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the Rice Thresher

Athletics forum underscores types of improvements needed to ensure success of future Rice athletics

Last Thursday, Jan. 19, the athletics department took a strong step in outlining its vision for the second century of Rice athletics by holding a one-and-a-half hour forum for Rice athletics' fans and supporters (see story, pg. 1). The Director of Athletics Rick Greenspan and President David Leebron discussed the merits of Rice student-athletes as well as the five pillars that Rice is choosing to erect its plan for the success of Rice athletics upon.

The forum was, by and large, a success, as many have long been clamoring for the current athletics administration to engage Rice's fanbase in actively seeking their opinions concerning the direction for Rice athletics. The presence of both Greenspan and Leebron showed that both sides are in accordance and are committed to this blueprint. Additionally, the fact that Stude Concert Hall was nearly full validates the belief that there are fervent supporters of Rice athletics that wish to see it improved. While Rice has achieved recent success in many of its 14 sports, most notably tennis, track and field, cross country and baseball, the "revenue" sports of football and men's basketball have not been competitive in relation to Rice's conference or academic peers for too long, something that must be the first priority of the athletic department.

In this world of college athletics driven by television contracts, advertising and athletic apparel sponsorships, it is critical that the athletics department's marketing efforts are vastly improved in order to market Rice athletics to the casual sports fan. The Thresher feels that Greenspan and his department need to improve the visibility of athletics in order to ensure that attendance numbers rapidly increase. The proposed facilities are an excellent start, but marketing Rice athletics as a cheaper alternative to Houston's professional sporting events and a superior product over the University of Houston's competitions against far flung Big East opponents is crucial. Additionally, Greenspan must actively use his experience as an athletic director at a Big Ten conference to ensure that Rice is no longer an afterthought in future conference realignment discussions, as it was in this past year.

The Thresher commends Leebron on his willingness to take a leading part in this forum. Leebron's frank and thorough answers to fans' questions, as well as his impressive knowledge of the conference realignment landscape in college athletics, confirms that Leebron is, perhaps, the most receptive Rice president in the last half-century to the idea that top-tier intercollegiate athletics are vital to the overall mission of this university. The president reminded the audience that Rice has overcome many obstacles in the past to meet its goals of becoming a world-class research university and that championship achievements in the realm of intercollegiate athletics are no different from any of these previous challenges. For this forthright and optimistic mindset, the Thresher believes that Leebron's administration is one that fosters the rejuvenation of athletics at Rice.

To students, the Thresher encourages greater support of Rice athletics through their attendance at athletic events. Be proactive in engaging student-athletes in your college and take pride in your ability to know these members of your university, an opportunity that is not easily afforded to students at other Division I institutions.

To alumni, the Thresher challenges the proposed football facility, tennis facility and any other capital-intensive athletics projects to be fulfilled by donations. Athletics are, in large part, the most conspicuous tie that each of you still has to the place where you spent four or more years of your life, and your support of this endeavor ensures that Rice will take a large step to becoming a university that people associate with both academic and athletic excellence.

Errata

In last week's issue of the Thresher, the article "RCP calls off dance after week of low ticket sales" implied that Rondolet had been canceled in three of the past four years. However, RCP did not plan to hold Rondolet in 2008 and 2009, and last year was the first time Rondolet had been canceled in several years. Additionally, it should have been reported that RCP told its representatives that Rondolet would be held before, and not after, winter break. The Thresher regrets these errors.
On-campus food offerings under-appreciated by student body

"Up, servery food is disgusting today," I'm so tired of eating in the servery. "I just can't eat this anymore, let's go off campus." These comments about our on-campus dining, among many others, are so frequently overheard at Rice, whether it is lunch time on Saturday or at dinner on Tuesday. Many students have included, either explicitly or implicitly, their dissatisfaction with what Rice Dining has to offer in their social lives.

"I try not to eat in the servery, it's just too disgusting," said senior Sarah McMurtry, a McMurtry College resident. "Every single day, everyone talks about how disgusting the food is. Everyone makes these comments about the food the servery serves, but we have never considered the deeper problem that our culture has become astonishingly superficial.

Bernard Miller

How is it that we would rather dig into the personal details of a presidential candidate's marriage than get to the heart of important issues? Some would say that his past infidelity proves he lacks integrity, and therefore he is unfit to be president. However, his past infidelity only proves he has made mistakes in his past. There is no such thing as a perfect person. In order to have a perfect past, you would have to be frozen in a time capsule, but that is not the case. Instead, it might be more constructive to look at other schools and see how Rice compares. According to collegexpress.com, Rice earns an "A" grade for its on-campus dining. Considering many other top-flight schools also receive similar grades, Rice fares very well on this scale.

Even more impressive, though, is how Rice compares on cost. While the following is not an exhaustive sample by any means, Rice has the lowest average meal plan cost, $3,780, compared to schools such as Georgetown ($4,066), Washington University ($4,385), and Princeton University ($4,536).

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Bill Satterfield

Before going into a culinary critique of the Rice serveries, we cannot expect to compare them to a home-cooked meal or off-campus excursion and tend to be largely unfair in criticizing their performance based on this comparison. Instead, it might be more constructive to look at other schools and see how Rice compares. According to collegexpress.com, Rice earns an "A" grade for its on-campus dining. Considering many other top-flight schools also receive similar grades, Rice fares very well on this scale.

