center is throwing itself a birthday party today in honor of 15 years of promoting gender equality and discussion. The festivities take place in the Brown Garden of the BMC and start at 4 p.m. with remarks from the original founder, Mona Hicks, and lasts until 5:30 p.m. There will be free food (probably ladyfingers) and drinks (probably Shirley Temples) and KTRU will provide music (probably “Baby Got Back”).

**SATURDAY 17**

**Fit as a fiddle**

Tidy up your tails and ride the light rail downtown to Passport to Houston’s Rice Night at the Houston Symphony. Tonight’s program starts off with violinist James Elsner playing Brahms’ Violin Concerto, the Chinese Student Association will host YouTube video stars Eric, Jason and Eddie from the Jewelite Project at the Farnsworth Pavilion at 4 p.m. The Jewelite Project makes short videos for a good cause and will be premiering a short film about a college student entering the real world. The three are recent college graduates themselves, and now one works for a top consulting firm, one goes to Harvard Medical School and one works for President Barack Obama. The video mostly consists of the three laughing at the camera and rolling in money.

**Raise your voice**

Throw it down and belt it out at the Black Student Association’s open mic night, Sanctuary. Prepare your singing, dancing, comedy and poetry to entertain the masses. If you don’t want to do the one at the altar, still come, watch and eat some free finger food. Sanctuary will take place at 8 p.m. in Wally’s Pub and is free to the public.

**THURSDAY 22**

**Jumble: It’s the ’80s, baby!**

Clue: A fantasy, a musical, a place where dreams come true! Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circles and unscramble them to discover the best film from the ’80s.

This jumble was created by Devin Glick. The solution will be posted on Twitter at twitter.com/threshercal.

**MONDAY 19**

**Another Monday, another meeting**

There will be a Student Association meeting at 5 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion. A representative from the Center for Career Development will be there to talk about new opportunities. There will also be other points for discussion, but more importantly, free food is provided.

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**Embedding**

From humble beginnings—a pot of coffee and a bag of Drees—Coffeehouse has developed into a projected half million dollar student run business, thanks to students like Christine Cooper, Baker ’13.

Starting as the Keeper of the Coffee (KOC), Christine has progressed through the ranks of Coffeehouse. Along the way, she has learned from others and developed the skills that have allowed her to lead (and literally move) Coffeehouse into a new space and era. Christine’s keen ability to recognize, encourage, and develop the talents of her peers has helped build a team of leaders devoted to the successful Coffeehouse expansion and service to the Rice community.

Growing the business, preserving its culture, and building the capabilities of its future leaders are ways that Christine has embedded leadership at the Coffeehouse. Christine intentionally hires young students that can grow with the business, and supports them in developing skills and experience. The training and energy Christine devotes to the group has led to a strong leadership team and the development of a future generation of leaders for Coffeehouse.

Christine’s vision for Coffeehouse extends far beyond her tenure. Through developing her peers, focusing on values, and leading a plan for execution, the Rice community will benefit from her impact well after Christine graduates.

"One of the hardest lessons for me to learn as a leader was the need to give up being right."

"If you’re always advocating your position, you aren’t being open to the ideas of others." —Lynn Elsenhans ’78
Dirty Dancing: Sid Rich Nights

Entering the Sid Commons, you see fellow students having the time of their lives by expressing themselves through the art of rhythmic humping. Strut your glistening sweaty body in order to catch the attention of that special someone.

The Goonies II: The Treasure of Love

Starting to dance, you bust out your signature move, the Truffle Shuffle. Instead of booties, you only attract booty traps. May you be too sober to fully appreciate their inner beauty.

Indiana Jones and the Misplaced Fire Alarm

You must escape the ominous Sid Richardson tower after being visited by the BUDP officers and, for some reason, a huge spherical boulder is chasing after you.

Top Gun

Find a classmate to take to your room, where you fly fast and hard into the danger zone. Be careful: ejjecting a moment too soon could mean splattering your Goose everywhere.

ET Phone EMS

That feeling inside of you isn't love, but severe alcohol poisoning. Time to gather your strength and make a magical journey to the Texas Medical Center.

Elevator!

You stumble up to a crowded elevator. "Surely you can fit one more." "Of course we can fit one more, and don't call me Shirley," you respond. Time to gather your strength and make a magical journey to the Texas Medical Center.

Back to the '80s

You go back to the '80s in a modified DeLorean to attend the Enchantment Under the Sea Dance presented by Sid Richardson College. If a familiar face follows you around trying to get with you, avoid her. She's your mom.

The Treasure of Love

You meet the infectious Sid Richardson tower after being visited by the BUDP officers and, for some reason, a huge spherical boulder is chasing after you.

TERMINATOR: THE SID RICHARDSON CHRONICLES

BUDP officers and evil cyborgs are not enough to stop you from fulfilling your promise of "I'll be back" and returning to Sid Rich after being kicked out.

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