Surrender to crepes

Party like you are Charles de Gaulle and head over to the Bouchon Bistro to enjoy Salento’s offerings of crepes. There will be both sweet and savory crepes so you should make sure to sample everything. Come to Salento this Saturday to get yours.

The salon is open!

Assan Serre’s new installation art exhibit “Salon of Beauty” opened Thursday. The exhibit shows off the beauty in everyday urban settings, from handmade signage to the colors of houses down the street. Stop by to check out the latest from Rice University Art Gallery.

Getting freaky in the Boudoir

Stripper poles, Mattresses, Feathers, No, it’s not a seedy room at the Colorado, It’s Hammer’s public party. Come out Saturday for Hamme Hammer. Whether it’s foot massage or something else, put on your pjs this weekend for Rice’s best pajama party!

Professor receives National Medal of Science

BY HALLIE JORDAN
CSTAFF

Coming from an immigrant family who wash the first to go college, computer and applied mathematics professor Richard Tapia never planned on winning any awards—especially one of the most prestigious in the country. Now, he is scheduled to receive his National Medal of Science from President Barack Obama in October.

"This is an extraordinary honor, and we are thrilled for Richard and we are thrilled that this country has recognized him for this," President David Leebron said. "It’s obviously an extraordinary scientist, but he has also really dedicated himself to opening up opportunities for underrepresented minorities. He’s creating a national agenda."

Tapia has been working at Rice University since 1970. He is known not only for his work in mathematics, but also for his commitment to promoting the science in environments that are very harsh, born everywhere and many are living migrants and was the first in his family to go to college. He received his bachelor’s, master’s and Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of California—Los Angeles. Tapia has been working at Rice University since 1970. He is known not only for his work in mathematics, but also for his commitment to promoting the science in environments that are very harsh, born everywhere and many are living migrants and was the first in his family to go to college. He received his bachelor’s, master’s and Ph.D. in mathematics from California—Los Angeles.

Now, he is scheduled to receive the National Medal of Science. This award is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the science, technology, and engineering efforts of the United States.

"This is not a dream come true because I never dreamed about it... I never came close to thinking I would ever get one."

Richard Tapia

Richard Tapia

The award reflects well on Rice and Houston, Tapia said, who is not only happy to receive it for his career but to represent this part of the country.

"We’re all fighting for visibility, and science awards tend to go to the East or West Coasts. It is very satisfying to represent Rice and Houston in Texas."

Tapia said. Please recycle.

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National honor reflects Rice professors' commitment to education

Rice’s own Richard Tapia was honored with the U.S. National Medal of Science this past week (see story, pg. 1). Tapia’s work in the field of mathematics, paired with his long-term association with the university is a testament to Rice’s ability to draw community for over 40 years, and his long-term association with the university is a testament to Rice’s ability to draw.

The additional aspect of Tapia’s social influence makes this recognition even more deserved. During his long tenure at Rice, he has made a real impact on the community of underrepresented minorities in local communities. In doing so, Tapia represents exactly what Rice should continue to strive for in the future. While the university may place importance on rankings and national recognition, it must also continue to be multifaceted.

Rice must demonstrate academic excellence while it connects with the local community, serve the less privileged, and maintain ties to its passionate issues. Rice arguably has the most character of any college in the country, and it’s important that we do not lose that as we seek to improve our school’s national standing.

Richard Tapia is a model of academic excellence and social consciousness, and the Thresher wishes to congratulate him. We certainly hope that Rice will continue to seek faculty consciousness, and the university for over 40 years, and his long-term association with the university is a testament to Rice’s ability to draw and maintain ties to its passionate issues.

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Greater leadership and initiative needed at Rice University

Apathy is quite the buzzword at Rice; for every comment about rigorous majors and extreme coursework, a reference is made to Rice students’ failure to get involved and effect change. Whether discussing voting, college cabinets, environmental consciousness or entrepreneurship, it seems that too many students simply decide to stay out of the fray and not participate. Of course, there are widespread exemptions to all of the claims, but on the whole, Rice students could certainly benefit from less apathy. It is precisely this lack of initiative and leadership that the leadership committee has been established to address (see story, pg. 1).