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While I am certainly no exception and often express my complaints or servery failures, I have found it is also important to take a step back and look at our on-campus life with some perspective. We all may have our qualms about the food we eat on campus, but we might be using slightly overboard with our complaints. Rice Dining, while it may not be perfect, does a much better job than we give them credit for.

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Two master's of architecture students, Yoni Pressman and Courtney Benzon, worked through the summer to design the house. In accordance with Habitat's goals, the design aims to make the house highly sustainable and easy for unskilled laborers to build.

The house is 1,300 square feet— including three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a large combined living room and kitchen space. There are also front and back porches and a one-car garage.

"It's going to be a very green house because the rooms will be naturally lit as much as possible, and we have installed ceiling fans and windows that can be easily opened," Pressman said.

Solar panels will cover the roof, which is designed at a specific optimum angle which will allow the panels to pick up the most sunlight possible, Pressman said. Green Mountain Energy will be donating the panels, which are not included in the $65,000 cost, Jarjour said.

"The key thing about this design is that it is simple and cost-effective as well as space-effective," Jarjour said. "We hope to make a house that is better for the environment for the same price."

The design will be a permanent addition to Habitat for Humanity's existing set of three standard homes they regularly build. The organization is making a push for more solar homes because oil companies often offer support for green homes, Jarjour said.

The house will be built in the Fifth Ward of Houston, and a community organization in the area or the City of Houston will donate the land. The group has not yet determined the exact location for the house.

Fundraising efforts included contacting at least 75 corporations and sending around 1,000 emails to Rice alumni. The group has set Feb. 10 a fundraising deadline for itself, and Jarjour estimated that they are about 40 percent of the way to their goal.

"It is going to be difficult but I think [reachable] in the next couple of weeks," Habitat member and Lovett College freshman Nick Thorpe said. "It is an ambitious goal to begin with, but usually in the last couple of weeks is when things get going."

Aside from traditional donations, West Servery's senior Executive Chef, Roger Elkhouri, has agreed to make 1,000 cinnamon rolls that will be given away to those who make a donation in front of Valhalla on Feb. 19 between 3 and 5 p.m.

After several stages, the project officially launched on Rice Day, Oct. 12, 2011, and scheduled build days for the house are March 22, 23 and 24 and April 3, 4, and 7.

Habitat for Humanity will choose the family that receive the house through its standard application process. Applicants are selected based on need and ability to pay a monthly fee, as the house is not free. The family will pay for it as if it has a mortgage without interest. Each family that receives a Habitat House must also contribute 300 hours toward building other houses, Jarjour said.

Habitat for Humanity has built 830 homes in the Houston area since the city's branch was established 25 years ago.

"I am really excited and very proud that the Rice community has been able to come together and put all these resources into making this happen," Jarjour said.

Pressman also said he is ecstatic about the project culminating into a reality.

"I've learned a lot from the experience, and I am excited to start my career with this behind me," he said. "It's been great to try out the things I have learned in architecture school and execute them all the way to a finished building."
Starting at 6PM Friday, the RMC and adjacent buildings will house a festival of gaming, **OwlCon XXXI**: featured will be various boardgames, tabletop RPGs, LARPs, historical and fantasy miniature games, open gaming, an anime room, and special guests hailing from the gaming industry. This year’s guests are Steve Jackson, Adam Daigle, Keith Baker, and Matt Finch!

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Student report leads to arrest

BY ELLEN LEE
THAI ATTORNEY-GENERAL STAFF

The Rice University Police Department arrested and charged a man with attempted burglary of a motor vehicle, criminal trespassing and possession of marijuana.

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International Criminal Court investigator addresses international violations of justice

BY JENNIFER DING
THE HOUSTONIAN

International Criminal Court Investigation Coordinator Alex Whiting spoke on Jan. 14 to a group of students, faculty and outside guests on the ICC’s mission to correct international violations of justice. Whiting, who works for the Office of the Prosecutor in the ICC, began with a quote from the beginning of the Nuremberg Trials from Justice Robert H. Jackson.

"The wrongs which we seek to condemn and punish have been too often not the abjurations of evil spirits, but the exaltations of human hearts that have lain under a guilty sky and leaned upon guilty foundations. We have seen that with an alert community to get a criminal off the streets for now and prevent someone from being the victim of a crime," Rodriguez said. He added that anyone who sees suspicious activity should immediately report it to EPS.

"Better for us to check it out and make sure there’s nothing going on," Rodriguez said. "Better to be safe than sorry."

Though nothing of value was taken from the Adobe Hall, Hunt was not able to open any other vehicles, Rodriguez said students should take care to make sure they lock and validate contents of their cars. He said that people on campus should park their vehicles in well-lit and secured areas. "In order to become an easy target," Rodriguez said. "We’re fortunate [Hunt] didn’t do anything more serious."

Hansen College junior Daniel Low said the burglary accident surprised him because he usually feels safe on campus, but he also worries EPS has a more noticeable presence.

