Coordinators vote for lack of O-Week

An incensed Gillis decry extreme matriculation jackings

Angeline Sty

It's hard to say what happened this week. Not many advisers, mentors or coordinators will talk about it on the record.

What did happen is that Orientation Week coordinators decided to ban jacks following a matriculation that was interrupted by a series of jacks in which students presented themselves to the other students, faculty and staff at the ceremony.

In one of five jacks, all of which had been approved in principle by Vice President for Student Affairs Zenaido Camaeho, Camacho, James College students hopped between the faculty and administration's seating area and the main audience with only grass skirts to cover their lower halves; they turned their backs to the faculty and administration on their way across. They paused in front of the stage, turned and returned the audience, which acknowledged the voices of Camacho and President Malcolm Gillis in the front row.

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The next day, Camacho held a meeting with college masters which student O-Week coordinators joined midway through. The coordinators were final in a closed meeting on the same day that there would be no more jacks for the week. Each coordinator also promised not to comment on any of the events or a group's decisions since Monday's matriculation and made plans not to bring up the topic of jacks for next year's coordinations. Camacho stressed the importance of making the event semantically charged, and it stood one was in. At Baker College, the coordinators communicated with the freshmen that other activities would replace jacks and that inter-college activities were being planned.

Will Rice College Master Dale Sawyer said, "I think the new students [passed the banning of jacks] in a matter of seconds or, oh, 10 or 20, that would've been fun. No big deal. Of the perhaps 20 or so students I spoke to specifically about the subject — they had no real expectation of jacks. They didn't know what they were. They didn't necessarily feel that anything was lost." Vice President for Student Affairs Zenaido Camacho and Student Director for Orientation Brooke Cooper had joint responsibility for approving jacks before they could be fully on the books for Orientation Week.

As Camacho would allow on the record, "I love and respect Rice students. I always have, and I always will." Cooper declined to speak on the record.

Historically, matriculation has been more light-hearted than commented on and often left jacks. Gillis said, however, that there's such a thing as aggressive vulgarity. It seems to be deliberately intended to offend people who think they can be funny.

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Career Services changes format of job-program searches

Kay Cheng

In what Career Services Director Cheryl Matherly calls the "first major change in 11 years," Career Services has implemented modifications in two areas of its program on campus recruiting and the job data base.

The on-campus recruiting program is designed to help senior students prepare for the job market in two ways: (1) help find the company and (2) prepare for interviews. Approximately 20 companies come to each year's the Rice campus to interview prospective employees, and typically, over 120 interviews take place.

Traditionally, students in the program depended on a system based on job openings that showed up for only a limited amount of time. An applicant registered and spent hours searching and waiting with others at open house. According to Matherly, the process was "chaotic," and information was difficult to find.

This past year, Career Services redesigned the on-campus recruiting program to make it more efficient. A database of data on campus recruiting and the job data base.

Students can now register through and submit resumes to the Career Services web page, which will make job hunting both faster and more efficient. In addition, students can view an entire semester's worth of job listings rather than dependent on intermittent wall postings during Career Services' business hours.

Also, job listings on the database have been changed. Jobs were formerly categorized as either "technical" or "non-technical" according to the type of company offering employment.

A number of students felt that the "career services" provided at Rice are less than sufficient. "They meet the needs of engineering students well but they have quite a ways to go in terms of meeting the needs of social science and humanities students," Lovett President and senior Brandon Bollack said.

The Career Services office was born in 1998 when the concerned group of Rice students petitioned for a career guidance program providing assistance beyond the standard Placement Office's services matching students and jobs.

Matherly said that Career Services staff wishes to respond to student feedback by "making the services we provide match up better with how people are going to use them."

She credits the recent changes to "new personalities" in the Career Services staff.

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Networking to college rooms down for O-HiOh

The occupants of these triples pay only two-thirds of the normal housing rate because these spaces are paying the full housing rate.

Wide USP strike this month. The strike, which ended Aug. 20, hurt many businesses financially and left UPS customers and vendors uncer-

These difficulties persisted for several weeks, but eventually the strike was settled. The company and the union agreed to a new contract that included some concessions from both sides.

The strike was the result of negotiations between UPS and the Teamsters Union over various issues, including wages, benefits, and working conditions. Despite the challenges, the two sides were able to come to an agreement that was acceptable to both parties.

