Rice construction adds relaxation space
Campus will get a new hang out space at the RMC and Rice architecture students design a new cafe for the Menil Collection

New garden at RMC comes from campus beautification funds

Language courses remodeled

According to construction plans, the garden will be a gathering space replacing the grove of trees on the north side of the RMC by the Rice Memorial Chapel. There will be lighting, benches, a paved plaza, plants, and, at the center, an owl sculpture made by sculptor Jeffrey Dushwood and donated by trustee emeritus Ralph O’Connor and his wife, Becky.

This garden is the first project to come from the Milus Hindman Campus Beautification funds, Senior Director of News and Media Relations BJ Almond said. These funds come from a charitable remainder trust established by Hindman’s estate specifically for campus beautification projects, Almond said.
New plan significantly improves language education at Rice

Rice is an outstanding academic institution for most things, but recent information indicates that foreign-language education is not one of Rice’s strengths (see story, pg. XX). However, Rice is considering a strong proposal to have lower-level language courses meet five times a week.

The current course structure would allow students to have more regular practice with their new language, and it would likely aid students in building a higher proficiency in the language. The five boxes of classroom learning and language practice would help Rice bridge its proficiency gap, but it would also provide a much taller order for students interested in picking up a new language. Students with packed majors or busy schedules may be dissuaded from registering for a new language course; however, students who decide to learn a new language could be more confident that their goal will be accomplished.

In an effort to make introductory language courses a reasonable endeavor for even the busiest students, language departments should consider offering the students’ extra commitment of class time with less homework if it can be done without compromising the students learning. The plan to offer flexible courses that allows students to attend classes at any of a selection of times each day will also help alleviate the inconveniences associated with a five- or seven-day-week course.

Rice is also attempting to promote its students’ knowledge of foreign language skills in real-life situations. It is considering the addition of a new program of majors that would include a mandatory study abroad component in their area of education. The Thresher believes that this new program incentivizes learning a new language for students while promoting study abroad programs at the university. The adjoining proposition to offset the costs of studying abroad via improved financial aid is also a great advantage for the students.

Currently, participation in language courses and study abroad programs is relatively low at Rice. The Thresher certainly hopes that a little bit of extra student motivation paired with the new programs can help to alleviate that. We may be abroad programs at the university. The adjoining proposition without a second thought, Rice University is giving students to offset the costs of studying abroad via improved financial aid. This helps RUPD to identify owners of lost, stolen or impounded bikes and to disseminate safety information. You can register free online at https://www.rice.edu/bikecenter.

Cyclists riding in the street are required to comply with motor vehicle traffic regulations, including stopping at stop signs. Riding on covered walkways is prohibited because of the blind corners, close proximity to building entrances and at times crowded and cramped spaces. Cyclists should dismount and walk their bikes through these areas. When riding on a sidewalk, cyclists must give an audible signal before overtaking a pedestrian: they can either use a bell or shout out “on your left!” Pedestrians have the right of way on sidewalks, and cyclists must yield to them. To prevent theft, I recommend that/cyclists always lock their bikes with a case-hardened “U” lock at a bike rack.

While Houston is certainly known as a car-crazy city, over the last few years Rice has developed an increasingly active bicycle culture. This emerging interest in cycling is reflected in the bicycle-sharing programs and bicycle lanes at several academic colleges, as well as the student-run bicycle repair shop open Saturday and Sunday after noon from noon to 4:00 p.m. in the basement of Bas Hall. It is also reflected in the proliferation of new bicycle racks, where in just the last three years the number of parking spaces in racks on campus has increased almost 50 percent to more than 5,000. Rice students have used these new racks with a case-hardened “U” lock at a bike rack.

By following these simple steps, cyclists can help to create a safer environment for both themselves and pedestrians at Rice.

Richard Johnson
Director of Energy and Sustainability
Rice Bicycle Safety Committee Member

Music pirating a risky proposition

This past week, the hip-hop world was rocked by yet another leaked album. This time it was J. Cole’s debut album, Cole World. In a world where illegal music pirating occurs without a second thought, Rice University is giving students a reason to think again before clicking that download button (see story, pg. 1).

Since Rice hosts massive volumes of internet traffic, record labels and other monitoring services alert the university when illegal downloads are detected. Rice has observed a massive spike in copyright violation downloads this year, and violators are being fined for their offenses. Downloading music illegally has become second-nature for many, and it is understandable that this act is common on college campuses. However, pirating is illegal, and doing it on Rice’s servers leaves users open to monitoring and legal consequences.

In past years, the choice was to either pay $10 for an album or illegally download it. There was no middle ground, and there were no other choices. However, the same is no longer true. With the advent of streaming music through services such as Spotify, Pandora and Google Music, illegal pirating is no longer necessary. These services not only allow you to save your favorite songs as if it were a library, but they also reimburse your favorite artists for their talents. Consider going legal with your music — if not for fear of the fines, to support your favorite musicians.
NEW VOTING LAWS MAY LESSEN VOTING PARTICIPATION AT RICE

LAST YEAR, MORE STUDENTS AT RICE CAME OUT TO VOTE IN THE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION THAN IN THE LAST MID-TERM ELECTION. ACHIEVING SIMILAR SUCCESS MAY NOT BE IMPOSSIBLE. VOTERS EVERYWHERE WERE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE BY A BLUNT FORCE WITH THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE'S PASSAGE OF S.B. 14, A NEW LAW REQUIRING VOTERS TO HAVE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AND A LISTED ADDRESS THAT MATCHES THE ONE ON THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

Cindy Dinh

THE LAW WILL BE IN EFFECT IN JANUARY 2015, PENDING APPROVAL FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THIS FRIDAY.

