Karlgaard to lead Rice athletics

BY MOLLY CHU
MANAGING EDITOR

President David Leebron announced Joe Karlgaard as the new Rice University director of athletics. Karlgaard will take over the position Oct. 7, according to a Rice News and Media release.

Karlgaard comes to Rice from Stanford University, where he is currently serving as the senior associate athletics director for development, according to the release. He has previously served as the athletics director at Oberlin College in Ohio from 2005 to 2011.

“I’m highly optimistic about what Rice can do,” Karlgaard said at a Sept. 9 news conference. “I’m not one of those people who believes that academic values and athletic excellence are mutually exclusive. At Stanford, we’ve done a very good job at that, but I want Rice to form its own identity. And I’m here to collaborate with all of our coaches, our community and our supporters to find a way to get that done.”

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Planning for 100 Days and Senior Gala changes

BY MOLLY CHU and RACHEL MARCUS
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This year, the Office of Alumni Affairs will no longer be sponoring the Senior Committee responsible for putting on events like 100 Days, an off-campus event which celebrates the last 100 days before commencement, and Senior Gala, an off-campus event for seniors to celebrate the end of the year, according to Director of Alumni Engagement Suzanne Boue.

In previous years, the Senior Committee has been in charge of fundrais-

Energy and Environment Initiative selects leader

BY WEISLEY CHOU
FOR THE THRESHER

Former Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy at the United States Depart-

ment of Energy Charles McConnell has been chosen by Rice University to lead its Energy and Environment Initiative, an organization focused on developing sustainable energy technologies.

McConnell said he and Ed will expand current partnerships with Hous-

ton corporations and create new ones.

“A lot of research funding in the past has been based on government funding and government grants,” McConnell said. “The National Science Founda-
tion, the National Institutes of Health and, of course, the Department of Energy will provide many grants. But in light of current factors, such as the desire to balance the government’s budget and the tightness of fiscal constraints, such government funding will not be the same growth vehicle as before.”

McConnell said E2I’s activities will reach beyond on-campus activities and into both citywide and global scales.

“We want to extend this to local communities,” McConnell said. “They should be involved with companies since they are the ones most directly affected, whether the technology in-


tolved is fracking or carbon separa-
tion. One step beyond that is extending that globally because many foreign companies come to Houston to learn about our new technologies.”

McConnell said transformative technologies which combine more of fossil fuel-based technologies with economically sound renewable energy sources must be developed.

“While the definition of sustainabil-

ity is definitely rooted in environmental motives,” McConnell said. “There is also the [long time] competitive advantage that it brings to industry.”

University Provost George McLen-

don said he was pleased by McCon-

nell’s entry into Ed.

“We are delighted to have a person of [McConnell’s] stature and experience to help lead Ed.,” McConnell, a profes-
sor of chemistry, said.

Director of Rice’s Center for Energy and Environmental Research in the Human Sciences Dominic Borey said McConnell has the ability to unite dis-

parate groups on campus, in business and in government.

“The great thing about being able to hire someone like [McConnell] is that you have a terrific combination of sustainability and government. Borey, a professor of anthropology, said. “He’s very open, listens well and is obviously a very good leader in that he’s able to work with many different people and take their interests toward common goals. So not only is he the right profile and background, he has the right per-

sonality of skills.”

According to Ed Executive Committee Chair Pedro Alvarez, Ed’s goals range from funding to outreach.

“Ed will provide seed funding for faculty clusters to develop new areas of research related to energy and the environment [and will] coordinate a number of existing campus efforts in energy and environment research,” Alvarez, who is also the George R. Brown Director of Rice’s Center for Energy and Environmental Research, said.

Joe Karlgaard
The Thresher considers Rice University's commitment to creating its official university ring to be a major event in the school's history. Last October, the Class of 2014 joined thousands of Rice alumni and former students in celebrating the university's 100th birthday. To commemorate this landmark, the Rice Ring Committee invited students, faculty, and alumni to participate in the design and selection of a ring that would represent the university's legacy and future. The process involved a series of events that included a design competition, public exhibitions, and community feedback. The ring features a diamond and a ruby, symbolizing the university's academic excellence and its commitment to diversity. The first ring was presented to the university community in honor of its centennial celebration. The Thresher, the university's student newspaper, covered the event extensively, highlighting the participation of students, faculty, and alumni in the design process. The ring was designed by a local jewelry company and was made of 14-karat gold. It is worn by Rice graduates and is considered a valuable piece of jewelry that represents the university's spirit and values. The Thresher also noted that the ring's design was inspired by Rice's athletic programs, the university's history, and its commitment to excellence. The ring has become a symbol of the university's legacy and future, and it is worn by students, faculty, and alumni as a sign of pride and commitment to Rice. The ring ceremony was a testament to the university's commitment to its students and alumni, and it served as a reminder of the importance of higher education and the role it plays in shaping the future of society.
Top: The new Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen basement houses 26 tables for collaborative work among project teams. Bottom: The new renovations cost $1.2 million and added 6,000 square feet of space to the engineering design building.