Construction modifies lab classes

Chemistry to be housed in two buildings; move causes changes

For the first week of this semes-
ter, the Chemistry 105 introductory lab will not have networking, which does not require actual chemical apparatus, and Organic Chemistry labs will not have networking for a poster presentation.

The Chemistry department's move into the newly finished South Atlantic Building, and improvements to labs in the rest of the Chemistry Department starting the week of Sept. 22. After Sept. 29, the Chemistry Department will occupy two buildings.

The move into the new building will allow the Chemistry department to enhance its facilities and equipment, providing better opportunities for students and researchers.

Come and Scrum!

Practice with the Women's Rugby Team every Monday and Wednesday, at 4:30 pm on the Rugby Field. First practice Wednesday, September 3rd. To enter, mail your essay to: Downtown Houston, TX 77010. Enclose your name, address, daytime telephone number, T-shirt size (large or x-large) and your $10 entry fee. Make checks payable to: Malcolm Houston Association.

The City of Houston ordered Rice University to vacate the building by the end of August, but discussions with the city moved that deadline to the end of October.

The Chemistry Department's move into the new building will also help to improve the facilities for the Chemistry 105 introductory lab.

The move will be smooth, according to Jennifer Overton, secretary of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, who is coordinating the move.
Japan suffers crime wave

A summer crime wave has tarnished Japan's normally pristine international reputation for safety streets.

Assaults and slayings have been on the rise. Police arrested a 30-year-old man this month for randomly assaulting women in open spaces, and assaults on homeless people in Tokyo have risen significantly, according to police.

Summer crime statistics have yet to be compiled; however, police report that juvenile crimes have climbed dramatically, by 21.

Consequently, personal safety device sales are up. A growing number of Japanese are buying more sprays designed as lipstick cases and gadgets to send out distress calls with the pull of a pin.

Source: Houston Chronicle, Aug 27.

Former South African president leaves politics

Former South African President F.W. de Klerk, who negotiated an end to apartheid, announced Tuesday that he had had enough. In recent years, de Klerk has tried without success to remake his National Party into a multiracial organization.

De Klerk stunned the world in 1990 by freeing Nelson Mandela from jail and legalizing the African National Congress party. He swiftly embarked on historic reforms that few had expected of him, starting South Africa on the path to democracy and majority rule. In 1993, de Klerk shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Mandela.

De Klerk's departure is a major blow to the largely white-supported National Party and could well signal the start of a political realignment in South Africa. Surveys have consistently shown that de Klerk is more popular than his ailing party. Without him, some political analysts say, many National Party voters will go elsewhere.

De Klerk gave many reasons for his departure. One of which was the need to give the National Party a chance at being seen as a wholly new entity.

He plans to write personal memoirs to record his version of South Africa's recent history.

Source: Houston Chronicle, Aug 27.
Houston is a huge center for both independently-owned eating establishments and chains. Whatever your tastes, Houston has something for everyone.

**Subway and Blimpie**

These two sandwich shops offer delicious freshly-baked bread and customization of your own. The city is home to several of them, and you can find them with ease.

**Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen**

Enjoy their reasonably priced, fresh and vegetarian options in a pleasant atmosphere.

**Kahn’s Deli**

In the Village, Kahn’s boasts a wide selection of New York-style sandwiches. You can order their reasonably priced, fresh and vegetarian options in a pleasant atmosphere.

**Thresher**

The Thresher is located in the heart of Houston, offering a variety of traditional and contemporary dishes.

**Six Flags at Hurricane Harbor**

Houston is known for its major amusement parks, including Six Flags at Hurricane Harbor. These parks offer a wide range of attractions, from roller coasters to water slides, catering to all ages.

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Texas City is a superb example of a city that has successfully transformed itself into a modern, bustling hub. From its historical roots to its modern-day attractions, Texas City has something for everyone.

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**Hermann Museum of Natural Science**

The museum is home to the largest collection of reptiles and amphibians in the world. Visitors can see a variety of snakes, lizards, and other animals, as well as interactive exhibits and IMAX movies.

**Hermann Park**

Hermann Park is a popular destination for both locals and tourists. The park offers a variety of attractions, including a children’s zoo, a botanical garden, and a railway museum.