"All I’ve ever encountered EPS is making their heads out of car windows and telling me to slow down and double check my backpack in the halls," Low said. "If I could see them walking around, even at night, it would seem criminal, and I would be safer making the walk from West Lot."}

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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 attributes including but not limited to academic standing and potential, life experiences and interests, commitment to building bridges in multicultural settings, and interest in pursuing graduate education. Students who participate in the program receive a yearly stipend of $3,000, work closely with a faculty mentor for two years, and are also eligible for participation in summer fellowship programs at the end of their sophomore or junior years. Finalists will be interviewed. Announcements will be made in March. For more information and to download the application please go to: http://diversity.rice.edu/mellon_mays.aspx

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Mapping it out: an overview

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BUSINESS

SA Student school panel

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The committee is currently preparing a list of wildflowers that would use the least amount of water possible. The project is an attempt to increase color variance on campus.

Stop the grates campaign

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Recyclable cups

The committee is trying to get a recyclable cup as a replacement, in campus with recyclable plastic cups in part by getting the recyclable cups. The committee piloted the program at Lovett College and at Rice Dining, and hopes to initiate recyclable plastic cups at public gatherings before expanding to the Hotel and freshman.

STUDENT LIFE

The Student Life Committee coordinates and functions as an intermediary between the undergraduate student body and the campus administration to improve the non-academic aspects of student life, ensuring that students' voices and concerns are heard.

Tetra points at farmer's market

The Farmer's Market, which sells local fresh food, is located on the football stadium and is open on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Students can now go to the market and exchange Tetra points for tokens, which can be used at any of the booths. The project was started last semester in an effort to raise awareness and make it easier for campus residents to access food.

Food reps & chef forum

The project aims to establish a greater uniformity in services across campus by having food representatives from each college discuss the best practices and interact with their respective services. The committee is currently drafting formal job descriptions for campus food representatives. This project began last semester and will most likely stretch right into this semester, Jackson said.

Guided tours of steam tunnels

The system of steam tunnels that runs below campus is in limits to uncontrolled entrances. However, last semester, approximately 50 students, determined by lottery due to high demand, took a sanctioned tour of the system. The tours began last year, with one tour per semester, and are expected to continue due to high student interest.

More athletic involvement

The project aims to increase interaction between the athletics department and the student body. Sammy's Picnic and the Autry Army Recruitment Party were two events that were held last semester to facilitate this goal. The committee hopes to work with the athletics department and the faculty to host an event for the spring semester and to engage student leaders in group to work on local. campus involvement.

ACADEMIC

Chairs: Brendan Liu and Siddhant Mullick

The Academics Committee works to improve the undergraduate academic experience.

Language program changes

The SA gathered student feedback and reviewed possible changes to introductory language courses. The School of Humanities then used this feedback to better restructure the language courses. Starting in the fall, introductory level courses will increase class size from three to five hours.

Schedule planner

Stemed last fall, Schedule Planner is a website that allows students to plot out their potential courses onto a calendar. It provides more structure for each class and numerical evaluations for each course. Students can find Schedule Planner at schdulplanner.rice.edu.

Majors checklist

The SA will work with Peer Academic Advisors to create a standardized major checklist to make it easier for students to understand all the course requirements to satisfy a given major. Checklists already exist for many engineering and science majors, but the committee intends to create checklists for humanities and social sciences majors.

"As a PhD, this is one of my favorite projects because it can save a unified way to approach students," said Richardson College Senator Bryan Lam said. "Students will have a standard to compare majors and courses, making it easier for them to decide and plan.

Symllabus standards

On Wednesday, the Faculty Senate approved a policy that will require faculty to provide a syllabus with basic, uniform requirements on the first day of class, whether online or on paper. The next step in the process will be to create an archive of past syllabi for recruiting courses. "The goal is to provide [the syllabus] on Ether for course evaluations so students can know the requirements for a course before signing up." 

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Recyclable cups

The committee is trying to get a recyclable cup as a replacement, in campus with recyclable plastic cups in part by getting the recyclable cups. The committee piloted the program at Lovett College and at Rice Dining, and hopes to initiate recyclable plastic cups at public gatherings before expanding to the Hotel and freshman.

STUDENT LIFE

The Student Life Committee coordinates and functions as an intermediary between the undergraduate student body and the campus administration to improve the non-academic aspects of student life, ensuring that students’ voices and concerns are heard.

Tetra points at farmer’s market

The Farmer’s Market, which sells local fresh food, is located on the football stadium and is open on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Students can now go to the market and exchange Tetra points for tokens, which can be used at any of the booths. The project was started last semester in an effort to raise awareness and make it easier for campus residents to access food.

Food reps & chef forum

The project aims to establish a greater uniformity in services across campus by having food representatives from each college discuss the best practices and interact with their respective services. The committee is currently drafting formal job descriptions for campus food representatives. This project began last semester and will most likely stretch right into this semester, Jackson said.

Guided tours of steam tunnels

The system of steam tunnels that runs below campus is in limits to uncontrolled entrances. However, last semester, approximately 50 students, determined by lottery due to high demand, took a sanctioned tour of the system. The tours began last year, with one tour per semester, and are expected to continue due to high student interest.

More athletic involvement

The project aims to increase interaction between the athletics department and the student body. Sammy’s Picnic and the Autry Army Recruitment Party were two events that were held last semester to facilitate this goal. The committee hopes to work with the athletics department and the faculty to host an event for the spring semester and to engage student leaders in group to work on local campus involvement.