This Voter ID law immediately raised concerns among stakeholders. The law is especially burdensome to those without photo ID.

The new law requires voters to present a form of photo identification, including a driver's license, passport, or U.S. military ID. It also includes the person's photograph, or other necessary information such as a signature. Voters who do not have photo identifying documents may present a form of photo identification: voter registration card, U.S. passport, U.S. military ID, student ID, or U.S. military ID. This Voter ID law immediately raised a flag in my mind. It is a university where almost half of the student population is from out of state.

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In the New York Times last week, Saudi prince Turki Al-Faisal took up the Palestinian cause and authored an editorial entitled "Veto a State, Lose on All," warning that if the U.S. doesn't support Palestinian statehood in the U.N. Senate or General Assembly, it's giving up its right to a Palestinian state and its allies like the U.S.

El Spector

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Sid Rich’s ‘80s party is a success with no transports or fire alarms

BY SAM HOOVER
For the Thresher

Bright colors and spandex abounded on campus last Saturday when around 2,000 students attended Sid Richardson College’s annual ‘80s party. Typically one of the year’s most popular public parties, Sid ‘80s again featured the live ‘80s cover band Molly & the Ringwalds, who played in the college’s common room for the duration of the event.

“The ‘80s cover band was a great touch,” Brown freshman Aryn Neurock said. “It was far more lively than a DJ.”

Sid Richardson Co-Socials Julianne Robertson and Libby Ulman commented that this was the band’s ninth year to play at Sid’s ‘80s party.

Though Sid ‘80s is a long-established public party, the outdoor space which many students utilized on Saturday was new to the event. That space, which included stations for alcohol serving, bathrooms and live audio of the concert going on indoors, was planned in response to the problem of overcrowding.

“Sid is physically one of the smallest colleges... our commons is pretty small, and we also have a bottleneck area in between the elevators and the commons that has always gotten overcrowded. We had to look at solutions for how to handle [that problem],” Ulman said. “The outdoor area really helped.”

Many said they found the space to be successful, including Marstel College sophomore Mike Tabata.

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Despite heavy attendance, there were no EMS transports made during the party, said the Sid co-socials. While Dean Hutchinson and Rice EMS have stressed that EMS calls should not be used as a metric and that students should never hesitate to call EMS if a student’s safety is unsure, Ulman and Robertson believe that the lack of EMS intervention in Saturday’s event is due in part to the special measures taken by Sid to ensure student safety there.

“We have a pretty successful caregiving setup in general, where we have caregivers that take care of EMS calls, caregivers who are there to provide water... and an area for people to step away from the party who might have had too many drinks,” Ulman said.

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The central quad will be an important space on campus.

The cafe which served food while the main cafe is closed.

There is also an option for outdoor seating on the deck.

The cafe will also fill a gap in the neighborhood for a place to get a quick bite to eat. Rice Building Workshop professor Sanya Gomnadez said.

“We want it to be a hinge between the neighborhood and the Menil,” she said.

Designs for this project began last semester and is now being finalized by a new class with a different set of students. The class is working out the details for construction, including collaboration with engineers, meeting with the city and making sure the building meets all codes and standards, Gomnadez said. Construction will begin in January.

“The cafe, which opened in 1997 and has focused on designing cheap housing that is still comfortable and can be built off-site in the past, Samuels said.

Baker College senior Christine Cooper is happy about the garden.

“I think that gardens are great because it means that another building won’t be built there,” Cooper said. “I like that it preserves more green space in the center of campus.”

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Student works to become Marine

BY BROOKE BULLOCK
Tacoma, Wash.

Like any student nearing graduation, Lowell College junior Bianca Bealessio was contemplating what she would do with her chemical engineering major. To her, there were not many options. She could make money in industry—like the major oil companies—or she could make more money in industry. Neither option held much pull on her.

This thinking led Bealessio to the conclusion that she would rather do something that benefited her country than concentrate on her own income. According to Bealessio, there is no better option than the military, and within the military, the Marines are the best.

Training began last November for Bealessio, after she had looked into the Marine Officer Candidate School program the same month. She began physical training with the officer selection program with workouts held at Memorial Field several times a week at 5 a.m. for those interested in pursuing officer training school.

Scheduling around her other work was tough as well, she said. Since she is studying to be a chemical engineer, she has to work around problems sets and tests.

“I couldn’t go every single day,” Bealessio said, “It took a lot of planning to get the right amount of sleep.”

After looking into the program, Bealessio had to compile an application for Marine Officer Candidate School. Bealessio worked with Captain James Winston, an officer selection officer here in Houston.