**Canyon Cafe**

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Also experiment with Mai’s on Milam

Amy’s Ice Cream

Houston is second only to New York’s Broadway in theater seating capacity, offering culture and entertainment that you cannot afford to miss. We are fortunate that student rush tickets are available on certain performances. For instance, this year, we have found that student rush tickets are available on certain performances and cost less than what one would usually pay for a regular ticket.

Most of the large mainstream theater chains are located downtown in the theater district (left off Main). There is free surface parking and extensive 24-hour underground parking.

The Wortham Center, home to the Houston Ballet and the Houston Grand Opera, has the most varied selection of entertainment. For both the ballet and opera, you can always purchase the expensive seats available in advance. For student rush, you show up less than one hour before the performance, pay a student ID and, for $10 (cash only), you can get any available seat.

Joules Hall is the permanent home of the Houston Symphony, which has both a regular and a pops season. Like the ballet and opera, all student tickets are expensive. But student seats are $8 and Monday, Thursday, and Saturday nights are always sold out.

The Alley Theater is one of the most prestigious regional theatres in the country. It has two stages—a large traditional one and a smaller arena stage. They present a full season of around 10 plays each year.
When the need to get off cam-
pus sets in, Houston boasts
enough sporting attractions to
satisfy the tastes of sports fans
and non-sports fans alike. Hou-
sion is home to almost every
type of professional sports team
from basketball to soccer which
are fairly accessible and inexpen-
sive for the average college student.
One of Houston's most popu-
lar sporting teams is the MiVirt.
Western Conference Champion.
Houston Rockets, complete with
the superstar trio of Charles
 Barkley, Hakeem Olajuwon and
Clyde Drexler. Rockets tickets
are definitely the most desired
tickets in town, so seats to big
games are virtually impossible to
get. However, tickets to an aver-
ge season game are still difficult to
find.
The Rockets play at the Sum-
mit complex located by Highway
59, just off Buffalo Speedway.
from the months of November
April. Ticket prices start at $26
for seats requiring a Kneenex
and skyrocket to $250. The crowd
at the games are always rowdy, the
fans are outstanding and the
atmosphere is exciting, so tick-
ets, assuming they can be found,
are definitely worth the invest-
ment.
Another popular major league
team is baseball's Houston
Astros, which is hoping for a safe
on off this season. The Astros
reside in the Astrodome, a facili-
ty once dubbed the "eighth won-
der of the world." Located on Kirby
Drive near the 610 Loop. The
Dome can accommodate around
62,000 fans, but usually draws
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tickets are relatively cheap and
easy to come by. Seats close to
the field run about $20, while
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Rockets tickets to an average
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between the month's of Novem-
ber and April, and tickets run
from $7 to $60.
With the departure of the
Houston Oilers, football fans are
left with the Arena Football
League's Texas Terror Toros. The
Terror's play the Summit from
May to July, and tickets run from
about $30 to $50.
The Houston Hotshots are
the city's minor league soccer
team. The Hotshots play at
Robinson Stadium on Scott
Street and Cullen Street at the
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For students who stay in
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Houston Comets are a part of the
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Other sporting options also
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**Owls win WAC title, reach College World Series**

**Carter Brooking**

*Staff Writer*

"Southwest Conference Champions Forever" was the motto of the Rice baseball team for the 1997 season. Although Rice may eternally reign in the SWC, as the 1996 season was the conference's last, it faced new challenges after joining the Western Athletic Conference. The Owls overcame those challenges, reaching the College World Series for the third time in school history.

The Owls, led by their senior ace, Lopez, swept their two-game series in the WAC Championship. Lopez debuted himself as a star pitcher this season.

**Reliever Anderson chosen by Tigers as top pick in MLB draft**

Berkman and Cathey sign with Astros, Joseph signs with Giants, Anderson yet to sign with Detroit

With a college-WAC title under their belt, a group of Owls left the amateur nest for promising careers in the professional world. One sophomore right fielder Wilford singled in Berkman to tie the game 2-2. Ford stole second and then third as McLaughlin struck out for the second out of the inning. Sophomore designated hitter Justin Berg walked and Baker singled to load the bases.

