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BY THIBERG REGNO| THRESHERS STAFF

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“Im not sure if Rondelet was going to take place because of financial concerns, Truong said. “You need to have some perspective on how other people think.”

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Add some class to your schedule

Need more hours? Today is the last day to add courses to your schedule. Since this is Rice, you should probably be more aware of the week’s second drop deadline (unless this is your first semester, in which case you just wait until the end of classes to drop things).

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Rachel Carlson (Martel ’11) will be traveling over seas for postgraduate education thanks to the George Mitchell Scholarship. Out of 200 applicants, Carlson was one of 12 chosen to receive the scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year. She will study at Trinity College Dublin, where she will pursue a master’s in Environment and Development.

List of Events for Fall 2011

- O-Week Night at the Zoo
- Three 6 Mama Concert
- Die Oye at Activities Fair
- Hoodie Madness
- Screw for Roommate
- Rice Night at Symphony

Donations and assets for a good cause? The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is having a Blood Drive Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Famsworth Pavilion. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments will be given priority.

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Baker College junior raises funds for Baker 13 incident with help of generous Rice community

Baker College junior Duncan Eddy has officially raised enough money to pay for the Fondren library window. Eddy's poster was the butt of Baker 13 jokes across campus after his glutes were crushing through a Fondren window on the Halloween run. Fortunately, the damage was behind us. However, initially the incident was no laughing matter since Eddy was told he owed the university $15,000 if he was to stay enrolled.

Fortunately, an outpouring of support resulted from the website www.saveduncansbutt.com, university media attention, local and even national media in the way of CNN. Eddy ingeniously offered a "Save Duncan's Butt" T-shirt to every donor of more than $20, and the donations started rolling in from both alumni and students.

The widely sympathetic response from the Rice network which assisted Eddy in meeting his goal is an embodiment of what makes the university community particularly special. Together, this community could not stand to see one of our own fall victim to and lose his education because of such an unfortunate situation. In coming together for Eddy, the community proved how much importance it places on traditions such as Baker 13. These cultural quirks are what differentiates Rice. We are not a cookie cutter institution of academic robots; we have character and personality - the same can not be said about many other elite universities. While students at Rice study just hard as our peers, we also place paramount importance on shaping and maintaining the tradition-rich environment in which we live.

While this episode could have ended tragically for one student, it instead became a heartwarming story about how our community bands together for its own. Rice is more than just a premiere academic institution; its commitment to university character and tradition shines through with the generous outpouring from the Rice community.

Rondelet cancellation a result of venue selection and subpar advertising scheme

The Rice Program Council hosted winter formal, Rondelet, has been canceled due to an apparent lack of interest (see story, pg. 1). Upon selling a mere 20 tickets in the first week of sales, the RPC elected to terminate the event instead of risking a financial loss during the event. RPC was forced to absorb losses already incurred once this year when Esperanza failed to meet the projected sales of 1,000 tickets to cover the cost of the larger Hobby Center venue.

Disappointing sales for two consecutive formal dances is a matter of concern and indicates that modifications need to be made to the events themselves or to the advertising and sales campaigns preceding the dances. A major difficulty regarding the dances is transportation. In the past, the RPC has offered shuttle service, but often these buses have been crowded and inconvenient. The Thresher would encourage RPC to host one formal dance per year on campus as a service to those students who cannot drive to off-campus venues, and only allow students to freely attend the dance without the hassle or worry about getting there.

RPC should consider rescheduling Rondelet for later this semester and moving it on-campus. This would save the RPC the major subpar advertising scheme possible for it. I offered to create a replacement for the Marketplace so students could continue to benefit from it. TextbookMadness.com was born 68 hours later in association with the SA.

Today it includes not only free Rice-only textbook standbys, but also an online printing service, which includes the best prices online including new, used, rental, e-book and buyback options from thousands of sellers across 30 websites, including Amazon.com, Half.com, and Chegg. The service save students even more money than before, and I would argue that it is far superior to its predecessor.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Rice Thresher, twitter.com/TheRiceThresher

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To the Editor:

As the creator of the Student Association's previous website, which included the Textbook Marketplace, and as maintainer of TextbookMadness.com, I'd like to address misconceptions in Christoph Meyer's opinion piece, "Failure of Student Association's textbook marketplace a significant loss for Rice community"

More than a year after my graduation, the SA website encountered technical difficulties. Then SA President Tim Sheldon asked me for help, and upon determining that the problems were not possible to fix, I offered to create a replacement for the Marketplace so students could continue to benefit from it. TextbookMadness.com was born 68 hours later in association with the SA.

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On a city-wide transit aound Houston for Rice students range beyond the light rail

James Llamas

"Yeah right," you say. "The light rail can take me to Downtown, Midtown or the Galleria, but what if I want to go to the Galleria, or the movies, or a restaurant on Bellaire?" Well, there's Nestro into METRO than the old trains running up and down the Main Street. But the new Nestro will pop step by step directions to get there by the nest routes possi-

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Congressman Rick Perry outlined a tax policy that would raise the deficit by 3.5% of the national debt held by the public. It is imperative that U.S. policy and politics think critically about how to address this financial crisis. Broadly speaking, there are two distinct, yet not mutually exclusive, options from which the nation can choose—cutting spending or raising taxes from those who choose to invest in the system, this election represents an important opportunity for us to analyze the candidates' positions and make an informed decision about whom we want to represent us in the government.

Comparing Candidates' Tax Plans

Changes to the what the wealthiest 1% would pay

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The MITCHELL Scholarship, named for former U.S. Senator George Mitchell, is a competitive, merit-based scholarship and is considered one of the highest forms of recognition for undergraduate achievement. It is awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding academic promise as well as significant leadership potential and a commitment to public service.