ACADEMIC

Chairs: Brendan Liu and Siddhant Mullick

The Academics Committee works to improve the undergraduate academic experience.

Language program changes

The SA gathered student feedback and reviewed possible changes to introductory language courses. The School of Humanities then used this feedback to better restructure the language courses. Starting in the fall, introductory level courses will increase class size from three to five hours.

Schedule planner

Stemed last fall, Schedule Planner is a website that allows students to plot out their potential courses onto a calendar. It provides more structure for each class and numerical evaluations for each course. Students can find Schedule Planner at schdulplanner.rice.edu.

Majors checklist

The SA will work with Peer Academic Advisors to create a standardized major checklist to make it easier for students to understand all the course requirements to satisfy a given major. Checklists already exist for many engineering and science majors, but the committee intends to create checklists for humanities and social sciences majors.

"As a PhD, this is one of my favorite projects because it can save a unified way to approach students," said Richardson College Senator Bryan Lam said. "Students will have a standard to compare majors and courses, making it easier for them to decide and plan.

Symllabus standards

On Wednesday, the Faculty Senate approved a policy that will require faculty to provide a syllabus with basic, uniform requirements on the first day of class, whether online or on paper. The next step in the process will be to create an archive of past syllabi for recruiting courses. "The goal is to provide [the syllabus] on Ether for course evaluations so students can know the requirements for a course before signing up." 

More people, the student body and the administration for issues concerning student life, undergraduate academics, and campus sustainability.
Guest Creation:

A New Kind of Sandwich

BY BRADWAY KUMAR
FOR THE THRESHER

I'll be the first person to admit that I'm not the most gifted when it comes to the culinary arts. Sure, once in a while I'll Google "What to eat to get cute," but for the most part, I'm working at a novice level. Still, I have my occasional flashes of brilliance, and while these moments are pretty rare, you don't want to miss them when they come along. I'd even go so far as to compare them to shooting stars, aside from the fact that they're pretty much nothing like shooting stars. In any case, the following recipe results from such an incident.

Through my academic career, I've found there's nothing more depressing than retaking a class after a long break, and I've learned that this axiom applies to winter break. It's cold outside, it's not far enough removed from the previous semester and you've still moeten as to how you managed to accomplish nothing over the breaking period. This individual person would do when faced with potential unhappiness, I turn to the quickest solution: frozen ice cream. I mean ice cream, I turn to ice cream. In this specific instance, ice cream sandwiches.

Sandwiches of which option you select, once the final step has been completed, head-on to the nearest table and enjoy a dessert that will really remove from the previous semester. Disregard those who say that shooting stars are few and far between, I'd even go as far as to compare them to shooting stars, aside from the fact that they're pretty much nothing like shooting stars. In any case, the following recipe results from such an incident.

The crafting of this sandwich is essentially the same as its more famous predecessor, with one notable exception. Instead of adding whipped cream, spread the chocolate mousse onto the sandwich core, giving a chocolate explosion with which to work. Now you can add Coco Puffs and hot chocolate as liberally as you desire. While similar in taste and texture to the original, the inclusion of the chocolate flours of the sandwich.

First, gather two cookies, designating one as the base and one as the top of the sandwich. Gently spread the ice cream onto your plate and let melt for about five minutes, until it can be easily spread on the cookies. Once the ice cream is sufficiently soft, spread it onto your cookie base. You've spread and smoothed the ice cream, gently place the second cookie on top. I've found that one swift, circular motion tracing the circumference of the cookie works best. Finally, take a handful of Coco Puffs and place them on the top of the cookie.

Incredible ice cream sandwich

Ingredients:
- 1 2 blue bell ice cream cups
- 1 chocolate nut cookies
- hot cocoa powder
- a handful of coco puffs

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If you have any suggestions, comments or favorite savory recipes, please email Reed.Thompson@rice.edu.

Rice Crubs: Where the magic happens

Rice Crubs explores the campus and surrounding area.

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Sasha Schoch and Allie Schach. Azuma has a huge menu and, although itprices itself on being a "sushi and robata bar," it offers a wide-ranging selection. The sushi menu varies from simple rolls like cucumber and avocado to complex sushi creations like the Crazy Tuna. They also offer rolls, rice, noodle dishes, salads, tempura, and daily specials. Our table started out with a steamed bowl of edamame. Although the basic template of edamame doesn't vary much from restaurant to restaurant, it was especially delicious at Azuma. It was steamed to perfection, with the appropriate amount of salt on the outside. Dipping the edamame in soy sauce made it taste even better.