This committee will have to deal with both mental barriers and information asymmetries that prevent students at Rice from getting more involved in the university, local and broader communities that they are a part of. Mental barriers constitute each internal reason not to participate in an activity: lack of time, lack of confidence, lack of desire, and lack of motivation. While each person can not be persuaded to act on passions and exhibit initiative, the committee can overcome both the mental barriers and information asymmetries by simply promoting the hundreds of opportunities already available on campus. Despite the availability of so many opportunities to get involved at Rice, many of them are unspoken or seem excessively distant. By efficiently promoting existing organizations, programs, and grants, students will be much more likely to take advantage of them.

The more visible these opportunities are made, the easier they seem to take advantage of; thus, even the portion of the student body more reluctant to get involved may be swayed to do so. This concept is not about coddling the student body, it is simply about making existing opportunities seem more viable and more visible. The fact is that students at Rice are extremely busy academics; thus new committees and the university as a whole need to persuade students to take more chances outside the classroom as well.

Centenni-Ale a huge hit

St. Arnold’s Centenni-Ale was released at Valhalla this past Friday and the volume of sales was extreme-

Ladies who run the world

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Proponents of Facebook's next generation might be alarmed by a recent Baker Institute event. At a recent Baker Institute event, Israel Major General Danny Danon stated he is a lead proponent of Facebook for their respective citizens. However, policymakers are called to act in the long-run to ensure the long-term stability of the Euro and the general welfare of the European Union. As policymakers in Germany and France are hesitant to support austerity and tax-cuts on the country's welfare. Simply put, they may help poverty. Simply put, they may help poverty. They must be statesman, not politicians. They must risk their careers, their for-
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Human Energy
Hanszen alumnus speaks about experience as Texas Monthly editor

BY KEVIN LIN

The Thresher's editor of Texas Monthly, a popular American magazine about life in contemporary America, has met and spoken with one of seven Texas adults, came to Rice to reflect on his time as a humanities and his thoughts on the presidential campaign of Governor Rick Perry.

Paul Burka (Hanszen '80) is well known for his extensive coverage of Texas Governor Rick Perry and was one of the first reporters to predict Perry's run in the race, which Perry did.

Despite an initially strong showing, Perry has made mistakes lately, a prominent example being the recent primary debates, Burka said. He added that Perry had been too sheltered from debates during his career and that his inner circle might suffer from being too small.

"Perry never had a debate where he was at a risk of losing an election," Burka said. Perry's strength is in being smart and personable and his ability to connect with people, Burka said.

According to Burka, another mistake was Perry's big loss in the straw poll in Florida. Perry needs to watch his statements, both when talking to Democrats and Republicans - these include his remarks about Texas secret service and his calling people who did not support letting the children of illegal immigrants go to college "heartless," Burka said.

Perry has to stop undermining his own positions and put the focus back on jobs. Perry is strong with people over 45, but he is lacking on social security, Burka said.

Despite recent events, Burka said that Perry is still one of the top candidates in the Republican primaries. "The biggest threat to Rick Perry, other than Rick Perry, is that someone else will emerge," Burka said.

Talking about politics is a tricky affair, Burka said. "[Reporters] are the conduit to the public for the interpretation of events," Burka said. "That's why people listen to us. We think we know something when we might not know anything."

Burka also spent some time talking about his stay at Rice, back when it was an all male university with no tuition. Burka was working as a sports editor for the Thresher when Rice beat University of Texas at Austin and the college system had just been instituted. Burka said that the rice of today started in 1968 when the school filed a lawsuit to change the university's charter to let in non-white, non-male students and to start charging tuition. "I've come here because I have a real interest in politics and am a pretty good reader of Paul Burka's columns," Bush said. "Burka is an astute analyst of Texas politics. His observations on Perry are spot on."

Myles Bagdasarian, a Hanszen College senior, said that this talk was a good reminder that Rice has strong alumni in fields outside of engineering.

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Recycled art exhibit opens

BY JESSICA WILDER
FUTURE THREATS

Over the next month, many students might be surprised to recognize their old belongings reconditioned and reimagined as new art. On Sept. 29, the Matchbox Gallery opened "Repurposed," a modern art exhibit displaying works of recycled materials and images.

"Repurposed" is a collaboration between Rice students Duly Li and Elliot Sollee. Li’s part of the exhibit is entitled "Reconstructed Used Furniture," and is her second work in a series of "Furniture" pieces made from recycled materials. Sollee’s part of the exhibit, "suspend- ed," is a display of images retrieved from previous photographic work. Sollee said they decided to combine their pieces into one exhibit when they realized that the content of their work is schematically linked.