Rachel Carlson, a senior Environmental Engineering major, was named a Mitchell scholar. She is the first student at Rice University to be awarded the Mitchell Scholarship.

Carlson, who graduated with a bachelor’s in English and a master’s degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering, said the applied for the Mitchell scholarship because hired offered opportunities to follow her academic interests.

“I am interested in water security issues, particularly the governance of transboundary rivers and aquifers in developing countries,” Carlson said. “Trinity’s program addresses international water management from social- and hard-science perspectives, and this interdisciplinary approach really attracted me. Also, Ireland and the Mitchell program have a history of conflict resolution, which can offer me valuable insight into my studies on dispute-prone river basins.”

However, according to Carlson, a former editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, Rice’s Environmental Club, research won’t be her only point of interest while abroad.

“The English major in me can’t wait to explore the literary history of Dublin and check out Joyce’s and Yeats’ old stomping grounds,” Carlson said. “I’m also really excited about events the Mitchell program organizes for students, from meetings with diplomats to hikes in the Irish countryside.”

Carlson is not new to studying and researching abroad. She is also a recipient of the Wag oneer Foreign Study Scholarship and is currently researching hydroelectric impacts and intergovernmental irrigation policies on the Senegal and Gambia Rivers in Senegal. Carlson said that she is finding the experience very enriching.

Though I studied abroad in Senegal, I now have the time and independence to experience the country in a more nuanced way,” Carlson said. “I’m learning how to play the cora with a local musician.”

Carlson said that she thinks studying abroad is important because it offers a new perspective. “I think that it’s a productive, and even more, liberating experience.”

In 2011, the Congress moved forward with SOPA and PIPA bills, which aimed to curb piracy. The newly proposed Keystone Pipeline, a proposed oil pipeline from Canada to the United States that many environmentalists claimed would have disastrous consequences, was rejected by the base. Sarah Palin said drill baby drill. But the Obama Administration killed the proposed pipeline. The Obama administration rejected the Keystone Pipeline for the reasons that many environmentalists claimed would have disastrous consequences.
**LIGHTS FROM PAGE 1**

"How the ALFA Committee has functioned is an excellent example of very trans-parent and fair procedures," Wasserman said.

Lagoudas, a Lovett College senior, said that Vice President for Administration Kevin Kirby worked with students involved in the ALFA Committee to ensure that results could be seen by students within the first or second week of the spring semester.

"We were able to celebrate turning the ALFA Committee’s plans into reality," Lagoudas said.

Student opinion at the lights ceremony seemed to indicate enthusiasm and anticipa-tion for the opportunities opened up by the installation of the lights.

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Wrens College freshman Andie Eikensberg said she is pleased with the expansion of lights on the IM fields because she has experienced scheduling conflicts while playing Powderpuff.

"This event is amazing," Eikensberg said.

Will Rice College sophomore Kai Sheng said she also looked on the ceremony posi-tively.

"It was a good idea to watch the fields light up to maximal brightness to less than a minute," Sheng said. "The lights are awesome because competition is for the field, and we have 14 colleges hoping to win for the first time on these lit fields."

Duncan College sophomore Allison Garza said Rice students may find it challenging to meet people from other colleges, so she viewed the ceremony as an opportunity for colleges to participate in an intercollegiate activity.

For McMurry College freshmen Spencer Kent, the ceremony was a way to represent his college in a campus-wide activity.

"I am just here for the friendship and the cupcakes," Kent said.

The idea for the Olympics-style ceremony originated from University Relations Direc-tor Greg Marshall (Baker ‘96). Marshall said Kirby and his office wanted an observance for the lights. The thought of twelve teams proceeding onto the field under their flags re minded him of the Olympics, and the IM and sports clubs staff of the recreation center were charged with designing the activities for the quadriathlon, Marshall noted.

"We originally thought we might use quid-ditch, but we didn't have enough hoops," Marshall said.

According to Marshall, the four sports chosen for the evening’s events all utilize IM fields and parks. Lagoudas said she was excited to see the ALFA Committee’s plans being finalized last semester, and she looks forward to seeing positive student reactions as the projects reach completion.

"With the culmination of this event, it’s a great way to start off with a wave of Rice spirit, student involvement, and 1,000 cupcakes," Lagoudas said.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Humanities building cleaned for Centennial**

Contractors have been hired to clean and do maintenance on the Humanities build-ing, facilities, Engineering and Planning Manager of Communications Suzyann Glenn said. This includes scrubbing the exterior and replacing some broken roof tiles. Glenn said the work is a conditioned preventative maintenance, but could give the appearance of construction because of the scaffolding necessary to perform the work on the build-ing’s exterior.

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**RICE GLOBAL E&C FORUM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Partial tuition scholarships for the 2012-13 academic year—from $1000 to $7500
Application Deadline: March 9, 2012
Scholarship Notification: by April 3, 2012

Priority will be given to School of Engineering professional masters, terminal research masters, or seniors for 2012-13 with potential interest in the engineering and construction industry.

Application process:
Submit to Nancy Tucker (ntucker@rice.edu), Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (Room Lab 204—MS 218) the following:

-COVER LETTER— with a brief paragraph stating the reasons why you think you are deserving of the award; your career interests, academic objectives, likely coursework during 2011-12, research objectives if applicable; and any committed or likely financial support from Rice or other scholarship sources.

-UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT—Attach an unofficial Rice transcript through the first semester of 2011-12

See the complete Scholarship Flyer at wwwforum.rice.edu

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**STUDENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

The following were noted at the most recent meeting of the Student Association on Jan. 16.

- Director of Elections Chance Marshall announced that the election season would open on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Petitions are now available online at scrice.edu and are due by Thursday, Jan. 26 in the Student Association Office.

- Marshall said that students could now purchase 2011-2012 SA T-shirts for $5 from college senators and new student representatives.