**OEDK reopens after basement expansion**

**BY HEYA WEN**
FOR THE THresher

The Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen held an open house Sept. 7 to celebrate the renovation of its basement, which added 6,000 square feet of usable space, according to Director of the OEDK Maria Oden.

“The expansion of the OEDK is to better serve the need of students. We added 26 tables for [project] teams in the basement and quadrupled the electronic working area,” Oden said. “We added a new, large conference room and computer lab. We added one faculty member, two staff members and a technician to help students. The renovation itself cost $1.2 million. The original OEDK cost about $5 million.”

Associate Director of the OEDK Amy Kavalewitz said planning for the expansion started in January 2013 and construction, which took about three months, began after commencement in May. Kavalewitz said the OEDK received $650,000 for the project from the Asset Liquidation Funds Appointments Committee, which allocated proceeds from the KRTH sale.

Professor of electrical and computer engineering and of computer science Joseph Cavallaro said the larger space will allow more students to have the chance to experience engineering design.

“The opening of the basement offers space for more students, and it will certainly lead to better engineering performance,” Cavallaro said. “Major facility upgrades, such as the 3-D printer, will help students to create more interesting prototypes as well.”

Director of the OEDK Maria Oden said the OEDK would catch up with students’ growing interest in engineering and better accommodate students’ needs in the future.

“We are adding more equipment in [the] machine shop, a [computer numerical control] mill and a laser cutter,” Oden said. “We are also setting up electronic stations to provide opportunities for more students to have hands-on engineering experiences.”

OEDK Engineering Design Technician Carlos Amaro said students are already benefiting.

“There is a new section for ENGI 120: Introduction to Engineering Design and its continuation class, ENGI 300: Engineering Design Work shop,” Amaro said. “If every design team gets a table, we’ll have 60 of our 65 tables occupied.”

Rice Solar Car President Juan Borbon said the capabilities of the new OEDK would allow project teams to do more work in-house.

“Previously, we had to outsource a lot, Borbon, a Jones College junior, said. “Doing stuff in-house saves us money and time between conceptualization and production, allowing for iteration.”

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Min said that during these discussions, she and the college presidents wanted to ensure 100 Days and Senior Gala could still happen.

“We all felt that these senior events were really important to the senior class, and previously didn’t want to see them just disappear,” Min said.

“Min said she and the college presidents are currently searching for other student organizations to host and plan 100 Days. “It will not be the [Office of Alumni Affairs],” Min said. “We’re trying to play with different ideas about possibly merging similar events, but we’re treating Senior Gala as more of a priority.”

Min said she and the presidents plan for members of the new Future Alumni Committee to take the reins on planning Senior Gala.

“The current plan of action is that the [Office of Alumni Affairs] will be planning Senior Gala with oversight from [Alumni Affairs], so they will help plan the event like in the past,” Min said. “The seniors will plan most of the logistical aspects of the event, as well as marketing. A staff member from Alumni Affairs will work in an advisory capacity for the most part, and will also help with contracts and things of that nature. The impetus will really be on the students in planning the event to make sure that it happens.”

The group recognized that a change needed to be made to the events so that they can happen again this year, Min said. One issue stemmed from funding for the events. Min said that in the past, ticket sales from 100 Days have gone toward funding Senior Gala, thereby offsetting the cost of the latter event. However, Min said she, the college presidents and Hutchinson decided this system was unfair to students who purchased tickets for 100 Days but were unable to attend Senior Gala because they were not seniors or were under 21.

To address this problem, Min said she and the presidents were planning to make 100 Days and Senior Gala two financially separate events.

“If we raise the ticket prices or invite young alumni who are over 21, Senior Gala can be completely financially sustainable,” Min said.

Min and the presidents also said the use of alcohol has been a problem for 100 Days in the past and that the issue would have to be addressed moving forward.

“It’s good to have some compromises made based on the reputation of these events in the past,” Min said. “They can’t be as centered on alcohol as they have been.”

Min also said Alumni Affairs’ decision not to host 100 Days and to work towards Senior Gala in a different capacity was not because of the new alcohol policy.

“(Alumni Affairs not planning these events as they exist in the past) is something that has been talked about for more than one year, so the new alcohol policy didn’t really play a role in their decision not to do it this particular year,” Min said.

Sid Richardson College senior Rachel Tenney said she had planned on attending 100 Days in the past and would be disappoint ed to see it discontinued this year.

“100 Days have always lasted 100 days because it’s cool to go out to a bar with everyone you know,” Tenney said. “It’s kind of like going to a public party but in a different setting.”

Tenney said she was upset to hear about potential changes to 100 Days.