Pina' exudes passion
A documentary inspired by and made for Pina Bausch

CHRISTINE JEON
THE RECREATION STAFF

"Dance, dance, otherwise we are lost," Pina Bausch said. The German dancer, teacher and ballet director was one of the most influential leaders in modern dance since the gips, Pina, under the brilliant direction of Wim Wenders (Palermo Shooting), pays tribute to Bausch by showcasing some performances of her students. The film, nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 84th Annual Academy Awards, includes personal remembrances from the dancers about what they had learned from Bausch. The director chose a narrative technique that envelops the omnipresent dancers' monologues into visual performances of their dances. Wenders' technique leaves the audience to think about each dancer's message through his or her dance. In the regular movie world, we tend to distinguish characters by their names, physical features and dialect. Yet, in Pina, we are able to distinguish each dancer through the distinct scenes portrayed in each performance. The lack of dialogue leaves the audience nothing to focus on but the harmony of each dancer's movement and emotion. Each dance, rich in various themes — love, pain, joy, societal pressures and fear — is a depiction of human nature. Yet Pina is more than a collection of rich dances. They say dances are poetry in motion, but Wenders' use of it takes this to a whole different level. The audience becomes a part of the poetry. The director remarkably captures each layer and element from the dance, using transitions, zoom-ins, lighting and layers to magnify the slightest of movements, from an uplift in the eyebrows to a twitch in the lip. Each captured expression reflects the titles shared by the dancers.Wenders also exploits a number of metaphor settings in which the dances are performed. From swimming pools to streets, streets to halls, the outdoor performances maintain the audience's attention throughout the whole film. Wenders incorporated the various elements from these settings, such as the props, so deftly that it never becomes a distraction from the dance. The next dish to arrive on the table was a plate of Calabasas rolls. These included cucumber, avocado and king crab meat and were wrapped in seaweed and covered in rice. The sushi was served with a large amount of wasabi and ginger and was delicious. The pro- cedure, cucumber and king crab were fresh and perfectly proportioned, and the sushi did not fall apart as it was picked up.

Audiences go haywire out of boredom

KENESY KING
THE RECREATION STAFF

Returned by critics as the female version of the Italian Butoh dance group, Wim Wenders does not even come close to delivering up to expectations. Gina Carano, the film's leading lady, lacks poise with a poorly written script, unexciting musical score and sub-par acting by the protagonist. Like Leos Carax, Madonna Caruso, Blood and Bone works as a highly trained assassin. She is easily skilled with various types of weaponry and hand-to-hand combat. On a mission in Barcelona with some sinister partners (Amarth Tanaka, Jim Hines), Kate becomes the target of her own employer, Kenneth (Keanu Reeves), making the movie much harder to watch. What was supposed to be a plot that flows naturally, is, as it remains monotonous throughout the entire movie. The action of the film could be greatly improved with a better storyline that follows one actress, more in tempo and key.

We ordered some hot and cold food, and their texture and flavor went quite tasty, and the flavor of the sauce made it taste even better. The sauce it came in a light batter. The sauce it came with is stir-fried udon noodles which is stir-fried udon noodles and the sushi did not fall apart as it was picked up. The flavors all came melded to make a delicious roll. We would definitely order the Callelama rolls again. We also ordered yaki udon, which is stir-fried udon noodles with chicken and vegetables. Udon noodles are thick wheat noodles, and their texture and flavor went well with the dish. The chicken was relatively thinly sliced and well-cooked. The vegetables — mainly cabbage and carrots — were also quite tasty, and the flavor of the sauce made the meal perfect. The portion was relatively large, so we brought some home to eat the next day.

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Vegetable tempura (yakitori tempura) is a great starter to share with friends. The vegetables — mainly sweet potatoes, onion, mizutani and mushrooms — were prepared in a light batter. The sauce it came with was not particularly great but the sauce for the vegetables made up for it. This dish is filling and makes a perfect shared appetizer, whether on a date or with friends. The next dish to arrive on the table was a plate of Calabasas rolls. These included cucumber, avocado and king crab meat and were wrapped in seaweed and covered in rice. The sushi was served with a large amount of wasabi and ginger and was delicious. The procedure, cucumber and king crab were fresh and perfectly proportioned, and the sushi did not fall apart as it was picked up.
John C. Reilly, Chicago] have a son whose teeth are knocked out in a schoolyard fight. When Nancy Cowan (Kate Winslet, Twain) and Alan Cowan (Christoph Waltz, Inglourious Basterds) find out their son was on the other end of the fight, they go to the Longstreets' apartment to make amends. The boys are gone, so their parents have to settle the conflict themselves. The Longstreets are an upper-middle-class family without fancy occupations. The Cowans, on the other hand, are wealthy and carry a subtle sense of entitlement. We can already feel some uncomfortable tension brewing between the families. When they start discussing the fight, the tension and discomfort only get stronger. From this point on, most films would follow the classic conflict-resolution routine. The tension is built into heated argument, the heated argument turns into brawl, and before it is all over, the adults realize their own children behave finally, and the couples become best friends. Not this film. With each word another layer of pretentiousness is stripped away, and by the end, each character reveals the awkwardness of his or her core. Carnage is an emotional roller coaster in the best sense of the word. We feel like we are actually seeing a story unfold, and the dialogue is often laugh-out-loud funny. The silence of the Lambs

"Carnage" delivers with a disturbing portrait of humanity.

BRIAN BIEKMAN

Carnage stars two sets of parents whose initially cordial meeting devolves into mayhem.

Dr. Alan Longstreet, played by Ed Harris, and his wife, played by the excellent Juliet Stevenson, are the kind of parents who would have been in the hottest legal drama on TV. Their son is the kind of kid who would be in the high school paper. They are the kind of people who would be able to afford the best lawyers for their son. And they have the kind of marriage that would make other couples the envy of the world. But as the film progresses, we see that things are not quite as they seem.