- SA President Georgina Lagoudas discussed the newly implemented waitlisting option and opened the topic up for constructive feedback. Some students said that the abil-ity to petition to Dean of Undergraduates John Hutchinsion to be added to a course should have been better communicated. To prevent students from occupying space on multiple waitlists, other students suggested adding a general waitlist for all LPAPs or distributing student interest by creating a freshmen LPAP seminar. To account for student initiative, students suggested giving professors the ability to move students up or down a waitlist based on interest shown. To allow students to waitlist multiple sections of a course, some suggested creating a general waitlist for all sections of a course.

- Brown Senator Sharrya Agrawal raised the question of why students were not using textbookmatters.com. Students noted that they had to search for books by ISBN number, rather than by course or title. On the site. Other students cited failure to advertise properly as a possible reason.

The SA will next meet on Monday, Jan. 23 in Farnsworth Pavilion.

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**RUPD POLICE BLOTTER**

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Depart-ment for the period Jan. 10-13.

**RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES**

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Will Rice College
Hanszen College
North Colleges
Will Rice College

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Jesse H. Jones School

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New lights illuminate IM fields with ALFA funds

1. Will Rice College freshman Meg Cornaghie shows off her tongue in the new light.

2. Will Rice freshman Archit Chaba and Will Rice junior Jeffrey Opoku-Darko enjoy free cupcakes.

3. Free cupcakes are provided for all who came to celebrate the new lights.

4. SA President Georgia Lagoudas says a few words about the ALFA Committee's accomplishment.

5. Brown College students huddle while Duncan College competes in the softball toss.

6. All 11 colleges and the GSA compete in a quadrathalon on the lit fields.
Last semester, 647 students attended Esperanza, short of the predicted 1,000.

"We reached our limit on the maximum of 800 students for Esperanza 2010 over a week before the event, and tickets were scalped for upwards of $100 on Facebook," Ulman said. "We decided to respond to this increased demand and chose a bigger venue this year."

RFC is currently investigating the potential causes for the record low ticket sales. "We want to do everything we can to understand why students didn't respond as quickly and enthusiastically to Rondelet as they did last year," Ulman said. "We will be welcoming all input and opinions on a student survey within the next few weeks."

The organization is looking at the possibility of online ticket purchasing through the RPC website as well as delivering tickets through campus mail, Sawyer said.

Though the event was canceled due to perceived low interest by the RPC executive council, some students had planned to go.

"My main concern was that they canceled it only two or three days after ticket sales became available," Hanszen College sophomore Mike Schubert said. "They sold them at lunch and I hadn't seen fliers or posters. I feel like they jumped the gun and that it should have been advertised a little bit better."

Rondelet was traditionally a spring-semester formal hosted the night of Beer Bike. In recent years, the intensity of Beer Bike celebrations left many students unable or unwilling to drag themselves to a late-night social gathering, and the dance slowly disappeared in the mid-1990s.

Ellen Liu and Hallie Jordan contributed to this article.
Hot and Heavy: The Panini

By Reed Thornburg  
Thresher Editorial Staff

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Italian-Themed Panini

Ingredients:  
• 2 slices whole-wheat bread  
• 10-15 slices salami  
• 2 pieces romaine lettuce  
• 1 slice provolone cheese  
• 2-3 tablespoons mayonnaise  
• 1 tablespoon basil pesto

First, mix the mayonnaise and basil pesto in a small bowl until a uniform consistency is met. Next, evenly spread a thin layer over one slice of the whole-wheat bread. Layer salad on the other half of the sandwich, and then overlap lettuce. Complete the sandwich by placing a slice of provolone atop the lettuce, and finish with the other slice of bread. Lastly, press the sandwich in the panini, being careful to check often until a light amber-brown color is reached.

If you have any suggestions, comments or favorite servery recipes, please email Reed Thornburg at rst4@rice.edu.

Bold Chicken Blue Cheese

Ingredients:  
• 2 slices whole-wheat bread  
• 4-5 slices chicken  
• 3 slices cooked bacon  
• 2 tablespoons blue cheese  
• 2 slices tomato  
• 1 tablespoon Sriracha  
• 1 tablespoon mayonnaise

Similar to the left, begin by creating the spread by combining the Sriracha and mayonnaise. Working in layers, add the sauce, crumbles and top with the other half of the bread. Lastly, press the sandwich in the panini, being careful to check often until a light amber-brown color is reached.

To: The Thresher  
Hold and Speak

Remember back to the telecommunications innovations of your childhood. The caps attached with string. That one thing on the playground you could whisper in. Playing the game "telephone." All of these things had their appeal, but they did not hold a candle to the walkie-talkie. The walkie-talkie was both effective and awesome. In your hands, you held the same type of device used by firefighters, spies and construction workers. The simple joy of saying "over" or "copy," was enough to send even the most cynical child into fits of joy.

Fifteen or so years may have hardened you, making you think that you are a different person than you were back on the playground. However, we all know that you still can name all 150 Pokemon, that cartoons are still enjoyable and that if no one were watching, you would play Dance. So I told you that you could apply the spread and add chicken. Then, add the tomato slices and bacon. Carefully add the blue cheese crumbles and top with the other half of the bread. Lastly, press the sandwich in the panini, being careful to check often until a light amber-brown color is reached.

It's a time slot reserved in the average Rice student than "8 a.m." It's a time slot reserved for the most popular subjects. The result: armies of sullen

What's Their Secret?

By Reed Thornburg  
Thresher Editorial Staff

Few words instill more dread in the average Rice student than "8 a.m." It's a time slot reserved for the most popular subjects. The result: armies of sullen students that perform a soul- lessful trudge to the servery every morning looking for something that will get them through the next 50 minutes. For nearly every student that enters South Servery through the Hansen side, that something comes from the undeniable presence of Ray Taylor. Sure, caffeine works for a quick boost, but Taylor's soft-spoken smile and sincere small talk as he scans an ID is what really starts the day on a high note.