“The path to becoming an officer begins with the officer selection officer,” Winston said. “My job is to identify those students who will be worthy candidates. I answer questions and help students decide which commissioning program best suits them.”

To apply for OCS, you must be pursuing a college degree, Bealessio said. The application involves a physical fitness test, which includes a three-mile run, sit-ups and pull-ups. There is also a brief-arm hang for females.

“The highest possible score on the physical fitness test is a 300,” Winston said. “For men, that means 20 pull-ups, 100 crunches in two minutes and an 18-minute three-mile run. For women, that means 70 seconds on a flexed-arm hang, 100 crunches in two minutes and a 21-minute three-mile run.”

The minimum score to qualify is a 225, Winston said, but the combinations may change to achieve that score.

Academics and extracurriculars are also taken into account for the application, along with three or four recommendation letters. Three applicants go to the Military Entrance Processing Station for a medical examination.

Once the application is complete, Bealessio said, Winston submits it to a board, which decides whether it wants an applicant to attend OCS. The program is becoming increasingly competitive and many applicants do not make it to the board selection round, Winston said.

After that selection process, applicants at the OCS, of which Bealessio has completed the first six-week session. Winston said about 70 percent of male candidates and 70 percent of females make it through training.

“Bianca is in a pretty rare group,” Winston said. “Out of a 100-candidate sampling population of females, only about 37 that apply successfully complete training.”

During OCS, candidates are evaluated on leadership, academics and physical training, Winston said.

“To become an officer, you must excel at all three,” Winston said. “For many students, the initial perception is that the toughest challenge is going to be physical, but I would say that the greatest challenge at OCS is learning to lead.”

Bealessio’s favorite part of OCS was the sense of camaraderie built during training. She said that she lived with the same group of people in close quarters for all six weeks, which built a strong sense of fellowship among them.

“There’s no way you wouldn’t do something for them out of trouble or to help them do better on a test, whether you like someone or not,” Bealessio said.

The next step for Bealessio is to go back in OCS in the summer for the second six-week program.

Rice alumni who have gone through the program include Lieutenant Sam Monks (Yet Rich ’80) who received his commission while at University of Houston Law School and will attend The Basic School—the next step after accepting a commission—in January and will be an attorney. Other Rice alumni include Jeremy Lutus (Jones ’11) and Michael Clendenen (Brown ’11), who will both be attending OCS in October—Lutus as a future Marine Aviator and Clendenen as a future Ground Officer.

 Bealessio will be honored before the Rice vs. Memphis game on Oct. 8 at the Rice Stadium. Winston said.

Any students interested in learning more about becoming an officer in the Marines can contact Winston by email at winston@lowellcollege.edu.

Lowell College junior Bianca Bealessio will use her chemical engineering major to serve as a United States Marine.
RUPD POLICE BLOTTER
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**INTERNATIONAL**

**Hey there Palestine (to the tune of “Hey there Delilah”)**

Hey there Palestine
What’s it’s like in New York City
You’re a thousand miles away from contested Jerusalem
But you still want a seat on the U.N.
Yes you do
The United States will veto you
I swear its true

Hey there Palestine
Don’t you worry about observer status?
The general assembly will vote for you
France even supports a limited plan
It’s one year long
The U.S. is isolated and looks internationally alone
Many countries think it’s wrong

Oh, they will vote for your seat next week
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Vote for your seat next week
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The Palestinian Authority goes to the United Nations to seek status as a sovereign nation. However, in a speech in front of the General Assembly, President Barack Obama has vowed to veto any attempt in the Security Council. Palestine can still seek observer status at the General Assembly, which they are expected to win. Most see this as the most likely outcome though a last minute return to peace talks could avert the diplomatic crisis. In a reproduction of U.S. policy, French president Nicolas Sarkozy has offered a one year plan to return to peace talks with an immediate vote on observer status. Whatever the outcome, the U.S.’s standing in the Middle East has certainly diminished.

**NATIONAL**

**Troy Davis executed**

Wednesday night the government killed Troy Davis for a 1999 homicide.
Some hoped a last minute Supreme Court decision would avoid the execution to subside: the majority of the witnesses in the case decided to change their testimony. And there are those who feel the accused is innocent and charged undeservingly.
He was injected with a cocktail that makes one dead.
Despite what influential people like the pope have said.
Troy Davis was put to death Wednesday in Georgia for a cold-murdered. A lack of physical evidence and changes in witness testimony have made the case of a fencing raid in the death penalty case in the United States and have led to an international movement to have the sentence commuted.

Fed to lower interest rates again

In yet another attempt to get the economy out of the dumps, the Fed is lowering the interest rate hoping to see the GDP jump. They are selling $400 billion of short-term T-Bills and buying long-term treasuries in an attempt to lower interest rates and spur the economy. Many on the left said the plan was not bold enough and those on the right are critical of the Fed’s presumptuous power. All seem skeptical that the plan will be enough to help solve our current economic woes.

- ANTHONY LOMBROSO
The Chinese Student Association brought two YouTube stars from the Jubilee Project to Rice University to talk about the power of social media and their project's ultimate vision last Saturday.

The Jubilee Project is a team of three college graduates - Eric Lu, and brothers Eddie and Jason Lee - who make YouTube videos to raise money for a variety of nonprofit causes. Each video supports a specific cause.