Li, a Baker College senior and Assistant Director of the Matchbox Gallery, said that her work is constructed mainly from plastic bags and cardboard boxes. "Most of the material was donated by people from Rice, so it is a reflection of what our community consumes," said Li.

Sollee, a Lovett College senior and Director of the Matchbox Gallery, said the idea for "Suspended" first came to him while he was sorting through his unused tech, looking for images out of their original context. As a result, he began to search for more ways of reusing discarded images.

According to his website, the mission of the Matchbox Gallery is to "provide a flexible, alternative space for young artists to provide motivated individuals with a unique opportunity to direct, curate and manage a working exhibition space, and to engage the arts at Rice with the greater Houston community."

Since its creation, Matchbox has exhibited the visual and performance-based work of dozens of artists from the Rice community. The gallery also features artists from around the Houston area.

"The Matchbox Gallery is the outreach method for the Art Department," Sollee said. The Matchbox Gallery is supported by the Rice Visual and Dramatic Arts Department and the Rice Public Art Program. In 2009, Matchbox was awarded a Leadership Grant. Proceeds from the award are being used to make structural improvements to the gallery.

"Repurposed" will be open by appointment with the Matchbox Gallery until Oct. 7. Li and Sollee said their hope is that the exhibit will be a fun environment and excellent good exposure for the Art Department.

New online marketplace launches

BY JOEY CAPPARELLA
THE RICE THRESHER

A new online service called "OwlList" will provide a Craigslist-like system for classified ads in a centralized network for the Rice community to buy and sell everything from textbooks to furniture to tutoring.

Initiated in the spring by Baker College Senior Viet Nguyen, OwlList is now up and running at owllist.rice.edu for any member of the Rice community with a netID.

"I've never used Craigslist before, but I'd be more likely to use the Rice version in the future," said Nguyen. "I know what I was buying from."

Baker College senior Viet Nguyen agreed, while she is unfamiliar with Craigslist, she thinks OwlList is a good idea.

"I've never used Craigslist, so I don't know if I'd use it (OwlList)," said Young. "It sounds like it could be useful, though, especially for the end of the year, when people need to get rid of stuff."

Krol said that the website was active at the beginning of the year when people were moving back on campus.

"The website got a lot of use for textbooks at the beginning of the semester," Krol said. She also noted that many people looking to sell items over the summer found沮丧 in OwlList.

Brow College senior Gabriel Orbaa was enthusiastic about the idea.

"I use Craigslist all the time, and having it at Rice would make everything a lot more convenient," Orbaa said. "It just really depends on whether people actually start using it."

Krol agreed that the website would be most useful if the Rice community took advantage of it. Since opening in March 2011, the site has received 5,000 total views, and 206 advertisements; an average per day. Krol hoped that these numbers will continue to go up in the future.

"With any kind of website like Craigslist, Amazon or eBay, the benefits come from people using it as a resource," Krol said. "If 50% of its success will depend on how it is advertised in the future. A lot of ideas die off when people graduate, but we hope that the publicity efforts made by the SA will give OwlList longevity."

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SA institutes class ring tradition

BY TINA OU

For students looking to represent all their Rice experiences in one momento, Rice offers a semi-luxury piece of jewelry that symbolizes the Rice experience. Students, faculty and administrators are collaborating on a project to reliably class ring traditions at Rice and encourage more students to purchase class rings.

Those working on this project include the Alumni Affairs Office, Student Association, Ring Order Committee, and college presidents and masters. They have already designated Oct. 12 as Rice Day, the ring ordering kick-off day for the class of 2012.

According to Ring Ambassador Philip Tarpley, the chance of this has a ring-buying rate of 12 percent, but only 12 students in the class of 2012 currently own a class ring.

"Because of the Rice ring's minimal place in Rice culture, students aren't seeing how valuable and important the ring really is," Tarpley said.

Tarpley said the ring only serves as a symbol of each student's Rice experience, but also represents Rice in the professional world and helps people make connections.

"The ring is a sign of the promise that Rice students make to represent Rice in their professional self," Tarpley said.

One example of an existing ring tradition at Rice is students wearing the ring with the owl on it for special occasions leading them from before they have graduated from Rice and turning the ring around so that the owl faces the after graduation.

This represents the change students experience leaving the hedges and going toward their goals at Rice as an alumnus and to support other Rice alumni," Tarpley said.

Student Association President Georgia Lagoudas said Rice is ranked first in Texas for ring sales, as recognizable, meaningful and a gift from the seniors to the students.