"I go out of my way to try and remain that [positive] man in only as happy as he makes himself feel," explained Taylor. "You're going to be sad at all times if you don't make yourself happy."

A Houston native, Taylor has been working for Rice University for around 17 years. Before settling into his current position as the morning and lunch ID scanner at South Servery, he worked as a transporter of food from the former "central kitchen" to each of the colleges.

"Right now, with the job that I have, I love doing this," said Taylor. "It's fun, man. It's really fun. [The students] gave me the spirit to come to work everyday."

Ray Taylor  Food Production Associate

In recent days, I have become a HeyTell evangelist, spreading the gospel of this great tool so that I can have fun every time I communicate with my friends. All those who have annoyed enough to try it immediately shed their incredulous be-

Almost everyone that hands him an ID on a regular basis can tell you that his presence is the last vestige of working with strings attached.

This becomes especially apparent as Taylor develops unique relationships with such an incredibly large volume of students. He has the extraordinary gift of perceiv- ing volumes about students in the scattered seconds that they pass by him everyday.

"You've gotta get to know the man in the mirror," Taylor re- minds. "That man is you."

Although a professor in the formal sense, Mr. Taylor does do a lot of subtle teaching. In quick passing phrases, he quietly chal- lenges us to find something we love doing.
Mick Johnson's '91 drops a hole-in-one

FARRAH MADANAY
THESSER EDITORIAL STAFF

The golf course moves indoors with Mick Johnson's exhibition "9," on display at the Rice Media Center. "9," which opened last Thursday, represents a culmination of Johnson's two interests: golf and art. Johnson, who usually plays golf in a quasi-architectural space confined within his home, steps out of his domestic comfort zone and into the realm of fabricated nature.

"Sports being presented in an artistic way is usually not a good thing," Johnson, who admitted to having toyed around with golf design since his days at the Rice Media Center, said. "But when it's done in such a way that the course is truly a course, then it is quite exquisite. This is the case here.

"This is the first time I've ever made a hole-in-one," Johnson said, laughing.

The exhibition's opening reception, said.

"The Addams Family returns from the dead

KENNY KING
THREES秤 STAFF

They're creepy and they're kooky, and they're all wacko, and no, not in a bad way! The Comic strip 'The Addams Family' comes back from the dead in a new musical of the same name. The first time Tony Award-winning musical is being presented as a musical, which is quite a different experience.

Most of the musical numbers are on the heavier side, from "The Beetle's Last Dance," sung by Gomez, to "Daddy of the Family," a duet between Uncle Fester and the title character. But there are some lighter moments as well, such as "What a Wonderful World," sung by Fester and Wednesday.

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"The Toxic Avenger musical wastes your time

CHRISTINE JEON
THESSER STAFF

As an avid theatergoer, I was intrigued and amused when I heard that The Toxic Avenger from the silver screen was about to show off his superpowers on the musical stage. Joe DiPietro and David Miles, who collaborated on the Tony Award-winning musical Mem-phis, wrote the book and music for The Toxic Avenger Musical.

The Toxic Avenger was originally a 1984 Lloyd Kaufman film about a 7-foot-tall Monster (Mark Ruffalo) who acquires superhuman strength and a deformed face after being thrown into toxic waste by bullies. Despite Michael C. Maran's concept books, the town accepted him as their appendix. Defying him is the "Toxic Avenger." I was more than curious to see how director John Rando (Memphis) would transform this superhero film into a musical. Unfortunately, the show had nothing new to offer audience members, much like other overdone, commercialized musicals, like Spam-Man.

DiPietro and Bryan's script was very close to the essence of the original Toxic Avenger. I was yearning for a whiff of authenticity in the story, but the set-up of Tromaville over the top. The set design and the stage's lighting and special effects made the audience members feel like other overdone, commercialized musicals.

The toxic Avenger musical wastes your time

The Toxic Avenger musical wastes your time
**Classic Flicks: Raging Bull scores Scorsese a timeless knockout**

It has taken a long time for me to write a review on Martin Scorsese because I assumed the whole world would know and loved his films and the thinly bespectacled, furry-browed, Italian New Yorker didn’t need any more attention. However, the other day I made a reference to Raging Bull in conversation. “Raging bull?” my fellow conversant asked. I then realized there is a problem with the state of Scorsese awareness.

Joseph Allencherril

Raging Bull is not the most well-known film in Scorsese’s oeuvre, but it is certainly one of the most emotionally true. Although the beginning of the movie, which takes place inside the ring itself, an unremarkable experience when compared to his other work, the ring, but what is happening inside LaMotta’s mind.

Aspiring actors and actresses take note: Raging Bull showcases some of the best acting ever imparted on celluloid. Robert De Niro is at his best, practicing the method acting he has become well known for. Raging Bull is, after all, an attempt to win back the weight he needed to portray the retired boxer LaMotta, but what is happening inside LaMotta’s mind.

Thankfully for Scorsese—his directorial vision remains unblemished—and for viewers, the film’s appeal is timeless, a testament to the enduring power of great storytelling. Although the movie is not without flaws, it offers a masterclass in character development, making it a must-see for any aspiring actor or actress.

Raging Bull

**Director:** Martin Scorsese

**Released:** Dec. 21, 1980

It is a power comparable to Bond’s suaveness and Bourne’s brawn.

Wiers College announces competition for the 2012 John F. Parish Fellowship. The prize supports approximately two months of travel and reflection during the summer of 2012 for the purpose of enhancing the education of a Rice undergraduate. All full-time, returning undergraduates are eligible to apply. For further information please phone Nancy Letness, the Wiess College Coordinator, at 713-348-5743. Additional details (including the application procedure) may also be found at the fellowship web site at www.mf.rice.edu/parish.