Dr. Longstreet is a successful doctor who has been working hard to make sure his son gets into a good college. He is a man who values hard work and dedication. His wife, on the other hand, is a stay-at-home mother who is constantly struggling to keep the family together. They are both very proud of their son, and they both want him to have a good life.

Unfortunately, their son is not as successful as they would like. He is a high school senior who is not doing well in school. He is not getting the grades that he needs to get into a good college. His parents are worried about him, and they are not sure what to do.

As the film progresses, we see that the situation is much more complicated than it seems. The son is not doing well in school because he is not interested in learning. He is not interested in learning because he is not passionate about anything. He is not passionate about anything because he is not interested in anything. The parents are not sure what to do, and they are not sure how to help their son.

In the end, the film shows that the parents are not as different as they seem. They both love their son, and they both want what is best for him. But they are not sure how to make it happen. They are both struggling to find the right path for their son.

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Predictable plot leaves 'Divide' hopeless

RUCY CUI
FOR THE THRESHER

With a tagline as bleakly ominous as "The lucky ones died in the blast," The Divide is the kind of movie you go into expecting the worst because you already recognize its plot twists from a mile away. Like most in the post-apocalyptic survival horror genre, the filminfiltrates humanity's actual inhumanity in the face of a largely cataclysmic event. Director Xavier Gens' (whose body of work also includes the brutally gruesome Frontier(s)) is the clever man who shows us the wickedness of the human race. He unflinchingly chronicles the capacity for evil in this movie, although dramatized, is plausible enough for quite a few chills.

The closest character we accept as a protagonist is Eva, played by building screws queen Lauren German of Hotel: Part II and the Texas Chainsaw Massacre. In the opening shot, we watch a single teen drip down her cheek, as she gains on a nuclear bomb falling on New York City from the windows of her high-rise apartment building. Her frantic, San Fran Gonzalez, Jax), frantically grabs her hand, leading her to the basement of the apartment. Taking refuge in the basement alongside the couple are bullies to be Bobby (Michael Eklund, Promised, Josh Mello Ventimiglia, Order of Osiris), gentle-mannered mother Marilyn (Roxanne Anquetilde, Gingergrass Honey) and her daughter Wendy (Abbey Thickson, Release). The group consists of a trio of dominos to be Mike (Nathan Petrelli, Irrefutable), Bull (Patrick Breslin, Irrefutable), Elliot (Brian McDermott, Irrefutable), Wendi (Abbey Thickson, Release). Eva localizes the group and quickly forms bonds and decision making to form a new family within the confines of their bunker.

Besides a grim story of cabin fever, madness and paranoia, throughout the movie, the divide between the inside and outside is a constant motif. One character whose finger on the cast iron door to the main entrance is the key to what is happening outside the protective door that the survivors have set up to their bunker. Within the bunker, the survivors are a group of people who are trying to survive in a world that has been destroyed by a nuclear war. The survivors are trying to keep themselves safe from the outside world, which is filled with danger and destruction.

Inhaling the final climactic scene that manages to tie together all the threads of the story, the viewer is left to ponder the fate of the survivors and their future. The scene is emotional and poignant, leaving the audience to think about the message of the movie, which is that we should come together as a community to overcome our differences and work together for the greater good.

The Divide is a thought-provoking film that explores the theme of survival in a post-apocalyptic world. The film is well-crafted with strong performances from the cast, especially from Lauren German as Eva. The film's message of coming together as a community to overcome our differences is a powerful one and leaves the viewer with much to think about.
Another week, another split for the Owls’ women’s basketball team—which is now 0-3 on the road inside Conference USA this season. While things could be worse—they have been able to win pretty reliably at home—the team is facing a big drop in its billing as one of the best teams inside C-USA, since it is having difficulty breaking even on the road.

Despite a strong performance this past week against a good University of Central Florida (9-4, 2-0 C-USA) team, the Owls struggled to shut down the Golden Knights in the overtime period that Rice rallied to force.

Rice and UCF fought at the beginning, with the teams trading the lead back and forth for the opening minutes of the first half. The Owls, countering their trend of weak starts on the road, had a good start as junior guard Isaczu knocked down three-three-point shots in the opening minutes of the first half. However, the Owls went cold giving the Golden Knights a five-point lead at 2-0. The Owls went on to score one point from the free throw, taking the lead for the first time of the game with six minutes left in the first half. However, Rice went cold, missing shots, and allowing UCF to maintain the lead and take it into halftime.

In the second half, the teams trading the lead back and forth for a few moments, only to let Rice go on a 22-2 run, effectively sealing the game in the first half. Even despite a run in the closing few moments, Southern Miss still had enough to take the lead home down nine.

Any momentum that Southern Miss had was lost coming into the second half, as Rice outscored its opponents 37-17 in the second half. Gevenia Carter, a quick UCF guard, had other ideas though, scoring all seven points of UCF’s leading scorer, senior guard Jasmine Frey, with her five points and two assists.