“It’s frustrating that it’s changing for our senior year,” Tenney said. “These are two big events that differentiate our senior year from every other year. All the changes feel like they’re trying to take away all the things that make Senior Gala special.”

Ultimately, Min said she wanted to re assure students that 100 Days and Senior Gala would continue to happen.

“There’s going to have to be compromise made based on some of these events in the past,” Min said. “They cannot continue as they have in the past. We have been, and Senior Gala will probably be more expensive [so that it can be financial ly sustainable]. But the biggest thing [for students to understand] is that it is a huge priority for the college presidents and for myself that these events happen in some form.”

Describing positions for the Future Alumni Committee will be released Mon day, Sept. 16. Applications for those positions will be available the following day.
CCE renamed, focuses on student leadership

BY TINA NAZERIAN
Thresher Staff

The Center for Civic Engagement is now the Center for Civic Leadership and has gained a host of new staff members, according to Director of the Community Involvement Center Mac Griswold.

Leadership Rice Director Judy Le said the name change helps connect and bring together the three offices within the Center for Civic Leadership: Leadership Rice, the Office of Fellowships and Undergraduate Research, and the Community Involvement Center.

Le said the experiences offered to students by the three CCL offices overlap and that the CCL wants to help students prepare for their volunteering experiences, understand how their experiences connect to their values and continue to work to make changes in their communities.

“Hiring the CCL in place really helps [show that] experiences should not be thought of in a vacuum,“ Le said.

OFUR Director Caroline Quenemoen said OFUR offers numerous programs that encourage students to develop their skills in research, internship and service.

“[OFUR] focuses on research opportunities and has a new program called the Houston Action Research Teams that allows students to engage with Houston community partners and to solve problems in the community,” Quenemoen said. “Leadership Rice offers internship opportunities through the Summer Internship Experience, and the [CIC] offers service opportunities.”

According to Associate Dean of Undergraduates and Associate Vice President Matthew Taylor, the motivation for the change was to better convey the CCL’s role on campus.

“Civic engagement” was a reflection of the initial idea behind the center, which came in part from President David Leebron, and also of our original vision based on partnerships with organizations around the city and getting students out from behind the hedges,” Taylor said. Griswold said the name change does not itself change anything for students, but rather reflects how the CCL envisions its future work and outcomes.

According to Griswold, Lauren Caldaarea will fill the new position of associate director of the CCL and will strengthen existing programs like Alternative Spring Break. Griswold said Caldaarea will also work on six one-credit courses focused on leadership training, logistical training, and safety and support for site leaders.

Additionally, programs such as Beyond the Sallyport, which will introduce students to the Houston community and develop them as civic leaders, and a capstone course for those demonstrating commitment to civic or social issues will be launched by next year, Quenemoen said.

Le said the capstone course aims to create change within communities and launch students into a lifetime of civic leadership.

“We are conceptualizing the capstone course right now for students who have had a great deal of experience already in enacting on civic and social issues,” Le said. “The capstone is meant to continue that work.”

Taylor said that in addition to Caldaarea, the CIC hired two new assistant directors, Kelly Windham and Jacqueline Jones. He said Leadership Rice also has a new associate director, Felicia Martin (Sid Richardson College ’99), and a new assistant director, Jesse Hendrix.

Griswold said students need to look at the individual pieces of what they do and create a larger vision.

“There has to be some bigger meaning to the work that you do, and being able to articulate that and convey it to others is an important part of leadership,” Griswold said.

Hansen College junior Emily Sartain, an ASB site leader for 2014, said she thinks the new one-credit courses for site leader improve the structure of the ASB program and that the name change of the CCL shifts the center’s focus from participation to leadership.

“That [name change] emphasizes taking a leadership role more than just being a participant,” Sartain said.

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Other members of the committee included chairperson of the Rice board of trustees Bobby Tudor, President of the Houston Texans Jamey Rootes and two student-athletes — Brown College senior Gabi Baker and Hansen College junior Natalie Bozantz — according to Leebron’s email.

Lebron said that when looking for a new director, he wanted to find someone who was devoted to the welfare of student-athletes and who had a passion for athletic achievement.

“We wanted someone with a belief and optimism that Rice, in everything it does, including athletic endeavors, can succeed at the very highest level,” Lebron said.

Lebron said he thought Karlgaard’s background at Stanford would serve Rice well.

“[Stanford has] one of the greatest athletic programs in our country,” Lebron said. “It was [Stanford’s] level of ambition that we wanted to bring to our program at Rice.”

Baker, a football player and member of the selection committee, said he appreciated that Karlgaard can empathize with what it is like to be a student-athlete.

“[Karlgaard] has … personal experience with understanding the student-athlete perspective and the dynamics of competing at a high level athletically and in the classroom,” Baker said.