A dessert and information session with 2011 recipients will be held Thursday, January 26th, 2012, at 10 PM in Wiess146.

The deadline for application is Sunday, February 5, 2012, at 12:00 AM (midnight).
Words on the  
street: Worst 

case scenario

Johanna Ohm

In the basement of the Contemporary Art Museum, an object d'art exhibited and wine cupcakes gathered around the theme-appropriate black-trimmed table with bottles of Shiner and plenty of nibbles to hand. Wine cups are not subjects taken lightly, but with peer “prosecco” tasting discussion, even the dual issues of the moment turned into trivia conversation.

One could imagine the wine shared with both of the world’s end and the feet that are often associated with such apocalyptic considerations.

A medley of people in the room allowed for a wide array of opinions and perspectives. A 70-year-old grandmother came in with a wrong, liberal art student; the scientist-astronomer argued string theory with a middle-aged hipster, all to voice their concerns. “What is our future scenario?” Opinions ranged from actual death to melting affairs to feelings of hopelessness or lack of understanding. Some rationalized the fears; others remained silent. “Fear of death is an evolutionary imperative,” argued an audience member with gray sideburns and an apparent scientific background.

Victoria, an art history major, lip-read wearing and very vocal participant, sat in the back of the room and questioned whether it was a fear of death or a lack of control that contributed to perceived sense of threat of the impending world. She added that even if 2012 is not the end of the world, it could be the end of something greater.

“It is the end of an era, the end of an expansion of human understanding that began with the Enlightenment; civilization, that just ended as we enter a new time in the history of the world.”

The conversation slowly transitioned from superficial status of the end of the world or who it’s going to, to a more existential anxiety about the universal annihilation and other world. Many echoed the opinions that there are timeless that seem to be nothing in the past. It’s a woman’s best friend, believing powerlessness is one type of “worst case.”

“The only constant difference between a dream and a nightmare is the feeling of a lack of control,” she added.

The evening argued into discussion of a narrative like the New York Earth Room and the Broken Kilometer, the films delving into topics of game theory, sublime apocalypse. The night’s discussion continued with the other work was brought to the table, including the New York Earth Room and the Broken Kilometer, a movie is the most expensive ever made with a budget of $94 million, the movie is the most expensive ever made with a budget of $94 million, and the result of this multimodal production is a complete immersion into the narrative.

The Flowers of War revisits Nanking

Johanna Ohm

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Arms Mays-Undergraduate-Fellowship-Program (MMUF) at Rice University has three goals. First, it seeks to increase the number of minority students, and others with a demonstrated commitment to academic excellence, who will be Ph.D. students at the Ph.D. in the fields of study. Second, it seeks to promote the participation of individuals from all minority groups, as well as to enhance the diversity of students to be the future leaders. Finally, it seeks to encourage students to provide research on diversity issues.

We are inviting you to apply for the program. The deadline for the application is March 01, 2012.

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Applicants should normally be completing their sophomore year as a student at Rice University. Selection will be based on a number of factors, including but not limited to academic standing and potential, life experiences and interests, commitment to building bridges to academia and society, and interest in exploring graduate education. Information on the MMUF Program and the application can be found at the Rice University website. Applicants are encouraged to apply for the MMUF Program in the fall of their sophomore year or junior year. Finalists will be interviewed. Awards will be made in March.

For more information and to download the application please go to: http://diversity.rice.edu/mmuf或其他页面.`
**Hardwood crew wins two, then blows big lead vs. UAB**

Men dominate SMU, Frizzelle turns back Green Wave at buzzer, lose to UAB in OT

by Ryan Glassman

Sports is on Twitter. Get the scoop at twitter.com/ThresherSports

**Freshman Dylan Ennis looks to pass the ball to an open Owls player against the University at Alabama at Birmingham Blazers on Wednesday night. The Owls lost the game 61-60 on a buzzer-beating three-pointer. The Owls host Tulsa tomorrow night at 7 p.m.**

**Women's track team wins to the distance**

Thresher Staff Reports

With the women's track team back in action and looking to reclaim its spot as one of the top teams in Conference USA, Head Coach Jim Bevan's team turned its strength in the distance events to guide it to a strong finish in the Leonard Hilton Invitational held last Friday at the University of Houston.

The Owls continued their streak of one of the shortest distance events, but showed signs of improvement in another sprinting competition. In the 60-meter dash preliminaries, freshman Tyreek McCray, sophomore Jemer Martin, freshman Frescan Knighton and junior Candace Springer all finished within 7.66 and 7.69, eliminating them from contention for the finals of the event. However, Martin took third in the 200-meter dash, with McCray also running 6.39 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles, senior Kiri Kendall was 7th and freshman Alayna Dugas was 9th, with only 0.19 seconds of a second separating them.

In the middle-distance events, the Owls showed a clustered finish for Rice, with the four runners in the 400-meter dash all finisher — with less than three seconds of each other. Junior Lilian Nwora was 17th after crossing the finish line in 1:00.81, while senior Maya Kirk was almost 1 second behind her. Rounding out the Owls runners in the event were sophomores Jordan McFarland and Carissa Miller taking home 31st place. Female sprinters 11th, 12th and 13th were followed by freshmen Chaney Dugar all showing they could compete with some of the region's top sprinters. Pole vault and long jump were not much success, as freshman Charli Tunney finished fourth in her first meet as a collegiate pole vault, and Kendall was 48th in the long jump.

With lots of strength, streamlined and weaker events primed for more work in the coming week, the Owls will ready for the University of Houston Indoor Invitational held next weekend.