"The team partners with various nonprofit organizations to promote and raise donations for their causes," Lu said. "For every view their videos get, the Jubilee Project receives one cent from their sponsors. So, we have set a limit on how much we donate through the penny-per-view method."

The Jubilee Project decides which nonprofits to work with on a case-by-case basis. Lu said. He noted that a lot of groups have contacted them, and they also reach out to organizations working on issues they care about.

"Starting the Jubilee Project was kind of like falling in love for the first time," Lee noted. "Their parents saw the video, and they decided to play guitar in the New York Subway."

"They took the time to talk to everyone at the restaurant and joked that they felt like a wedding couple, rotating around each table together," Sun said. "They truly made us feel like equals with them, even asking for our autographs on the back of a poster we made for them that Eric took back home to Boston."

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Much of the inspiration for their films came from the team's personal experiences, Lu said. "Eric and Jason were raised in a stereotypical Asian family," Lu noted. "Their parents wouldn't let them film-making as a hobby and weren't too happy with their recent decision to pursue it seriously, though they've changed their minds since."

The name Jubilee Project stemmed from the Bible, which states that freedom will be given in the year of jubilee, Lu said. "This idea resonated with the team members positively, with its focused on spreading joy around the world."

After the main event, the Jubilee Project joined 30 CSA members for a private dinner at the Ocean Palace restaurant.

CSA Co-President Christine Sun worked with the CSA board to bring the Jubilee Project to Rice. She said she saw one of their videos on Hepatitis B while working at the Asian Liver Center in Stanford University, and noticed they were doing a college tour and decided to contact them.

"All it took was one email to them and the rest was history," Sun said. "Brown College senior, she wanted to hear what issues Obama is concerned about. They decided to play guitar in the New York Subway."

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Sun said CSA plans to stay in touch with the Jubilee Project and hopes to see them visit again next year. Ching added that the CSA board is looking into inviting other influential Asian American next semester.

Martel College sophomore Zainab Shipchandler said she had not heard much about the Jubilee Project prior to the event but was inspired and moved to help by their example. She added that she was impressed by their humility and believed they brought out the best in people.

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"Join us September 30

Language

Brown College sophomore Alison Moscoso said that she would appreciate having class five times a week.

"I would be guilty to be a proficient in the language, which is a main goal in the long run," Moscoso said.

In order to find class times that accommodate the greatest number of students, the Student Association Academic Committee is working together with Shumway to create a student focus group which will start meeting on Monday, Sept. 26.

New major

In addition to strengthening introductory language courses, Shumway is also proposing a major that is tentatively called an International and Area Studies major. The proposal, which is awaiting approval, is aimed at increasing the number of students who learn a foreign language and then use it to study abroad.

The major would consist of 10 classes, with a choice of four possible fields: European studies, Asian studies, Latin American and Middle Eastern and African studies. For each field, students would be required to take one introductory introductory course that would focus on historical and cultural understanding another culture.

After completing this introductory course, students could move on to courses in their chosen field. Courses would have to be graded in one of two distribution requirements - two in the humanities and two in the social sciences.

According to Shumway, the proposal includes a required semester abroad, a language proficiency requirement and a senior thesis in the student's chosen field. The thesis could be written in either English or the language that was being studied. While abroad, students would take up to four courses toward completing the major and the distribution requirement.

For the language requirement, students would need to prove a high level of competency in reading, writing and speaking in the language that they are studying. The senior thesis would be a directed study on a topic relevant to the chosen field, using sources written in the language of study.

"Although this would be a free-standing major, we anticipate that many students will use it to double major," Freeman said.

"This is an addition to being a great experience, a semester abroad can help students further their career options."

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showed that the interactions and ties between Taiwan and China are undeniable. "For the first time in 2010, nearly 300 mainland spouses had applied for entity nationality in Taiwan and nearly 15 percent of the newly born had been born to a mother who was not a Taiwanese," Yeh said. "At the same time, Taiwanese businessmen are going to China to invest."

According to Chao, who was instrumental in bringing Yeh to Rice, the Chao Center collaborated with the History Department to invite Professor Yeh. Chao said that the Chao Center was interested in bringing Professor Yeh to Rice because of her academic work and reputation.

"Professor Yeh is a seasoned historian of Modern China," she said. "Her work is path-breaking and highly informative on the topics of China, past and present." Chao noted that the talk was well attended at over 70 guests in the audience, which comprised of Rice students, faculty and was members of the Houston community.

Professor Yeh's lecture provided an insightful history of Taiwan from 1895 to today, and offered the provocative perspective that without a serious change in the minds of the political leaders and a "large dose of political wisdom," the reunification of Taiwan and the mainland will not occur despite increasing economic and cultural exchanges across the Strait," Chao said.

Wenches College junior Pin Fang Wang said that she agreed with Yeh's analysis that Taiwan's role may be important between Taiwan and China.

Mcmurtry College sophomore Daniel Peng said that he enjoyed the second part of Yeh's lecture much more than the first, as it presented new information.