Baker said the committee hoped Karlgaard would be a good representative and spokesperson for Rice on the national stage.

“We want a strong face for the university who will show that we’re not just a great academic school, but that we have athletic prowess as well,” Baker said.

Women’s swim team member Taylor Armstrong said that when she and many other student-athletes met Karlgaard, he was charismatic and conversation flowed easily.

“[He] recognized right away that he wanted to be a part of Rice, and not only did he seem extremely friendly and personable, but also approachable and relatable,” Armstrong, a sophomore, said. “He urged us to come up to him whenever we saw him just to chat, and he tried to learn all of our names right off the bat. So far, I am loving what I see. I look forward to the future years for our Rice Owls.”

Rick Mello, who has been acting as interim director since July, will continue in the position until Karlgaard takes over in October.

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OwlSpark Accelerator Program raises $313k

BY DEXTRA VISWANATH
THREATEN STAFF

This past summer, the OwlSpark Accelerator Program raised $313,000 and provided mentorship, office space, and access to a structured program for nine companies with an average age of 14 months, co-founder Vivas Kumar, a Will Rice College senior, said.

Kumar said the goal of the program is to increase entrepreneurship at Rice by engaging students in an accelerator program and providing them with space, funding, guidance, and a network of mentors and investors from the Houston area to achieve their goals.

OwlSpark benefited from the voluntary efforts of over 120 professionals as committed mentors to 37 students, Kumar said. Nearly 320 people attended the inaugural Pitch Day, showing the program’s success, Kumar said.

“One of our companies just signed a huge deal with the IEA Foundation and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,” Kumar said. “Almost all of the companies acquired at least their first customer this summer.”

Co-founder Veronica Saron said the students in an accelerator program and providing office space, guidance and a structured program for continuing entrepreneurship at Rice by engaging students.

According to Saron, OwlSpark’s goal is to help students to run a company and learn entrepreneurship — using what you have to make a difference, leave an imprint on our world.” That’s really the essence of entrepreneurship, Saron said.

“OwlSpark plans to change the location of the [program], not necessarily, old non-traditional, open space and campus to include a stipend for every student,” Saron said.

Kumar said he believes the program will help to support the university.

“The OwlSpark team and companies sincerely thank the wonderful people at the Rice Center for Engineering Leadership and Rice Alliance, the Office of the Provost and the university as a whole for continuing to support the strong vision for entrepreneurship in the future,” Kumar said.

Wise College Junior Jennifer Ding, who participated in the accelerator program, said it was an excellent way to learn how to run a company. “There are so many ways we can change the world and create positive change,” Ding said. "As Rice students we are equipped and empowered to implement this change, especially in our own community. That’s really the essence of entrepreneurship — using what you have to make a change, leave an imprint on our world.”

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Rice students selected for Stanford U.S.-Russia Forum

Brown College junior Irene Oh and Jones College senior Rohan Shah were selected to participate in the Stanford U.S.-Russia Forum.

BY DEEPAK VISWANATH
Thresher Staff

Two Rice University students were selected to participate in the Stanford U.S.-Russia Forum, a program that allows students at American and Russian universities to meet, discuss, and work on policy proposals and initiatives together, according to senior lecturer of Russian Jonathan Ludwig.

According to Ludwig, Jones College senior Rohan Shah and Brown College junior Irene Oh were selected to represent Rice University in this forum and will be the first Rice students to do so.

Ludwig said the program was started at Stanford University in 2008 and has expanded to include more than 150 students from over 20 Russian and American universities.

Ludwig said any student, undergraduate or graduate, from any major can apply to the program. He said participants are selected through a competitive application process conducted by Stanford. The ongoing program will last until April 2014.

“This program gives Rice students an excellent opportunity to play a role in policy formation with and concerning Russia and indicates that Russia is still a very important country in the world, both to work with and to keep an eye on, as we see today relating to Syria,” Ludwig said.

Oh said she was a Gateway Summer Fellow and previously worked in the Embassy of Korea in Kathmandu during the summer. She said she is excited to represent the United States as a non-citizen.

“I am very honored to represent Rice in this bilateral forum,” Oh said. “I think it will provide abundant opportunities to promote both in the U.S. and abroad how amazing our Rice community is.”

According to Oh, the program consists of three parts: the Moscow Conference, a collaborative research project and the Stanford Conference. Each student will be a part of a team comprised of two Russian students, two American students, a professional mentor and a student mentor, Oh said.

Each project will culminate in a research paper on a policy recommendation.

Shah, a previous Gateway Study of Leadership fellow, said he believes the forum will expand the student’s view and understanding of creating effective and meaningful policy.

“I am excited for the prospect of working while surrounding myself with like-minded, passionate peers from both the U.S. and Russia,” Shah said. “I aim excited for the prospect of working with my peers as I broaden my own worldview and understanding of creating effective and meaningful policy.”