This momentous last week, the University of Southern Mississippi (6-13, 0-6), the worst team in C-USA, traveled to Tudor Fieldhouse. Rice dominated the vastly overmatched Golden Eagles, who simply were not a match for the Owls. Southern Miss was able to hang for the first few minutes, which was the extent of the Owls’ struggle, effectively sealing the game in the first half. The final margin of the game was 27-43. Rice’s second largest win of the season. The 72 points Rice scored was its highest total since a November contest against Alabama State University.

If there is a week for the Owls to jump ahead of .500, it is this next one. They take on two very beatable teams—a Thursday home game against East Carolina University (6-2, 0-7 C-USA) and a five-time home game across town against the University of Houston (26-15, 7-5 C-USA).

East Carolina, which is still searching for its first C-USA win, has been close in a few of the contests—they just have not been able to close games out. They lost to Southern Methodist University (6-8, 3-0 C-USA) and the University of Texas at El Paso (7-17, 6-6 C-USA) over the last week.

The Owls, which is also struggling mightily, has one C-USA win. They managed to beat Southern Miss (which Rice had last defeated by more than 30 points) in a home contest a few weeks ago, but besides that have seen little success.

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Along with that, look for updates for men’s tennis as they go on the road to play Florida State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Even more surprising, joining preseason favorite Charleston and Old Dominion University to perch themselves atop the conference is the University of Southern Mississippi, already missing the team’s leading scorer from the field for a total of three points as Rice was outscored 49-35 in the blowout loss. "Tulsa didn’t give up anything easy at the glass. We were able to beat their initial pressure, but we didn’t do a good job of making the next play," Coach Braun said after the game, a loss that dropped Rice to 2-3 in the conference this season. "Having to play without [Kazemi] gave us a couple of loads that weren’t accustomed to. This was a very tough game to play without him.”

Though disappointed in his team’s performance, Braun did concede some good news in the post-game press conference regarding his injured star. An earlier MRI revealed no structural damage or tearing, allowing him to resume practice and play as the team traveled to Memphis on Wednesday, as Coach Braun looks to get his team back in the conference race. With four of their next five games on the road, Rice is looking to redeem themselves this weekend with a home game against Tulane.

Conference USA temperature check

The smart money for Conference USA championship in the preseason was on the University of Memphis and Marshall University to perch themselves atop the standings in what was expected to be a bit of a down year in the CUSA. With 2011 NCAA Tournament participant University of Alabama at Birmingham among many teams expected to take a step back from last season, the Tigers were expected to regain their status as the class of the conference, saving more company at the top of the standings than many may have expected. With a one-point win over Memphis a few weeks ago, the Owls are 4-0 in Conference USA play and sit in third place in the conference at 4-2 and 15-5 overall. The Knights boast non-league wins against the University of Connecticut, College of Charleston and Old Dominion University and sit in the top six in the nation.

Follow twitter.com/ThresherSports for updates concerning the men’s and women’s basketball games this weekend and next week. Men’s basketball is hosting Tulane and UTep this week, while women’s basketball has great chances for wins against East Carolina and Houston. Along with that, look for updates for men’s tennis as the go on the road to play Florida State in the first round of the Indoor Tennis Championships. The ladies are on the road as well as they ventured to Corpus Christi to take on Texas A&M at Corpus Christi.
Men's tennis falls short against Southern foes

by Dan Elledge
Housetle/Texas Hall

After a dominant start to their season last weekend against Lamar University (6-0) and Prairie View A&M University (0-6), the Owls were excited about hosting two perennial powerhouse teams in the University of Texas (2-0) and Louisiana State University (1-0). Rice saw a chance to shine and make a statement to the rest of the nation that it was for real. However, the Owls were hooded and scratched by the Longhorns and Tigers respectively as they dropped both of their weekend matches, missing out on a golden chance to get their season off to a starting start.

On Friday, the Owls hosted the Longhorns at the Met Indoor Arena in downtown Houston, hoping to get revenge for the drubbing they got last year, losing 4-0 in Austin. For the doubles point, Texas cruised easily to the early 1-0 lead as they swept all three of the matches, 6-4, 6-3, and 6-7. Rice knew it had put itself in a hole, but realized that there were still many matches to be played. The Owls could not escape the deficit since each of their top three singles seeds — Junior Harry Fowler, Junior Peter Frank, and senior Sam Garforth-Bles — all dropped their respective matches. Their only singles' victories were recorded by Junior Jonathan Chang and senior Michael Nuesslein.

The Owls were hoping to rebound against LSU on Sunday since they returned to the friendly confines of Jake Hess Stadium. However, the Tigers had other ideas. They jumped out to an early 1-0 lead as they swept all three of the matches, 6-4, 6-1, and 6-7. Rice knew it had put itself in a hole, but realized that there were still many matches to be played. The Owls could not escape the deficit since each of their top three singles seeds — Junior Harry Fowler, Junior Peter Frank, and senior Sam Garforth-Bles — all dropped their respective matches. LSU came up with the victory 5-2. The Owls were hoping to return to way they dropped both of their weekend matches, missing out on a golden chance to get their season off to a starting start.

With the two losses over the weekend, the Owls are back to .500 with a 2-2 record. Assistant coach Efe Ustundag (Baker '99) said that the Owls did not show enough focus when they needed to and that made up for the difference in the match. In practice this week, Ustundag wanted that to be his team's primary focus.