Lagoudas said Ring Ambassadors have been selected from each residential college to help plan ring-related events and promote sales. The ambassadors and alumni will be encouraging students at each college to participate in the ring traditions on Rice Day.

Student Programs Liaison to the Rice Alumni Board Donald Flowers (Hamman '01) said he hoped that the ring would connect students' class, college and alumni experiences. He added that those who wear the Rice class ring hope to have earned the recognition of being part of the small, yet elite, Rice community.

Tarpley said the exterior design of the ring has remained the same since it was created by Rice students in 1912. He described the design as recognizable, meaningful, and a gift from the seniors to the students.

Tarpley said students can order their class rings through the Rice Bookstore, which offers them in 10-, 14-, and 18-karat yellow and white gold. Silver cementium rings are also available upon request.

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Project Spotlight: RTA Family System

**Rice Taiwanese Association**, a student-led organization whose mission is to spread cultural awareness and celebrate diversity on campus, has created a social system that provides a sense of belonging to its members from various backgrounds and cultural heritages.

**Rice students** often ask questions about the diversity and opportunities this system offers. **Sunshine Kong**, a member of the association, explains the role of the system and its impact on Rice students.

Sunshine Kong: "We want to introduce freshmen to the Rice Taiwanese Association and the University of Texas at Austin. This year marks my second year as a member of RTA, and I think for now it's worth trading my hobbies to get a balance among my college life and more. Since the association consists of 20 members, these fixed members each year. This fixed a problem: in previous years, many students would show up to join RTA, but would drop off as the year went by. Ting stated. "That officer in charge of the Rice Taiwanese Association (RTA) is the head of the family system who will have been acquainted by the advisors to know everything about the system," Ting stated. "That officer in charge of the system should know what works and what doesn't, and improve upon it."

For those who are interested in joining the Rice Taiwanese Association, visit their website at http://rta.rice.edu.

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**Trends on Campus**: Clad in plaid — a fad for lads and lasses alike

BY BRITTNEY XI
THUNDERSTAFF

Clad in plaid — a fad for lads and lasses alike

Colton Navy and Red Men's Plaid Shirt from Forever 21, $19

James McLucrin, a senior at Rice University, explains the popularity of plaid in the fall season.

James McLucrin: "I used to play video games, I used to ride my motorcycle and bicycle, I used to play with my little trains. ... I used to dress up," McLucrin said.

According to McLucrin, plaid is often used in men's fashion as a way to add a touch of sophistication or to incorporate cultural symbols into their outfits.

"Plaid is a versatile fabric that highlights a family's tradition or background and signifies a connection to the past," McLucrin said. "It can be worn in different styles, from casual to formal, and it is often seen in men's fashion as a way to add a touch of class to an outfit."
Relish: Shiva is an exotic, easily accessible jewel

Luis de las Cuevas

Shiva Indian Restaurant is one of the true gems of the Rice Village. Some of our readers may remember our "Big List" review from Oct. 2010, but we at The Thresher decided to give the restaurant a second chance and found ourselves converted. I arrived from the case that we find ourselves converted. It is a relatively large space, especially for a small business. It is not so large as to be uncomfortable. The food is broken up with a mix of tables and booths along the walls. They have \[ SEE SHIVA, PAGE 10 \]

Thunder Soul documents Houston band

BY CHRISTINE JEN THRESHER STAFF

Inspirational band director, Conrad "Prof" Johnson, was able to add unparalleled levels of funk and electricity to a struggling Houston high school jazz band, a band that would reunite after 35 years to pay tribute to their unequalled director. Thunder Soul is a documentary that follows the story of this remarkable reunion. Johnson turned Kashmere High School's band into the Kashmere band, taking them to multiple national high school band competitions, and winning as the only black band. According to Johnson, the band wasn't just playing music, they were putting on a show. The musicians of the Kashmere band weren't just plucking through notes. They were standing up and swinging their bell to synchronize cho- rud grams. The jazzy rhythm and blues pervades through the screens and invites you to the explosive funk of the "early 70s."

The band united under a common goal: to put Kashmere on the map, and boy, did they do it with style. Johnson raised money through fundraisers and received a check from the Ambassado- dor of Texas to take the band to international festivals. The band hit Europe and Asia and also recorded the set tracks. They raised the school's standards. By 1975, Kashmere students received more college schol- arships than any other high school in Houston. Their sports teams started winning, and debate teams

Throne

As part of Rice Cinema's Festi- val of Contemporary Films of India, Throne of Death will be screened Wednesday at 7 p.m. with a reception following. After- the Electric Chair is intro- duced to a small Indian com- munity, it becomes the people's most powerful way to the gloriously. Admission is free.