The following were noted at the meeting of the Student Association on Sept. 9.

■ SA Internal Vice President Nathan Liu introduced the 2013-14 new student representatives from each college. All NSRs and SA officers are expected to attend the SA Fall Retreat at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 15 in Sewall Hall Room 301.

■ SA Treasurer Michael Pan said students have been reporting that the Hedgehopper Card discount at Buffalo Wild Wings and some other vendors was not being honored. Pan said he would investigate.

■ SA Secretary Nathan Andrus and SA Parliamentarian Brian Baran reopened discussion on a bill charging the Committee on Constitutional Revisions to conduct a general review of the SA constitution and bylaws and to introduce appropriate legislation based on its findings in time for consideration for inclusion on the SA General Election ballot. The bill was passed.

■ Center for Teaching Excellence Director Joshua Eyler introduced the goals and projects of the CTE, which was formed last spring. Student input for future CTE initiatives included increasing the relevance of course material to students and promoting an engaging, active learning environment both in and out of the classroom. Eyler said the CTE will soon have a physical office in Herring Hall. Send any feedback to jeyler@rice.edu or visit cte.rice.edu for more information.

■ SA External Vice President Ravi Sheth introduced a bill to create a special committee called the Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching Working Group and to charge it with examining issues relating to undergraduate teaching, specifically online education and courses taught by graduate students, and with introducing a resolution by the end of October. The group will be composed of seven to nine undergraduates, and applications for the three to five spots designated for at-large representatives will be posted soon at sa.rice.edu. The bill was passed.

■ SA President Yoonjin Min gathered student feedback about current construction of the George R. Brown Tennis Complex in the West Lot commuter and resident parking lots. Min said a total of 600 parking spots will be removed as a result of the construction. Students expressed concern about not being involved in the decision process. Students further expressed concern that despite already existing parking problems, spaces were removed without a concrete plan to address the deficit of conveniently located parking spaces on campus. Min said she will meet with Vice President for Administration Kevin Kirby to discuss the issue. Students should send comments to supress@rice.edu.

The SA will next meet Monday, Sept. 16 in Farnsworth Pavilion at 9 p.m.

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Originally started as a way to preserve the extraordinary art collection of John and Dominique de Menil, the Menil Collection holds over 15,000 works of art, from traditional tribal cultures in Africa to Byzantine art to one of the most impressive collections of minimalist art in the world. Besides the typical art, the Menil hosts phenomenal exhibitions and public events. A highlight of the Menil is the Rothko Chapel and, on the right day, the Monster MRI food truck.

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Ruggles Green
Ruggles Green is gluten-free, dairy-free gold A- by Chynna Fouee For the Thresher

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Ruggles Green offers a variety of traditional American dishes with a healthy and almost guilt-free twist, such as burgers, pizzas, tacos and salads. I am used to eating plain salads and naturally gluten-free foods when I go out; Ruggles Green, however, is not afraid to make menu items that are not traditionally gluten- or dairy-free. Vegetarian options are also plentiful.

My favorite menu items are the all-natural burger buns, the salmon pasta dish and the sweet potato fries, claimed by the menu to be the highest-rated in Houston. The all-natural beef burger (8 oz) is composed of a hearty burger patty, lettuce, onions, tomatoes and cheese served on either a whole-grain or gluten-free bun. It is served with sweet potato fries, house-cut French fries or a quinoa salad. The burger meat was quite flavorful and the bun was especially satisfying. I love the sweet potato fries, which are seasoned with the perfect amount of salt.

The grilled salmon pasta (8 oz) is made of quinoa topped and topped with sun-dried tomatoes, jalapenos, queso fresco, olives and capers. It is then tossed in a fresh pesto cream sauce with a lobster base. It is a hearty and filling dish that combines a lot of savory flavors over a bed of typically think in combinations. The prices for a dinner entree usually range from $6 to $12, which is a pretty reasonable price for a good-quality meal. The portions are also large enough to share, and the array of gluten-free dessert options definitely makes splitting an entree worth it. I recommend the Hi-Protein Hemp Brownie ($6).

I really enjoy the atmosphere of the restaurant; it is relaxed and youthful. The format is quite casual – customers order at the restaurant; it is relaxed and youthful. The food is quite good – a classic which is a lot of little size. Wednesdays lunches are fairly crowded, so for the best experience go outside peak meal times. The wait time for food, however, is fairly short and the staff is particularly helpful.

Ruggles Green if you are looking for a nice night out – or have a really gluten-free fate! BINGO!!