"I like [how] she talked about the cultural and commercial interaction in the microeconomic perspective," Peng said. "It didn't change my understanding of the relationship, but it filled some gaps of my knowledge."

Jumes College sophomore Ariel Chen praised Yeh's delivery of a lecture on such a politically sensitive and complex matter.

"Professor Yeh articulated the material in a very clear and direct manner," Chen said. "I think the end of the lecture, listeners were left with a main point were."

The Rice Women's Resource Center celebrated its 15th birthday this past Friday with its original founder, Mona Hicks. There were about 70 party-goers present to celebrate the anniversary.

In 1996, Mona Hicks launched the RWRC while working at her first job at Rice University as the Director of Student Activities.

"The beautiful thing about Rice is its student government and involvement," Hicks said. "I believe in listening to, and students supporting what they help to create."

Students leadership from the Women's Interest Network and the Graduate Women's Interest Network, the precursors to the current RWRC, gave her a three-year proposal to create this resource on campus.

Hicks then worked long hours with students until the RWRC had its grand opening on Feb. 9, 1998. She continued to work in the resource center as its staff supervisor during its initial years.

The RWRC was created to give students the opportunity to share their voice and give people the opportunity to feel empowered Hicks said. The RWRC Student Director Rochael Petersen spoke about the future of the resource center, now in its new location near the entrance to the Brown Garden in the Lemon Student Center.

The RWRC plans to focus more on professional development and being a woman in the workplace as well as include more men and people who don't self-identify as feminists, Petersen said. The RWRC is also hoping to expand its focus against sexual assault by strengthening relations with Student Judicial Programs, Rice University Police Department, Student Resource Center, and the Counseling Center.

"If it's relevant," Petersen, a McMurtry College senior, said. "We're still working for full acceptance and equality."

Although Hicks, who is currently the Assistant Vice President for Student Life at the University of North Texas, is not directly involved with the RWRC anymore, she is extremely proud with what the RWRC has done.

A volunteer at the resource center, Hannah Thalendorf, thinks that the RWRC is always putting on great events.

"It's a place for safe, open discussion," Thalendorf, a McMurry senior, said. "You're at the [RWRC's] biggest event.

After the speeches were over, students ate cupcakes and members of the Folds sang a rendition of "Happy Birthday" before and after the ceremony, KTRU Jr. Julie Zigman provided music from an all female playlist and atmosphere.

The RWRC's mission is to increase awareness of issues facing women and provide a support network and safe space. The organization does this through educational programs and social activities. One of their most popular events of the year, "Concert Is Sexy," takes place the Friday after the Night of Decadence and is comprised of a slew of events that emphasize the importance of sexual consent.
Students gather at intramural field six to eat dinner together during Sammy's picnic. Aside from eating, students played sports and chatted together on the lawn. Menu items included corn dogs, sliders, nachos and churros for dessert. The event preceded a women's volleyball game and was meant to encourage attendance at the match held in the neighboring Tudor Fieldhouse.

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What's Their Secret?

**Project Spotlight: Golden Goals Project**

BY SEONG JONG HONG
THRESHER STAFF

You ever see two young students biking with a skateboard in the middle of the Student Center plaza? They are not at all surprised. It's a regular sight at Rice University. "I love teaching [ELEC Engineering course]," Don Johnson explained on why he is still teaching several years ago, "because they might think that they're stupid." And if they ever see two young students with a skateboard, they want them to come and talk about their projects.

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BRIAN BIEKMAN
FOR THE THREESHER

Straw Dogs, a remake of the 1971 film with the same name, is an above-average thriller devoid of gut-wrenching moments, a predictable plot line and a gimmicky ending. During the climactic scenes, it keeps viewers hungrily latching their nails. However, with a tighter screenplay, editing and direction, this film could have been one of the few great remakes.

David Simons (James Mundien, FM) is a loner writer who moves with his wife Amy (Kate Bosworth, Superman-Re- turn) back to her hometown. The town experiences the deep south: there is only one police office, any man who doesn't want to share his family hurts and in one scene, during a church sermon, the transvestite guy go to God to tear their high school football team to victory.

When David and Amy first see, they meet some of her old friends. Naturally, they don't take kindly to Da- vid's foreign eager convertible, nor his white sneakers without laces. Most notably, Amy's ex-boyfriend Charlie (Alexander Skarsgard, Zoolander) green David with a smile that subtly shows his hatred and jealousy. When David and Amy move into their house, they hire David and his friends to fix the roof. They harass David and Amy relatively by loudly fawning over her body and making Southern rock so that David can't focus on his writing. When Charlie tells David something vital to the plot, creeping archers music and the camera circles around David and slow- ly zooms in his face. The viewers feel the tension between Charlie and David. One night Charlie's crew presumably breaks into David and Amy's home and strives their cat. After that, the film's pace picks up dramatically, climaxing with an ultra-violent final scene in which David must protect both Amy and himself.

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Kate Bosworth and James Mundrien play a terrorized couple in Straw Dogs.

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Do you pick up your phone in the daylight? If not, you are probably familiar with the hit Matt & Kim song "Dancefloor Catch." The band will play with still:sire on Monday at 7 p.m. Tickets are $8.