MOFFETT

Twilight is the opening reception for Donald Moffett's new exhi- bition, The Exposition Vein, at the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston. From 5-9 p.m., grab some food and drinks amongst over two de- cades of work by one of New York City's most contemporary artists. Admission is free.

WOMP

Breakage, a prodigious dub- step/drum and bass producer from the UK, will perform at Mainstage tomorrow from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. with seven Grizzly DJs, house DJs, deejay and, boombox speakers! Ad- mission is $10 before 11 a.m.
"The vendors were friendly as you might expect," Kleen Lynne, KKU Events Director, said. Both Olson and Lyons, a Baker College senior, especially appreciated that the nationally prominent musicians, such as Bun B and Slim Thug, remembered to acknowledge their Houston roots during their BestFest performances. Grammy-winners, Chamillionaire, even went so far as to invite aspiring rappers from the crowd to rap on stage. "I was impressed by how Chamillionaire brought rappers out of the crowd onto the stage, and how they were actually pretty good," Lyon said.

Moments like Chamillionaire's shared stage performance with amateur rappers highlight why it's a shame to see low attendance at local music festivals like BestFest. These national headliners returned to their hometowns not only to show their appreciation for the local support, but also to bring exposure to new artists looking to be discovered.

However, musicians can only give back to a community that's present, and regrettably, this past weekend Houstonians were nowhere to be found.

One of the best things about any restaurant is when they make their own bread or chips while you wait for your food. Shiva certainly does not disappoint in this regard, either. Their menu is delicious and obviously freshly baked. It was steaming when it was brought to our table. It is so fresh and such an apparent source of pride for them that there is a window into the kitchen through which you can see the chefs toiling away for your culinary enjoyment.

My dinner companion ordered the Murgh Hariyali. It consists of chicken simmered in a creamy spinach sauce. The chicken breast was very juicy and not over-cooked, and the accompanying spinach provided a nice salty and slightly bitter balance to the meat. I ate the Gobi Aloo, a vegetarian dish comprised of cauliflower and potatoes in a thick and spicy sauce. The vegetables were wonderfully cooked. The waiter really understood the needs of a hungry student, and was not shy about bringing us large amounts of basmati rice. They serve their rice in little metallic cups that are really cool and add to the authentic feel of the place, but can be inconvenient if you, like me, drink a lot of water. Again, the staff was up to the challenge and my cup was never more than half empty.

In short, this is a wonderful establishment. The staff members are not obnoxious and do their job without much fuss. They won't laugh if you mispronounce your dish's name, and will gladly answer your questions. The prices may seem a little steep for the college crowd but trust me, it is well worth it. Shiva also has a lunch buffet special, $6.95 for all you can eat, which is surprising given the quality of the food. This is a great place toorgen if you want to try authentic, ethnic food.

Luis Del Laszorabes is a Writer College Junior. Below is a column reviewing ethnic food in Houston.
The Owls opened the season with a 3-0 loss to cross-town rival Tulane, but then rebounded to take the match to the fifth set after they took the first two sets, 25-22 and 25-19. Tulane dug deep and pushed the Owls as they took the first two sets, 25-19 and 25-22. However, Rice would not stay down for long as they pushed the match to the five-set limit after they took the third set by the slimmest of margins, 25-23. The Owls' loss was the team's first of the season, as they lost the first set, 25-20. The Owls' tide was turned when they stormed off to a 25-19 win. However, the Owls were off to a slow start as they looked like they were going to put themselves in a hole early in the match. However, they came out firing in the second set and took the third set by a score of 25-23.

After a poor showing in their home opener two sets back, the Owls went on to win their first set against Tulane, but then struggled in the second set. However, the Owls came back to win the third set and take the match to the fourth set, 25-18. The Owls dominated the fourth set, 25-22, and looked poised to take the match as they would not stay down for long as they pushed the match to the five-set limit after they took the third set by the slimmest of margins, 25-23. The Owls' loss was the team's first of the season, as they lost the first set, 25-20. The Owls' tide was turned when they stormed off to a 25-19 win. However, the Owls were off to a slow start as they looked like they were going to put themselves in a hole early in the match. However, they came out firing in the second set and took the third set by a score of 25-23.