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Latte is the new art

BY ALLISON SCHAICH
THRESHER STAFF

It is always exciting to order a latte at a coffee shop and receive a streaming cup with an intricately poised design on the tip. Whether you cup sports a flower, a heart or something more abstract, latte art is a point of pride and distinguishes among baristas everywhere. However, Houston’s series of Second Sunday Throwdowns has taken the art of pouring steamed milk into espresso to the next level. On the second Sunday of each month, a Houston coffee shop or cafe hosts a throwdown in which amateurs and professional baristas compete head to head in a bracketed tournament to see who can produce the most beautiful but readily drinkable work of latte art.

This past Sunday’s Throwdown was at Eatsie Boys Cafe at 4100 Montrose Blvd. Although the establishment is not predominantly a coffee shop, it has a wide array of caffeinated drinks made from the beans of one of Houston’s premier coffee roasters, Greenway Coffee Company. One benefit of the Throwdown series is the freelbies each host provides, and Eatsie Boys was no exception. In addition to handing out the decorated lattes to willing spectators, the restaurant provided complimentary beer from 8th Wonder Brewery and small pork sandwich appetizers.

As one might expect of this type of event, the crowd was diverse and eclectic. Many of the competitors were in fact easily recognizable from local shops such as Paulie’s, Blacksmith and Catalina Coffee. However, no credentials were necessary to compete — all who proved to be quite the latte art master.

Second Sunday Throwdowns are free and open to the public, and each event entered this competition, and each host provides, and Eatsie Boys Cafe at 4100 Montrose Blvd. Although the establishment is not predominantly a coffee shop, it has a wide array of caffeinated drinks made from the beans of one of Houston’s premier coffee roasters, Greenway Coffee Company.

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This Week in Entertainment

**Prisoners**

Fresh off its premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, the work of director Denis Villeneuve is already earning acclaim for its star-studded cast, including Jake Gyllenhaal and Hugh Jackman, and dramatic plot about the sudden disappearance of two young girls in a small town. When the police release the only suspect in the case due to a lack of evidence, one father (Hugh Jackman, *The Wolverine*) tries to take matters into his own hands and becoming a vigilante. R. 146 minutes.

**Grand Theft Auto V**

The largest and most ambitious installment in one of the most critically acclaimed, best-selling video game series of all time marks the first new entry in nearly five years after being long delayed. The latest edition takes place in Los Santos, a sun-soaked city of chaos where users can play as three different protagonists on the road to survival and success.

**World War Z**

After several delays, Brad Pitt’s apocalyptic epic was finally released in theaters to financial success and strong critical reception this summer. In the film, a former United Nations investigator is tasked with finding a cure to a zombie outbreak, traveling around the world in order to save the lives of his family and humanity. Bonus features include exclusive behind-the-scenes documentaries. Also in 3-D.

**Feels Like Home**

While she has had a successful career in adult contemporary rock, Sheryl Crow has decided to diversify her musical tastes and now presents her first country album, preceded by hit single “Easy.” Each song on the CD was co-written by another songwriter, including country star Brad Paisley, giving the album an added sense of novelty. While Crow fans should expect a new sound, they can still anticipate the same powerful lyricism they have grown to love.

**From Here to Now to You**

The sixth album from the folk-rock singer-songwriter marks a return to his acoustic, “surfer-vibe” genre after the darker, electric guitar-driven work of recent years. This album is composed in his traditional style of self-penned, self-produced tracks. This time around, though, he adds a layer of instrumentation to his traditional sound that should set him up for the mainstream success he has lacked in recent years.

**Insidious: Chapter 2**

The follow-up to the surprise 2011 runaway horror hit reunites cast members Patrick Wilson (*The Conjuring*) and Rose Byrne (*Bridesmaids*), who reprise their roles as a husband and wife investigating the secret that has haunted them from the spirit world. Fighting off paranormal activity and mysterious surprises, the couple find themselves picking up right where they left off: in a thrilling, suspenseful battle versus the unknown. PG-13. 105 minutes.

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Volleyball gains first win at home

by Julie Doar
For The Thresher

The Rice Owls volleyball team opened up its home schedule with its first invitational of the season by securing its first win, followed by two close losses. On Friday night, Rice University swept Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi 3-0. The following afternoon, Rice took the first set against LSU 28-26 to reward any nerves yet get the best of it at the end of close matches, a problem she said has been a problem so far in the season. "The team is really inspiring," Volpe said.

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Head Coach Genny Volpe said serving was thing about this team is that it's never going to "serve or give them a really easy ball. We said. "In key situations, we would miss our serve or give them a really easy ball. We broke down too many times, and they really took advantage of that."

Riddlesprigger said the team needs to avoid letting nerves get the best of it at the end of close matches, a problem the Owls have been struggling with in their first two weeks of play. "We haven't been able to close very many games," Riddlesprigger said.

This weekend, Rice will host its second invitational, at which it will face Houston Baptist University, the University of Missouri and North Carolina State University.

Volpe said the Owls need to break out of their current slump before the conference season begins. "The competition won't get any easier," Volpe said.