**Follow twitter.com/ThresherSports for updates concerning the men's and women's basketball games this weekend. Men's basketball is hosting Tulsa and women's basketball is hoping to improve in conference play with a game at home on Sunday against Southern Miss.**

**Springer, Ennis, and Foggie taking the top places.**

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**Women's Tennis vs. LSU**

**1 p.m. — Julie Hein Tennis Stadium**

**Men's Tennis vs. LSU**

**1 p.m. — Julie Hein Tennis Stadium**

**Women's Tennis vs. Louisiana-Lafayette**

**7 p.m. — Julie Hein Tennis Stadium**

**Sunday, Jan. 22**

**Women's Basketball vs. Southern Miss**

**2 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse**

**Saturday, Jan. 21**

**Men's Basketball vs. Tulsa**

**7 p.m. — Julie Hein Tennis Stadium**

**Men's Tennis vs. LSU**

**1 p.m. — Julie Hein Tennis Stadium**

**Wednesday, Jan. 25**

**Men's Basketball vs. Memphis**

**7 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse**

**Thursday, Jan. 26**

**Women's Basketball vs. East Carolina**

**7 p.m. — Tudor Fieldhouse**

**By Ryan Glassman**

From the season's opening, men's basketball Head Coach Jim Bevan has preached a simple message to his team. "It's going to be nice to have consistency in something you have to work on and take the challenge."

If the Rice head coach was so clear in his message to start the year, how is it that the most consistent player of the Ben Braun era still manages to somehow fly under the radar? The story of senior CONTENT is his consistency, something else has come by playing with four seasons and participating in every game Rice has competed in during his career. His ability to play such a versatile role from guard to forward has made him a prolific shooter throughout his senior year. A strong deep shooter and one of the league's best from the free-throw line, Pritzl has risen to be a key contributor for the Owls in Rice's most exciting win of the season.

The Owls entered the C-USA tilt with a record of 9-0 but fell to the University of Central Florida and Tulane, garnering attention by starting the season 3-1 in conference after a 10-7 finish for the year and 1-1 in conference after a double-digit win last week at Southern Methodist University. Their opponent, the Green Wave of Tulane, garnished attention by stunning the season 9-0 but still to the University of Central Florida and the University of Southern Mississippi in its first two games in the conference. After the Owls took a three-point lead or a pair of free throws with seven seconds left, they then decided to foul Frizzelle quickly and send him to the line, where he shot three of three points. One of the better free-throw shooters in the program's history, the senior made the free attempt with 30 seconds left to cut the deficit to 92-90 before intentionally missing his second shot. The Owls couldn't then miss another shot and found themselves on the heartbreaking end of the Owls tilt against the Blazers. Senior Garrett Houston was 10-11 from the line, as well as six other players in the Owls' starting lineup, helping the Owls in devastating fashion for their second straight home game. Rice scored just 20 points in the second half and four points in the last nine minutes as it fell to 11-8 overall and 2-2 in conference play.

We had a letdown on defense, and it affected us offensively," Braun said of his team's offensive struggles in the second half. "We just have to maintain the defense intensity. That's what triggered their run, a 10-0 run on the defensive end."

"We return to play tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Tudor Fieldhouse against the University of Tulsa before traveling to take on the University of Memphis in the midweek."
Houston hosts U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials

by Farrah Madany

Keflezighi, Hall, Ritte and Abdi broke the finish-line tape with a personal best of 2:09:30. Though she hadn’t run another marathon in 10 minutes.

DO YOU KNOW?

Saturday’s trial was one of the fastest-qualifying time in history, as this was the first time that four runners finished the race in under two hours and 10 minutes.

THE RICE THRESHER

Huston made history last Saturday morning, when, for the first time ever, the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials race for both men and women were held on the same course, at the same time. For the competitors, the road to the Houston 2012 Olympic marathon, set in front of the George R. Brown Convention Center on the Houston Marathon course, was just a few short hours, the course outlined throughout the Space City determined which three men and women would make up Team USA in the elite athletics stage of the world.

As the national anthem resonated over the loudspeakers, strait rifle marathoners took their places on the starting line. Two minutes later, at 8 a.m. the gun went off, thus commencing the men’s trials. Fifteen minutes later, the women also fired the first gun, starting the race with a 2:10:00, the third-fastest qualifying time, to a race of guts, pushing the pace to a blistering 2:04:58, his competition dwindled to five. A surprising member of the race was one of the oldest winners in Trials history.

For Hall, this race contained the NYC Trials four years ago, when he missed out on the team to Rio with a disappointing eighth-place finish. Hall took second behind Desi Davila in 2010, and the Black Caucus member swapped the lead between them until Ritz broke the finish-line tape with a personal best of 2:09:30. Though she hadn’t run another marathon in 10 minutes.

In the women’s race, the pace began at a pedestrian first-mile pace. Desira Dobie, one of the mainstays of favorites along with Deena Kastor and Kara Goucher, took over the lead at mile two, dropping the pace 22 seconds to a more honest pace. A lead pack of five men developed, and in the mix was runner-up Deena Kastor and American record-holder and Olympic bronze medalist Desira Dobie. Davila was fastest qualifier with a time of 2:04:58, his competition dwindled to five. A surprising member of the race was one of the oldest winners in Trials history.

In 2000’s men’s race, Evan Hall led from the gun of the 2004 Olympic marathon champion, set a new race record of 2:09:30. Though Hall had 3:10, despite dropping 10:00, Texas came down to a race of guts, pushed the pace to a blistering 2:04:58, his competition dwindled to five. A surprising member of the race was one of the oldest winners in Trials history.

THRESHER SPORTS

Freshman Beazant stars for women’s tennis

by Dan Elledge

After a rough 14-16 record last season with which the team could not secure a berth to the NCAA tournament, the women’s tennis team was hoping for a fresh start with a trip to the University of Central Florida Invitational to commence the season. Along with Rice and UConn, Texas Tech University was also a part of the three-day invitational.