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Baptism by air: Griffin throws five touchdown passes

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When the football team’s schedule was released this summer, few could have guessed that Baylor University (3-0) would be the highest ranked team on the slate. But with a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate under center for the Bears, expectations are high for the execution. This past weekend, the Owls (2-1) showed little sign of justice as they were handed the loss against the Bears. Despite a pair of Griffin touchdowns, one by air and one on the ground, the Owls’ defense had to come up short in the end. The lone bright spot for the Owls was their defensive line, which helped jar the ball loose from Griffin’s clutches and prevented the Bears from lengthening their lead before the half.

The Bears started off the second quarter with an off-tackle touchdown, moving the score to 28-0, a wide margin for Rice to come back from. The Owls finally responded with a two-yard touchdown run from freshman running back Xavier Webb near the five-yard line in the first half, which helped put the ball back into Griffin’s clutches and prevented the Bears from lengthening their lead before the half. The Bears maintained their lead throughout the game, eventually putting the game out of reach for the Owls.

The Owls have to prepare for another potent offense, as Southern Miss prepares to move the ball quickly down field and get to the line of scrimmage quickly after each play. Powerful offenses are nothing we are not accustomed to,” Rice senior nose tackle John Gioffre said. “We have to play our game. We have to keep momentum on our side. Little things like staying focused in the game, listening to our coach and knowing what we do, we just have to do it. Everything is going to be fine.”

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Twice is nice: Owls defeat Islanders yet again

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With the women's cross country team posting a narrow win over Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi at the 36th Annual Justin F. Cooper Memorial Rice Invitational, it was the Islanders' turn to host the meet and take revenge by taking home top honors at their home meet, the Islander Splash. However, sophomore Farah Madanay had other ideas, as she took first place for the first time in her collegiate career, crossing the finish line in the three-mile race in 18:27. Senior Halley Fowler, who missed the Rice Invitational on Sept. 16, finished fifth overall last Friday, 38 seconds behind Madanay.

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only four of their total of 16 shots were actually on goal, demonstrating that the defense was able to bend but not break. Coming out fast, piling 12 shots on the board by strategy that Rice was able to implement, ond-straight match as Coach Adams noted. Substitutes that received ample playing work, with seven of eight freshmen playing opportunity to give the bench players plenty of time included sophomore defender Alexandra Tremary, senior forward Anzlei Kadita and junior forward/defender Alex Pinsky. Howard was clearly the star of the show for the sec- ond-straight match as Coach Adams noted.

"How about Jessica Howard?" Coach Adams asked. "Getting a two-goal game in your career is great, and getting two of them, in back-to-back games none less, is outstanding. She is the play- ing best soccer right now. Thought our entire midfield was making things happen."

Adam also spoke about the aggressive strategy that Rice was able to implement, despite holding a three-goal lead for the vast majority of the match.

"Something we talked about coming off that Western Kentucky game was that we were able to score early, but we let [WKU] come right back," she added. "The team did exactly what we asked tonight, to score early and to keep coming back with pressure in the final third. You have to give credit to our entire backline for getting a shutout. There are a lot of great, vet- eran players in our league who can score. Any time you can get a shutout in a conference game it means a lot of players were pressing hard, and playing together."

But the weekend did not yield two victo- ries for the squad, as the University of Memphis took a 2-1, unbeaten win in the nation and only allowing just five goals this season, came to town on Sunday. Still, both teams have a two-match home win streak, but it was clear early on that a formidable defensive effort would be needed to maintain that. The Tigers came out making a shot on the board by the end of the first half tripping Rice's four first-half shots.

Despite the barrage of shots by Memphis, only four of their total of six shots were actually on goal, demonstrating that the defense was able to bend but not break. Coming out of the second half, it was clear that the Rice front line needed to place more pressure on Memphis goalkeeper Elise Kukac-Pitters if they wanted an upset.

However, Memphis midfielder Chloe Seilhanoth had other ideas as she took a pass from forward Melissa Smith just past the penalty box, scored the first goal of the game. Despite the Owls having seven shots on goal, Kukac-Pitters put up a wall that the Owls could not cross, and Memphis escaped with a hard-fought victory.

"I am a little disappointed with our technical abilities today," Adams said. "We broke ourselves down a lot so that was not Rice-like, and we certainly can't have that when playing a ranked team. I think a lot of it was simply our body position; so that when we got our first touch, we'd be too busy recovering rather than being ready with the ball to make the next play. Memphis can pounce on play like that. We'll work on that, and work on bouncing back."