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Why my roommate’s iPod is better than yours

Sonia Pothraj

The day I met my roommate — a Latina rebel without a cause — my playlist changed permanently. The list that once shuffled from pop artist to pop artist was at once done over, replaced with a Neiman Marcus silk suit for Eup and a Christian Dior blazer for Eup.

I walked into this new space with my iPod and headphones. I was already a victim of this generation's(appropriate) music habits: one where the iPod is the center of attention, the reason we laugh, the reason we cry, the reason we talk.

However, though the aforementioned options for widening your playlist are accessible, there are some changes I suggest we make as a community as a whole.

For instance, perhaps there could be more varied playlists for each class or group of people that do not already have themes. A classroom or student group of Red Sox fans would indeed be out of place, but throwing in an event for a group of people where appropriate music enhances the quality of the music itself for all would be an obvious choice. For jazz fans and blues fans, the only issue is the genre, and the only problem with this is the genre itself.

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Perhaps an even easier way to diversify your musical palate is right at home: KTRU, Rice's student-run radio station. While I'm no musical expert, I do feel free to approach the owner and ask for some suggestions on how to do it better. My goal is for us all to try a new genre or artist that we've never heard before, and to continue to do so in the future.

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Classic Flicks: Duck Soup

Duck Soup reminds me of both Charlie Chaplin's films and Charles Schulz's beloved comic strip Peanuts, because on the surface these works might seem too simple and plain, or even mean for children. If you delve deeper, though, you will discover more about the human condition than you expected to learn from a mere comedy.

Those looking for laugh-till-your-stomach hurts comedy don't need to look any further. Though I will admit that I am now open to classic black-and-white films than some, I still feel that many people would find the comedy quite fresh. Much of the verbal agility in the film comes from Groucho's inimitable style; his delivery of witty repartees is delightful and hilarious. Nevertheless, it would be an error not to credit the work of the screenwriters. The screenplay is a mixture of metaphor, historical allusions and extremely clever puns. If you laugh too long or too loud, you may just miss another golden punch line. Had Groucho and his brothers never graced the silver screen, it is doubtful that any of their fruitful endeavors—Woods Allen, Larry David and Ricky Gervais to name a famous few—would have come to prominence.

In all, seeing Duck Soup, you can be sure of one thing: the Marx Brothers at the height of their comedic powers. Be sure to check out the S.J. Perelman-penned Monkey Business (1931), A Night at the Opera (1935) and A Day at the Races (1937). Carol Burnett said that comedy is tragedy plus time. But how many films do we rewatch, only to realize that they really aren't as funny as we thought they were years ago? Unlike a dated comedy, a great comedy plus time still equals comedy. And that's what Duck Soup is.

Joseph Allencherril is a Will Rice College senior. Classic Flicks is a column reexamining the best that cinema has to offer.

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Women off the races with dominating performance

Wade, Pye lead women to first place finish, Cavallo shines in men's third place effort

It was a tale of two races at the 36th Justin F. Cooper Memorial Rice Invitational, one in which expectations of a first-place finish were met and another in which unexpected results were produced.

For the first race, the women's cross country team was led by stalwart seniors Allison Pye and Becky Wade, who each looked as if they fully intended on returning to the NCAA National Meet this November. Taking home the gold medal was Wade, who finished the four-kilometer race in 16:52 and ran as if she had not missed last season at all. Pye was equally impressive, crossing the finish line in third place with a time of 16:38. Sophomore Farzad Mostowfi was fifth, finishing in 16:52. Head Coach Jim Bevan beamed as he spoke about their veteran runners' performances.

"Bevan was outstanding in her first race at 80 percent in almost two years," Bevan said. "She ran a smart race, and moved up and then away to take the race. Pye gives us a great one-two punch..." Monday has made herself into a first-class runner on a great team."

Rounding out the scoring effort were two freshmen, Sasha Schoch in 13th place and Allie Schacht, just five seconds behind her in 25th place.

While Rice's top finish was impressive, it was not without qualification. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi was second with 25 points, just two off of Rice's total of 52. Bevan spoke in the level of talent present at the meet.

"This was the most competitive Rice Invitational in 10 years," Bevan said. "We were happy to pull out a tight victory and I'm especially happy to go out as we have finished our season."

Finishing up Rice's lineup were sophomore Lindsay Miller, who was just four seconds behind Schacht, along with juniors Heathies Olson and Macie Walsh and sophomore Johanna Ohm.

With a victory already chalked up, the Owls will head to run in the Islander Splash today, hosted by Texas A&M Corpus Christi, where Rice will look to defend the Islanders for the second week in a row.

As for last Friday's final race, the men's team did not fare as well as expected, with the Owls coming in third place with 70 points, three behind Texas A&M Corpus Christi and 11 behind Lamar University, which won the Rice Invitational after coming in second in Rice last year.

While senior Michael Trepko and junior Gabie Cuadra and Matt Carey were expected to fill in at least three of the top four spots on the team, it was sophomore John Cavallo who somehow stole the show. Cavallo, who, despite a strong performance in his first year as an Owl last year, was still not expected to be the top runner for Rice in any meet this year.