On day one, the Owls got off on the right note, as they won 9-0 in singles play and split their seven doubles matches. Sophomore Jovanka Topolovic and junior Harri Hoste and freshman Natalie Beazant led the way for the Owls as they secured both singles victories and a doubles win against Texas Tech opponents. Junior Katie Kiler, sophomore Kimberly Anstreicher and freshman Stephanie Nguyen recorded wins against UConn foes. Senior Alex Guzman and junior Deirdre Trip won the other doubles match against UConn.

On day two, it was much tougher for the Owls as they only recorded one singles win and one doubles victory thanks to the arm of Beazant. It looked like it might be a shutout for the Owls in singles as Beazant fell into an early one-set hole against Texas Tech sophomore Samanta Adams. Beazant would never say, as she managed to save the final two sets to give her team the win. The Beazant and Harmath duo stayed strong in doubles as well, recording a win against the UConn doubles pair of senior Alexa Rodriguez and junior Geovanna Lobato.

On day three, it was again the Beazant show as the Owls recorded a victory in singles and a win in doubles to finish with an impressive 2-1 record in singles and a 4-0 record in doubles. Beazant reached the quarterfinals with a win over Rodriguez and doubles winner, one with Harmath and one with Kiler. With Harri Hoste and the unseeded ranked doubles pairing in Texas Tech freshmen Ksenia Kopova and Allison Adams, With Senior Beazant reaching another doubles victory against Rodriguez and Lobato to cap off a perfect weekend.

The Owls will open up their home slate this weekend as they host Lamar University today at 1 p.m. at Jake Hess Stadium along with hosting the University of Louisiana at Lafayette tomorrow at 1 p.m.

FRESHMAN STANLEY

Freshman Stephanie Nguyen prepares to swing a forearm. The Owls open up their home schedule this weekend with matches against Lamar and Louisiana-Lafayette.

THE RICE THRESHER
Men's tennis rolls to an easy 2-0 start

A Rice men's tennis player hits a nice half-volley during a match against last weekend's matches at Jake Hess Stadium.

by Dan Elledge
Teenage Tennis Editor

After a heart-breaking loss to Texas Tech University in last May's NCAA championships, the Owls had been looking forward to the new season and had high hopes for the Owls' 2012 performance. Due to the team's success in 2011 and the high expectations for 2012, the Owls were looking forward to the start of the season.

Against only the best of senior Petkoa Waldow (Malaysia) from the team, Rice brings back a strong squad led by junior Barry Fowler, who came up short on the U.S. Tennis Association's All-American first team last spring along with senior Christian Cassella and junior Jonathan Chang, who qualified for the second team. With seven seniors on the team, Rice has the West Coast conference all to itself.

The newcomers on the team include freshman Justin Stiltsen, who has played well in the first half of the season. Stiltsen has played in several matches and has shown great potential for the team in the future.

Despite the team's success, Rice is looking ahead to the next match and is preparing for the upcoming conference tournament. The Owls are looking forward to a strong showing in this year's conference tournament and are confident in their ability to succeed.

Women's basketball gets hit by Hurricane

Women's basketball team

No distance runners, no problem for men's track

Threshold Staff Reports

At the Leonard Hilton Invitational held at the University of Houston last Friday, the men's track team didn't even have to go to the distance to come away with a solid performance in the meet. With only one participant in the 100-meter and one participant in the 400-meter hurdles, the team still managed to come away with strong results.

Sophomore Nick Williams placed sixth in the 60-meter hurdles, while junior Tre Sanders jumped 14.37 meters in the long jump. While there was no heptathlon, Chandler and Sanders both made a strong showing in the meet.

"[We] were excited in our first indoor competition this season with a very strong mark," Williams said.

Sophomore Nick Williams placed sixth in the 60-meter hurdles with a season-best 8.13 seconds.

Owls swimmers compete at the Austin Grand Prix

Owls swimmers compete at the Austin Grand Prix

After finishing the first week of the series of meets, the Owls headed out to Austin last Friday to take part in the USA Swimming Grand Prix Tournament. The Owls started their season last Saturday with a doubleheader against Lamar University and Florida Atlantic University at Jake Hess Stadium. The Owls had no problems in either of their matches as they won 7-0 and 1-0. Fowler put in two singles wins along with senior Collin Shurbet, who won both matches and defeated the opposing team with a score of 6-1 and 6-2 in short-course yards. Also, Flanigan was one of two rice swims in the men's 100-meter butterfly. She was in the back with a 1:05.73 and 1:05.79 in short-course yards, while fellow freshman Casey Clark won a 1:05.95 (50.67 SCY). Clark was also put out of six swimmers in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 1:05.93 (season best 1:05.64 SCY).

The Owls continued on Saturday, with Flanigan continuing to impress her teammates and hometown crowd. She finished 5th in a field of more than six swimmers in the 200-meter freestyle and swam a long-course time of 2:02.64, currently a season-best 2:02.64 in SCY. Not to be outdone, Clark continued to show that she was as strong a swimmer as ever by finishing third in the 200 freestyle with a 2:05.21 (2:05.21 SCY).

For varsity fans, sports fanatics have tried to explain why it's not too early to win a national title. The team is still as strong and the heptathlon team is just as far as good. But the team has other plans about playing in your gym that makes it easier to score points. The Owls have a solid lineup of basketball players who have a strong showing at the home game this past weekend against one of the favorites to win the conference USA's top teams, beating a good Tulane team with a final score of 67-49 at Tudor Fieldhouse.

"The Owls surprised us this weekend," Williams said. "We were clearly the better team in both matches. The Owls were prepared and ready to take on the LSU and Texas teams this weekend.

During this impressive showing, the Owls look forward to their next meet on Jan. 27 at UH, as Rice participates in a quad meet with UH, Louisiana State University and Tulane University.
Last chance
Syllabus week is over and the real work begins. The Registrar's Office has a few deadlines today, including the last day to add courses and the last day to adjust variable credit for courses online. If you are still on the waitlist for that LPPP, you better quickly exituate some plots for your classmates' broken bones.