Ike also expressed disappointment at the loss, but know that Rice's 6-3 (1-0 C-USA) start and No. 5 ranking in the national poll was nothing to sneer at.

"Not the result we wanted and we're not very happy, but that's kind of a good sign about our team's confidence," Ike expressed. "We thought we could do a 4-to-0 sweep. We gave it our all and we were right there for most of the game. A loss is not good, but you have to learn from it. I think we've a team that can do that. Coach told us if we keep working we could give ourselves a chance to face them again (at the CUSA Tournament to be held in Memphis in November). That's what we have to want to beat."

The Owls will have to put this loss behind them as they go on the road for four straight matches, starting tonight against Southern Methodist University (6-0-0, 0-0-0 C-USA).

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Tennis has mild success at tournaments

Despite the men's and women's ten- nis team going their separate ways this past weekend, the outcome for each was largely the same, with only a few players from each squad heading to the next round but ultimately failing to win any individual titles.

For the men in action at the Bay- ler Intercollegiate Invitational, only one player, senior Sam Garforth-Roberts, actu- ally saw any action beyond the second round. Despite losing to the University of Texas-San Antonio's Martin Ayala in his first match, Garforth-Roberts came back to win his consolation match and with that came the opportunity to play the University of Louisiana-Lafayette's Brandon Farine on Saturday. Farine fell to Garforth-Roberts 6-2 in their first set of play, but then withdrew from the match because of an injury. With one win by forfeit under his belt, Garforth-Roberts added another when Andre Vidali of the University of Arizona also withdrew because of injury. University of Texas-Arlington's Vaibhavi Yashkule was up next on Sunday morning in the consol- idation bracket semifinals. Unfortunately, Yashkule was too much for Garforth-Roberts and he lost a tiebreaker set 7-6, and then was dealt a 6-2 loss in the second set, giving Garforth-Roberts a 3-2 record over the weekend, despite only winning one match by forfeit.

Other men's team action this week- end included senior Michael Ruesten who took his opening match against Carl Alberton of Louisiana-Lafayette, 6-0, 6-0 but then lost to Costin Pavel of the University of Oklahoma, 6-3, 6-2, who was the tournament's top seed. Junior Harry Fowler, the tournament's

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MAZE

Can you make it through the squirrel without catching a disease?

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FRIDAY 30

Colors of the city
If you missed the opening of Ana Serrano’s installation in the Rice Gallery last night, you can still hear the artist speak today at noon.

A movie about TV
The Rice Cinema presents Hal Ashby’s Being There for its John Martine Wortham film series. Starring Peter Sellers (of Dr. Strangelove and Jacques Clouseau fame), this political satire presents a simple man, sheltered from the troubles of life, who only knows the light of television. What happens to him as he is forced to make his way in the world?

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The Rice Cinema presents Sala of Beauty. There will be a light lunch in the Rice Gallery last night, followed by Ana Serrano’s installation of the same name. The show starts at 8 p.m. and is free and open to the public. It almost makes you glad that Rice doesn’t have any frats.

The Miller Outdoor Theater presents Splendid China, a collaboration with Dance of Asian America, Mills Dancing School and China Dancers Association National Lotus Competition Award-winning Troops. These spectacular dancers will put on a free performance tonight at 8 p.m. as well as tomorrow at 8 p.m. across the street at Miller Outdoor Theater.

Saturdays
Snaps
Discovery Green hosts Public Poetry in the part Saturday at 2 p.m. Come to the park for spoken word performances and surprise poet appearances. Featured poets are Rich Levy, Martha Serpas and Eva Skrandis. The event is free. Don’t forget to bring your black nail polish and bongo drums. Conformists should probably stay at home.

The Miller Outdoor Theater presents Fried Thin Hippopotamus? Can you make it through the squirrel without catching a disease? The solution will be posted on Twitter at twitter.com/threshercal.

The hills are alive
The Shepherd School’s Renaissance and Baroque ensemble, Collegium Musicum, performs Monday night at 7 p.m. with a Salzburgh-themed concert. Let the dulcet tones of the crumhorn whisk you away to the beautiful Alps and Salzach River. The concert will feature the music of Biber, Eberlin, Farina, Muffat, Parts and Senfl. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception following the concert will feature applekuchen and applestrudel and special guests, the von Trapps.