But Friday changed that perception quickly, as Cavallo stayed near the front of the pack the entire race, finishing in eighth at the finish. (Not to cross the finish line in the five-and-a-half kilometer race with a time of 17:21 to take 12th place, an improvement of 12 seconds over his time last year. Following Llamas were Tryes, Caadra and sophomore Alex Weinheimer, all who finished in the top 10 overall. Junior Matt Carey followed five seconds behind Weinheimer, while a trio of sophomores including Wyatt Douglas, Robert and Anthony Ursuashed finished up the Rice effort. Texas A&M Corpus Christi's Patrick Kettell took home first place by running the race in a time of 16:52.

Head Coach Jon Warren (Jones '88) had positive things to say about the team's efforts despite the third-place finish.

"I liked the team's performance, but I was a little surprised in the order of our finish," Warren said. "Our practices had not shown that (freshman) Will (Firth), James and John being ahead of Gabe, Matt, and Michael."

Volleyball picks up two wins at SFA, loses to UH

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Freshman Allie Schacht pulls away from a Lamar University junior during the women's cross country team's victory at the 36th Justin F. Cooper Memorial Rice Invitational on Friday.

Dan Edleman
The Rice Thresher Sports Editor

Finishing, finishing, finishing. That has been the main problem for the volleyball team this year as they dropped another five-set match on the weekend, this time to the University of North Dakota last Friday at the Chilly Pillow's Stephen F. Austin Invitational.

Rice got off on the right foot as they took the first set from North Dakota 25-23. Even though the Owls dropped the second set, they looked to be in their way in as they took the third set comfortably. 25-15. Rice could not put the Fighting Sioux away as they lost the fourth set to heartbreaking fashion, 25-23. The Owls did not show up to compete in the fifth set as North Dakota dominated and won 15-9 to win the match, 3-2. Junior outside hitter Lauren McManus led the team with 11 kills and 8 digs while junior middle blocker Nancy Cole added 10 kills of her own. Sophomore setter Becca Murphy piled up 42 assists in the loss.

Five-set matches have been the Owls' kryptonite to this year as they have now dropped to 1-4 in five-set matches this year. Head Coach Waverly Volpe voiced her frustration as she feels that going to five sets is daunting for the players at this point and that the Owls have to finish opponents earlier.

"We were pretty disappointed in the loss because we felt like we could have taken that team in four and we ended up losing," Volpe said. "We have a lot of young players that are getting a lot of experience." The Owls did not show up to compete in the fifth set as North Dakota dominated and won 15-9.

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The Owls did end the tournament on a good note as they beat both Sam Houston State University (7-7) and Stephen F. Austin State University (6-8) 3-1 and 3-0 respectively. Cole, McManus and sophomore Mariah Baldridge took the Owls with 10 kills against SHSU, while Murphy tallied 47 assists. Against SFAU, Cole, McManus and freshman Lexiee Bache had nine kills to lead Rice over the Ladyjacks.

Getting back to play at Tudor Fieldhouse for the first time since the win over Georgia Tech on Sept. 7, the Owls hosted long-time conference rival the University of Houston last Tuesday to start Conference USA play. What the volleyball team hoped was going to be a homecoming to their conference season ended in a final and in that as the Cougars wrapped the Owls 3-0.

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With the loss, the Owls are now 7-7 for the year as they are ready to start off the 2012 CUSA campaign. Volpe said the Owls are "very focused on the next game in the future as we are going to play Rice tomorrow night."

The Owls will play it at 7 p.m. at Tudor Fieldhouse.
Golden goal seals up soccer's fifth win of the season
Owls end non-conference matches on high note, begin C-USA play tonight vs. UAB

Dan Elledge
SPORTS EDITORIAL STAFF

The Owls ended the non-conference slate with a bang last Saturday as they outlasted Western Kentucky University, 3-2 in a double overtime thriller. It was the Owls second double-overtime win of the season as they beat Louisiana State University 3-0 in double-overtime at home on Sept. 2.

Rice did not wait long to capitalize on an opportunity as sophomore forward Jessica Howard added a goal in the 90th minute to give the Owls a 1-0 lead.

The Owls' lead did not last for long, as the Hilltoppers tied the game at 1-1 in the first overtime session. Although the Owls dominated the game by out-shooting Western Kentucky 23-13 through 90 minutes, it was all for naught as the game was tied 2-2 in the 90th minute.

In the first overtime session, senior forward Nikki Storness tried to end the game in the 90th minute, but her shot was saved. However, in the second minute of second overtime, she would not be denied as she put the shot past the goalkeeper, as was fellow senior forward Hope Ward's attempt to head in the game-winner, as was fellow senior forward Kylia's shot on goal in the 85th minute was saved.

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Coming out of halftime, Western Kentucky took advantage of their chances as they added to their lead thanks to a goal from Western Kentucky senior forward Mallory Outerbridge. Rice could not find the back of the net for the rest of the half and the game went into halftime tied 1-1.

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Although he was running as an unattached runner, the aforementioned Firth was one of the biggest stories for the rice racers this week, finishing in 19th place overall, virtually tied with Trejo. Mirroring Cavallio's freshman year performance in the Rice Invitational, in which he finished second on the team, Firth appears to have solidified himself as one of a few freshmen that could be key contributors to the Rice effort. Fellow freshman Meron Fessahaie finished 24th, three seconds faster than Weinheimer, meaning that if Fessahaie and Firth had been running in Rice jerseys, the Owls' total would have been no instead of 60.