Houston Baptist has an overall record of 4-3, and both Missouri and North Carolina State are thus far undefeated, but Riddlesprigger said she remains confident. "We have the ability to play with the best," Riddlesprigger said.

Volpe said the team has special faith in its younger members, such as freshman hitter Stephanie Mendivil and freshman setter Chelsey Harris. "Knowing we have such youth on the team is really inspiring," Volpe said.

Riddlesprigger said the team may need to tuck away some of the pieces of the puzzle together," Adams said.

All three goals scored against the Owls resulted from free kicks. Adams said this should not be happening and that these defensive mistakes need to be corrected in the future. "You can play 90 minutes of hard defense and still lose off of free kicks," Adams said. "It's a tough pill to swallow."

According to Adams, playing on the road was already tough, and the team also had to endure a higher altitude and drier air, two things players used to Houston weather know little about.

Adams said that, at the end of the day, the Lobos were the more physical team. "They came out rough and challenged us," Adams said. "They deserved to win."

After the loss, the Owls traveled Sunday night to San Marcos to play Texas State. In the midst of the match, Adams said the team had to return to the bus to wait until playable conditions prevailed.

Adams said the Owls made up for their lackluster performance in the first game. "I thought we came out and put a lot of pressure on them," Adams said.

Junior goalkeeper Amy Cryz recorded five saves, and the Owls recorded 9 shots, three of which were on target of the goal.

Adams said Rice had many opportunities but could not capitalize on them, which she said has been a problem so far in the season. "We got really great looks on goal, but we just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net," Adams said.

Senior defender Hayley Williams said she is optimistic about the future of the team even after the shaky beginning to the season.

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"We're going to focus on us," Williams said. "We are going to take it day by day, session by session and concentrate on what makes us good as a team: our possession, hard-nosed gritty defending and high flying attack. The beauty of soccer is that every game is a new chance to prove ourselves, and we have the opportunity to do that on a Saturday." Now, after a seesaw weekend, Adams said the team is looking forward to the future, especially returning home after the four-game road trip.

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The Owls’ linemen practice underneath the stadium during Monday’s practice due to a lightning storm. Rice opens up its home campaign this Saturday at 6:30 p.m. against the Kansas Jayhawks.

by Dan Elledge

With the week off, the Owls were able to sit back at home and relax last Saturday afternoon before preparing for their first home game of the season this Saturday at 6:30 p.m. against University of Kansas.

Owls prepare for first home game against KU

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“There are a lot of new players,” Bailiff said. “They probably did not show us everything against South Dakota. There were a lot of different formations, different plays, different personnel groups, but we know that Weis had plays he did not have to show.”

Bailiff said that when he briefly looked at the film, the Kansas offense looked more dynamic than it did last year.

“I thought Kansas ran the ball very effectively,” Bailiff said. “I thought they threw the ball effectively.”

Since the team only has the film from the South Dakota game, Bailiff said he was emphasizing that the Owls should focus on what they can do better. He said that if they improve and fix the issues they faced Aug. 31 against Texas A&M University, it should not matter what adjustments the Jayhawks make.

“We just once again need to worry about what we are doing and follow our rules and fundamentals, and I think we will play a good football game,” Bailiff said.

Redshirt sophomore defensive tackle Christian Covington said he agreed with Bailiff and saw this bye week as an important time to learn from the Owls’ mistakes against A&M and move forward as conference play looms in a couple of weeks.

“Coming off a bye week, we are trying to establish ourselves and deal with the bumps and bruises that we got from that [A&M] game,” Covington said. “It was just a good week to stay conditioned during practice and condition ourselves for the upcoming game against Kansas, so now that we have the film on them, we are looking forward to breaking it down during the meetings.”

With back-to-back Bowl Conference Series opponents to start the season, Bailiff said he is reveling in the opportunity to play against teams from major conferences. Bailiff reiterated his statement after the A&M loss that the Owls are no longer aiming for moral victories, but rather aspiring to victories reflected in the win column.

“It’s nice we get to play an [Southeastern Conference] opponent, then a Big 12 opponent, and it’s good to play [those teams],” Bailiff said. “We are excited about this game. We want to see where we stand in this conference. Like I said, we are dreaming big, and we expect great things to happen.”

McHargue said this exemplifies why he came to Rice: to play against these teams from major conferences. He said that like the A&M game, this will be a major test for the Owls to see where it is at this juncture of the season.

“That’s one of the challenges you expect, and we enjoy [those challenges] playing here because that’s your benchmark and test of where you are as a team,” McHargue said.

McHargue said that while the Owls might have been anxious about playing these teams in the past, the team will be ready to battle this Saturday.