Hats off for the SA
The Student Association has another meeting and some more food at 9 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion. Dean Hutchinson will be at the meeting and the theme is silly hats. If you don’t have a silly hat to wear, Hutchinson probably has some toppers to spare.

Feel The Heat, For The Hoot, Fried Thin Hippopotamus?
The Hoot (both North and South) will be raising money to donate to the Texas Wildlife Relief Fund. Stop by Monday night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. for $4 Chipotle half burritos with 50 cents going to charity. If you mention FTH at the counter, you will also get a free drink (or you may also donate an extra 50 cents to charity).

TUESDAY 4

Why couldn’t Mozart find his mentor?
He was Haydn! The Shepherd School Chamber Orchestra will be performing Haydn’s Symphony No. 104 in D Major along with Rossini’s Gavotte, La Gazza Ladra and Dalapiccola’s Piccola Mauka Voluturna and will hopefully steal clear of terrible puns. Haydn’s symphony is named “London” after the composer’s time in the city. The concert will start at 8 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall.

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Editor’s thoughts
It’s technically fall now, but the thermometer begs to differ. On the other hand, the leaves have changed colors quite early this year.

This day in history: In 1955, actor James Dean dies while driving his car, nicknamed “Little Bastard, and America loses a very attractive man.

It’s a very special person’s very special birthday today. I won’t tell you who it is, but without her, there would be no calendar page. Happy birthday!
Students try but the servery not putting out

In a telling sign of the tough economic times, Rice Housing and Dining announced that they would now be installing fingerprint scanning sachetins and other devices to ensure that students strictly adhere to the meal plan.

"We can no longer afford the student body abusing us," H&D official Norma Cardona said. "The student body already makes off like bandits only $5-$20 per semester." The main problems the changes plan to address are off-campus students sneaking into the servery, receiving food from friends and students taking any food whatsoever to their room. West Servery Senior Operations Manager, Veronica Boorom described the severity of the problem.

"Before, we thought we could be ok with just checking IDs, but this didn't deliver the security we needed. Furthermore, we had problems with students claiming that they should receive entry into the servery without IDs simply because servery personnel would recognize them. I wish we could trust people, I really could, but in this post 9/11 world I am afraid that's simply not possible." Veronica Boorom then took the Backpage on an exclusive tour of what the new servery would look like. First, students will be required to put their fingerprints on a screen to test their identity. Students will then submit to a breathalyzer and hair test to check if they are under the influence.

"Drunk, or worse, high students pose a large threat to the servery," Boorom explained. "We tend to think of alcohol and marijuana as 'hunger steroids' which allow the user to consume inordinate amounts of food. Our research supports the claim that this is why they are so popular among the student population." After this verification process, students will then pass through a metal detector to ensure they do not have any dirty plates on their persons, a violation of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Finally, the students are free to fill up one small plate with whatever food they wish, as long as it does not exceed a certain height of course. Tasteful posters will send the message that "Piling food high means putting Rice University low." At the end of the process, students go through a discrete strip search of their clothes and body cavities. Boorom explains that this "not only means they cannot sneak food out of the servery but for some reason seems to significantly reduce appetite and the number of people coming back for seconds. Strangely enough though, this pattern does not seem to appear in Hanszen." In addition to the physical changes to the servery, H&D will also change hours to reduce food consumption. "By cutting our hours of operation to only one hour per meal, we can significantly reduce costs and focus on securing the premises. We also plan to introduce more Sammy's Picnic events. Some may say outside events like these will only making stealing food easier, but those critics forget that nothing at these picnics could be accurately described as food." Boorom said. "Plus, the hours will put us more in line with other beloved campus institutions such as Recharge U and the Cashier's Office."

Student reaction to the plan seems to be mostly positive. "I might not like some of the inconveniences from time to time, but it seems necessary," Wiess freshman Allie Schaich said. "Everyone comes to breakfast every meal, and at those meals they eat an incredible amount of food. Personally, I wake up several hours before breakfast so I can consume the dozen eggs, half pound of bacon and three plates of tater tots that maintain my voluptuous figure. Furthermore I see people stealing all the time. Just the other day I saw a student slip a friend of theirs an entire chocolate milk car- ton out of South Servery. And we can't forget about terrorism.

Lower-level servery staff had a few comments ranging from, "greedy bastards!" to "We gusta los gatos del oh el."

The Rice Housing and Dining website proudly displays this image of a typical Sunday dinner in the kitchen. The Rice Housing and Dining website www.rice.edu