Compared to last year, the Owls had five runners in the top 15 overall finishers, while this year they only had two, although the freshmen did not run in the 2010 race. Still, the team's corps of top runners realizes it must have better quality races if Rice wishes to take the next step and become Conference USA Champions. That next step toward a conference championship can be taken at the Grass Routes Run Festival next Friday in Austin.
Volleyball

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Senior Isamu Tachibana took out Nicolas Moreno of the University of Texas at Arlington in two quick sets to advance, while sophomore Philipp Seifert won his second-round match against Daniel Brown of Texas A&M University.

Veterans were not the only ones making noise in Midland. While the fall season plays second fiddle to the spring season in collegiate tennis, the competition at last weekend's Midland Racquet Club Collegiate Invitational in Midland, Texas provided a telling barometer for how well the men's and women's tennis teams expect to stack up against regional schools.

For the men, the result was relatively better than last year's Midland Invite, with three players advancing to the winner's bracket, compared to two last year.

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BAYLOR/ LONGHORN INVITATIONAL

When: Friday-Sunday

Where: Waco and Austin.

Info: The men and women split up this week. Last year Philipp Seifert won the Men's Open Singles B title and the women did not play in the U.S. Longhorn Invitational last year.

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The 100-year hangover
Rice University's new commemorative beer, Saint Arnold's Centen-Tini Ale, will be released at Valhalla this afternoon at 4 p.m. If the kegs at the Purdue University tailgate weren't enough for you, get the Rice-themed beer in a bottle, new label design and all. Saint Arnold himself will be there to give his holy blessing.

El cine mexicano
There will be another installment of the Mexican Film Series tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Rice Gallery. Tonight's film is Spiral, a tragicomedy directed by Jorge Perez Solano. The film series continues tomorrow at 7 p.m. with the film The Student. All films are free and open to the public.

Fridisima Kahlsimo
Discovery Green will host Gregorio Luke to perform his lecture, "All About Frida." Take the light rail downtown and learn about this great Mexican artist at 7 p.m. The talk is free and open to all, even to those of us with unburnt.

Más películas
The Spanish Resource Center presents La nina de mis ojos, the second installment of the Tardes de cine film series. The movie will play Monday at 7 p.m. in Sewall Hall 303. If you haven't learned Spanish by now, you aren't attending enough free movie screenings at Rice.

Meet and eat
Surprise! There will be a talk tonight on Monday at 7 p.m. in Sewall Hall 303. If you haven't learned Spanish by now, you aren't attending enough free movie screenings at Rice.

IT and Fondy give you wings
Do you have a 20-page paper due and your computer just broke? Solve all of your problems at the Stay Awake Study Break on Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion. Hosted by Information Technologies and Fondren Library, there will be caffeine, sugar and lipids to keep you going through the long night. IT Ambassador, Student Computing Consultants and Fondren Library staff will be present to provide tips and information. Did you spill free Starbucks on your keyboard? That's your own fault.

A new hue in Sewall
Walking back and forth through Sewall Hall, you might have noticed some colorful buildings being constructed behind the glass of the Rice Gallery. On Thursday you will finally be able to explore Ana Serrano's Salon of Beauty. The opening celebration lasts from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with remarks by the artist Ana Serrano at 6 p.m.

Mix it like an orbital shaker
Do you say that undergraduates and graduate students don't get along? Put your problems at the Stay Awake Study Break on Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion. Hosted by Information Technologies and Fondren Library, there will be caffeine, sugar and lipids to keep you going through the long night. IT Ambassador, Student Computing Consultants and Fondren Library staff will be present to provide tips and information. Did you spill free Starbucks on your keyboard? That's your own fault.

MAGIC EYE
HOGWARTS OF THE SOUTH

Just don’t do it again," Ron said. Hermione walked into the room, her hair frazzled and unkempt, and her face as pale as He-Who-Must-Not-Be Named. (Voldemort, that’s who we are talking about.) “Holy shit, there’s a difference between Buttebeer and Jell-O shots,” said the disheveled mudblood. “I felt worse than that time we had Polyjuice Potion. Luckily, Madame Pomfrey said I was all fine after she cast a stomach pumping spell.”

Ron scowled at her with a look more deadly than the Avada Kadova curse. “Oh stop it, Ron,” Hermione quickly snapped. “I know what you’re mad about, it was just a little bit of fun. Why don’t you go cry to your twin brothers about it. Oh, that’s right, Fred died.”

Ron looked upset, but then his expression changed, a thought reaching his head. “Look, we can all get mad at each other, but I realized we only had half of the handle of Barcadium 1500. Anyone down for some crunk breakfast?”

Just as Ron finished, Neville Longbottom ran in. “You won’t believe this, guys. The De-mentors saw Draco Malfoy being belligerent and took him to Azkaban for the night.” “That’s hilarious," Harry said. I hope his dad is going to come down here personally and shove that cane of his so far up Draco’s..."