Why is Houston the best city?
The eminent professor of SOCI 301, “Houston: Sociology of a City” and the Co-founder of the Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Stephen Klineberg, will give his “Reflections on a Lifetime of Teaching.” Come to Sewall Hall 309 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. to hear the animated voice that has inspired Rice University students for more than 30 years. He can almost make you appreciate moving to Houston.

CROSSWORD: GREATEST BAND OF ALL TIME

ACROSS
1. Elton John’s nickname
2. Like Feb., most years
3. It’s missing from 21-Across, 39-Across, 46-Across and 59-Across
4. Bluff-and-competitor preposition
5. Site of world’s biggest fun
6. Author’s mistake
7. Ram’s counterpart
8. Bank above, but not above
9. Passports, driver’s licenses, etc.
10. Underwriting word
11. Final track on Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band save for 4-Across
12. What fits this joint? — rolling
down hill
13. Relief: shallow carving like on coins
d14. It can’t be gas or electric
d15. Red, South China and Augen

DOWN
1. Crossword is also Rice’s sketch comedy troupe.
2. The Rice Cinema and PRAGDA present the fourth annual Festival of New Spanish Cinema. This festival showcases movies heavier than churro, riskier than bull-fighting, fleshier than flamenco. The opening night reception starts tonight at 6 p.m. in the Rice Cinema. Filmaker Oscar Aihar will be in attendance and will present the film 'The Great Kuppes' and answer questions in a post-screening Q&A. If that isn’t enough, there will be an after-party (by a Spaniard’s standards, the night has not yet begun). The festival continues until Jan. 29, and a full schedule can be found on the Rice Cinema’s website, film.rice.edu/Events/Events.html.

Many of the boys at a public party by 2:30 a.m.
Ken Jennings says: “What Is Kinda Sketchy?” Kinda Sketchy is also Rice’s sketch comedy troupe. They are working this semester with the Wellness Center to educate students about mental health.

SUDOKU

This sudoku was created by Rebecca Jean. The solution will be posted on Twitter at twitter.com/threshercal.

FRIDAY
17 7 9
20 6 5
16 8 3

SATURDAY
10 2 5
1 9 8
3 6 4

MONDAY
8 7 6
3 1 9
5 2 4

TUESDAY
2 9 6
4 7 1
3 5 8

THURSDAY
2 6 4
1 9 8
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THE GIFT THAT BELONGS TO EDWARD

The gift that Bella gave to Edward

So you think you can run this joint?
If you are interested in running for a school-wide elected position, the Student Association petitions and Thresher blurs are due today, New this year, if you do not submit a Thresher blur, the calendar editor will write it for you in the style of Elaine Stich in three martini's. Your picture will be randomly chosen from a selection of covers of syllabo romance novels.

Proton pastries and molecular muffins
The Rice Science Cafe will be meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Black Labrador Pub. This is a free event for anyone, regardless of how badly you failed physics, and is a place for scientists to informally share their research. Tuesday’s cafe welcomes Paul Pudely to speak on the Large Hadrion Collider in Geneva, Switzerland.

WEDNESDAY
Federally-funded prayer-a-palooza
No, there isn’t one this week.

PUNNEL

The Rice Cinema and PRAGDA present the fourth annual Festival of New Spanish Cinema. This festival showcases movies heavier than churro, riskier than bull-fighting, fleshier than flamenco. The opening night reception starts tonight at 6 p.m. in the Rice Cinema. Filmmaker Oscar Aihar will be in attendance and will present the film 'The Great Kuppes' and answer questions in a post-screening Q&A. If that isn’t enough, there will be an after-party (by a Spaniard’s standards, the night has not yet begun). The festival continues until Jan. 29, and a full schedule can be found on the Rice Cinema’s website, film.rice.edu/Events/Events.html.

Many of the boys at a public party by 2:30 a.m.
Ken Jennings says: “What Is Kinda Sketchy?” Kinda Sketchy is also Rice’s sketch comedy troupe. They are working this semester with the Wellness Center to educate students about mental health.

This sudoku was created by sudokuzinger.com. It is a medium difficulty.

The solution will be posted on Twitter at twitter.com/threshercal.
Imagine a world without Rondelet

For more than 60 years, Rice students have enjoyed the Rondelet Dance. A place where the socially awkward could relieve their memories of high school dances, only this time with dates. A magical time where a few people even got lucky and got to do the happy dangle with the one they loved. By happy dangle we mean coitus.

Now the RNC has canceled our favorite school dance. Imagine if this dance didn't exist. If Rice students had to ask each other on dates without a pretext. If RPC can just cancel Rondelet, what about the other events they are in charge of? Could they just cancel Beer Bikes? Could they cancel America?

As Backpage editors, we could easily have let this transgression go, and sacrifice freedom for liberty. We could have done our jobs and come up with a new Backpage when our editor in chief didn't allow us to publish the hilarious content we had written the week prior. However, we refuse to do those things. Especially the one that requires us to work.

So as a protest, we are doing the same thing we do every time we don't like something, from relationship problems to grades on tests, blacking out faster than a McMurtry College freshman. So this week you don't get the Backpage, the wonderful jokes, the hard-hitting journalism, the beautiful people, the fast cars, the adorable animals and the unnecessarily long lists written by editors whose ability to use commas is matched only by their laziness.

Instead you get this protest, proof of grassroots strength from the most well established media outlet on campus. However, the work is not done. We must take this fight to the streets, like the climatic prom scene showdown of “Teen Wolf”. That's why we ask you to contact your RNC representatives and yell your opinions at them.

Email them as many times as possible at rnc_ads@rice.edu. Freedom and justice depend on it.

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