“We are definitely not afraid of the challenge; we enjoy playing these teams,” McHargue said.
Jordan Taylor: The man behind the facemask

by Nicki Chamberlain-Simon

The Rice Thresher

With aggressive route and bounding leaps, wide receiver Jordan Taylor has earned a spot as the top receiving target for the 2013 Rice football team. Taylor, a redshirt junior, had at least three catches in all of 13 games last year and had receptions in every game but one. He led the Owls in the 2012 season with 866 receiving yards and 57 total receptions, tying for the seventh most receptions in Rice history.

Taylor has also received national recognition. Taylor was named MVP of the Armed Forces Bowl and named to All-Bowl teams by ESPN.com, CBSSports.com and USA Today with 153 yards and three touchdowns — even after separating his shoulder in the third quarter and finishing the game. This Denison native has already made a statement this year, catching seven passes for 69 yards and a touchdown against Texas A&M University Aug. 31.

Even though Taylor is a six-foot, five-inch force to be reckoned with on the field, off the field, he’s just a calm, cool and collected guy who is in it for the camaraderie of Rice football.

How long have you been playing football?

I started playing football in the seventh grade. Baseball was actually my biggest sport growing up, but throughout high school, I sort of fell in love with football, so that’s what took me to college. I played baseball since I was seven, and I played all the way through my senior year. I was definitely a better baseball player than I was a football player. I actually played quarterback in high school, and I didn’t play receiver until I got here.

Why are you passionate about football?

I guess the camaraderie. Just being around those guys, working with the guys all the time and just wanting to get better even though he doesn’t have that aspect of it really motivated me to work hard and no matter what happens to just enjoy playing and have fun with it.

What would you say was your favorite memory from last year?

The whole season was a pretty good memory just because we started off really struggling, and we had our backs up against the wall at one point where if we wanted to make a bowl game, we couldn’t lose another game, and I think we still had five games left on our schedule at that point. We could have easily given up, but we just kind of drew a line in the sand and said we’re going to do everything we can to win from here on out, and we ended up doing that. Of course, the bowl game was pretty fun, and I ended up getting the MVP at the bowl game, but it was just the season as a whole and how we came together.

What has been your key to success thus far?

Not much, really. Honestly, I just saw the ball go up, and I just tried to make a play on it, and it worked out. I went back and watched the film, and I really still couldn’t even tell you how I ended up catching it. Next thing I know, I was coming down with the ball and we had a first down.

What injuries have you had throughout the years?

My redshirt freshman year, I was supposed to come in and play receiver. But the night before we came back to report for two-a-days, I broke my leg at home. I was riding on an ATV with a couple of my friends, and it flipped and rolled over onto my leg. I had to call the coaches the next morning and tell them I wouldn’t be coming back for a few days because I just got out of the hospital.

Also, I actually separated my shoulder in that bowl game last year about midway through the third quarter. I ended up finishing the game probably just from adrenaline.

Being internally motivated and trying to stay as consistent as possible. It’s a grind playing football and trying to balance school. You kind of have to find some motivation within yourself to keep going, and it’s easy to have a lazy attitude and say, “Oh, I’m tired, I don’t really feel like practicing today.” I guess just being internally motivated, using my brother as an example or my parents even.

Do you have any nicknames?

The Great White Hope. To be honest, I haven’t even asked why. I guess because I’m a white guy playing out there, and at my position, you don’t really see too many white guys.

If you were a type of candy, which would you be, and why?

I would say a Sour Patch Kid. Off the field, I’m a really laid back kind of guy. I like to stay out of any type of confrontation and never want to get into arguments, but then, of course, when you get on the field, especially in a sport like football, it’s impossible to not be physical, and you have to get angry at some point if you’re trying to tackle you.

What is your favorite pastime that isn’t sports-related?

I love hunting — I grew up in a really country town. So I guess hunting and fishing. Unfortunately, I don’t really have time to do that anymore, but growing up, I used to love going deer hunting and duck hunting with my parents and my brother.

What are your plans beyond Rice football?

There’s always the hope that you get a chance to play in the NFL, but I’m not putting all my eggs in that one basket. Being a sports medicine major, I’d like to go into something like physical therapy or personal training. And a long time down the road, I’d really like to become a coach — maybe at my old high school because there’s a lot of tradition there. I just feel like me and a lot of my old friends would lose to go back and coach there, so that’s just been a dream of ours.

Taylor and the rest of the football team continue their season this Saturday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Rice Stadium.

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- broke up with disapproving of life choices

“I’m a pre-med, but don’t worry, I won’t cheat on you, only tests.”

Tony, 19
- parents are going through a divorce
- is no longer allowed to travel to Montreal
- played the piano for his years

“I’m reasonably attractive in the outside world, so I’ve probably already had sex with you.”

Claire, 20
- went to Disney World as a child
- lives in the shadow of her older sister
- got very drunk on Beer Bike morning

“You won’t be able to ‘next’ me when you see me in a T-shirt, running shorts and flip-flops.”

Trey, 20
- is a green belt
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