"Those losses and those matches were not about who had the bigger forehead in the better serve," Ustundag said. "It was about recognizing the big moments and we did not follow our game plan. That was the majority of what we are focused on throughout the week."

Nuesslein agreed that the team struggled in executing its game plan, but also talked about how the team's doubles play needs to improve, so that the Owls do not keep falling into an early hole.

"In doubles it might only come down to two or three points that decide if you win or lose the match," Nuesslein said. "Last weekend, we were not able to step up our game and we got outplayed in three situations. We have to get better at finishing the points quicker, stop giving away easy points and give the opponent more chances to miss.

The Owls are heading on the road for the first time this year, heading to Waco, Texas this weekend to take part in the first and second rounds of the Indoor Tennis Championships. Rice plays against Florida State University (6-1) on Saturday before a possible matchup with Baylor University (1-1) or New Mexico State University (1-1) on Sunday. With regards to Florida State, Ustundag said he feels that the Owls should be favored to win due to the fact that the Seminoles have lost their top three players, but they cannot be overlooked, as they will be ready to play. Florida State lost their top three from last year, but they're a very scrappy bunch," Ustundag said. "They are going to fight you until the last point. They are not as strong as they were last year. However, that certainly will not affect their fight.

"Nuesslein mentioned that it would be a tough matchup if the Owls played Baylor University in the next round, because the Bears are ranked fifth in the nation, but that they cannot overlook FSU or they might not even get their shot.

Before thinking about the second match it's really important for us and our confidence as a team to take care of FSU on Saturday and then think about the match on Sunday," Nuesslein said.

Junior Harry Fowler gets ready to hit a ball against LSU on Sunday at Jake Hess Stadium. Fowler ended up losing the match, 6-4, 6-2 to the number 68th nationally ranked player, Olivier Bernso. The Owls ended up losing the match 5-2 to drop to .500 on the season. This weekend, Rice goes on the road for the first time this season as the team heads to Baylor University to take part in the Indoor Tennis Championships. The Owls play Florida State University tomorrow.
I can see your anus

No, your pink thing isn't hanging there. I mean your anus. Come to the Observatory
Open House at Beckman Hall for Physics at 8 p.m. tonight and see together, the Ring Nebula, Uranus, Neptune and other evening orbs. The event is free, and please wear high-waisted jeans. I really can see your anus.

SATURDAY

You don't put syrup on a blackberry.

Are you sick of explaining our residential college system to people? A little tired of this novel? Well, too bad! The Rice Quidditch team will be holding an exhibition scrimmage with Baylor University, Southern Methodist University and Texas A&M University. Come to Field 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to watch and cheer on Harry Potter (he will not be in attendance). The first three people to correctly answer the question "Blurmmer?" will be awarded the "Blummer Tag."
Mr. Dean, Mr. Provost, members of Rice, distinguished guests and fellow Owls:

Four shots and seven beers ago, William Marsh Rice founded this university on the principles of learning, knowledge and the combination of wheeled transportation with alcoholic consumption. Now as I speak to you, this school still stands, but we face challenges. The Rice Program Council has canceled Rondelle; many Rice students are not enrolled, desperately needing spots in classes. Despite these hitches, I stand before you to say that state of the University is strong.

Seriously, though, as an institution I bet we could outfit any challenger. During my presidency, I have adhered to a strict diet of whey protein and creatin and have personally increased my bench weight to 300 pounds. This makes sense, as Rice is a school famed for athletics. Our provost was especially on display with Baltimore Ravens' kicker Billy Cundiff's ('02 Rice) 50 successful field goal in the AFC championship. This is why my administration is proposing a new football stadium with increased seating capacity to house our dedicated fans.

This is because we must reward those who show the perseverance that so represents our school. The same perseverance that has led our men and women who serve our school with their athletic service. My term has been dangerous for these brave Rice students battling the forces of their own stupidity. We had to make hard decisions, but today I proudly announce that all hard liquor has returned to this school. Now it is time for intoxication-building here at home. We must ensure that all students of every creed have the opportunity to get drunk on freedom. And vodka.

In addition to drinking, we must ensure that this school is the safest with one student in a Houston area club. That's why we have installed extremely secure fingerprint biometric scanners at rooms restrooms. For the small $60,000 sum, we have solved a major problem on this campus. (Editors note: while the is Backpack satire, this figure is in fact accurate. Your school spent $60,000 on this.) I can proudly say that no student will ever go to the bathroom with the paralyzing fear that criminals would know the bathroom codes and use them to assault them.

However, for how far we have come, we can still go further. Look up to the balcony. Standing next to my lovely wife is Duncan Fiddy. He would be sitting, but as we know, the window of Fondren Library was woefully unprepared for his rear assault, and he has not been able to sit down for months. We cannot stand idly by as our windows harm our nude students. That's why I am proposing an initiative to replace every window in Fondren. Nay-sayers will ask how I propose to pay for such a program with the endowment mysteriously depleted due to restroom spending, but I promise that none of the funds will come from the university. Instead, we will force individual students to pay for the costs and restore some fairness to this great school.

Our school's motto is unconventional wisdom. Every day we must hold true to this. Some people say that Rice's greatest days are over, that like hit..

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