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The final Rice student selected in the draft was junior first baseman Luice Berkman, selected by the hometown Houston Astros. Berkman is the only one to sign. He received a signing bonus of one million dollars—an exceptionally large one, especially for a 10th pick. At Monday, Berkman was leading the Indianapolis Indians with 200 home runs. He accomplished this feat in only 176 at bats over 50 games. The Indians have an outstanding work ethic, and half of his hits are from extra bases.

Top pick Matt Anderson, dubbed as many as the premiere pitcher in college baseball, was the only one of the draftees available to talk directly to the Thresher.

Other than a week-long trip to the Bahamas with teammate Rob Kligman, Anderson's summer has been normal. He discussed the nailing numbers offered to him so far as if his signing were any other type of career move. Anderson seemed unfazed by the $2.5 million signing bonus he initially turned down. That number then swelled to an offer of $2.5 million. Anderson's agent declined the offer.

None of this appears to bother Anderson. Everyday he sleeps until one p.m. and then rides his four-wheeler around his family's ranch in Kentucky. "It's string work," Anderson joked.

A deal should be hammered out within the next week, Anderson said. Anderson insisted that it is still in the hands of his agent and will not be announced. If an agreement is not reached, Anderson said he will take an action consistent with his nonchalant attitude about the sport. He may return to Rice and pitch for his senior year.

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Baseball

By Matt Anderson

Coach Wayne Graham said
Graham brought in star reliever
Matt Anderson after Nichols gave
up a leadoff single to LSU rightfielder
Tom Bernard in the bottom of the
seventh. Anderson blew by the
LSU batters, striking out two of
three.

In the top of the eighth, Rice
scored what appeared to be an in-
surance run as Ford crossed the plate on a Berg single.

Rice seemed to be in control with
a 4-2 lead and the college games
premier closer in Matt Anderson
on the mound.

"I felt like we had them," said
freshman pitcher Mario Ramos.

However, Anderson walked LSU
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ORIENTATIONS FOR ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING

Liberal Arts Majors (undergrad) Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 pm and
Thursday, September 4, 4:00 pm

Technical Majors (undergrad) Wednesday, September 3, 4:00 pm and
Thursday, September 4, 4:00 pm

Graduate Students (all disciplines) Friday, September 5, 4:00 pm

* All orientation sessions will be held in Farnsworth Pavilion, Rice Student Center

* Please note that attendance at the Orientations for On-Campus Recruiting is mandatory for participation in recruiting activities for 1997-98.

HOUSTON AREA CAREER FAIR AND MINORITY JOB EXPO

General Fair (all majors) Thursday, September 18, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Technical Fair (eng. and science majors) Friday, September 19, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Both days will be held in the Student Center.

USEFUL WORKSHOPS

Resume Writing & Cover Letters Tuesday, September 9 & Thursday, September 11
Interviewing Skills Tuesday, September 16 and Monday, September 22

How to Succeed at a Job Fair Wednesday, September 17

Mock Interview Day Wednesday, September 24, afternoon

The Complete Job Search Workshop Tuesday, September 30

All workshops will be held at 4:00 pm in the Career Services Center Conference Room unless otherwise noted.

Contact Career Services for more information, 527-4055 or visit our web page at http://rific.force.com/project/career/
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

- As all good things must, Orientation Week for new students comes to an end.
- Take the first steps towards becoming "involved" at Rice and attend the Activities Fair in the Student Center from 1 to 4 p.m. Most importantly: free food.
- Come on. You know you've never really given country music a chance. Clay Walker performs at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion at 8 p.m. Call (713) 629-3700 for more information.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

- Returning upperclassmen converge on the campus starting at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

- Help at Outreach Day—meet at 10 a.m. in the Ray Courtyard of the Student Center.
- Houston turns 161 years old. It's older than your momma and your grandma, too.
- Check out the new IMAX movies at the Houston Museum of Natural Science: Super Speedway or Alaska, Spirit of the Wild. The second offers an entrancing glimpse of Alaska's 5,000 glaciers. All of them. Call (713) 639-IMAX for information.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- You've been looking forward to this all summer: It's the first day of classes. Whoa-hoo.
- Undergraduate registration continues from Monday until Friday, September 5.
- Recover from that tough first day at the opening of Willy's Pub at 5 p.m. in the Student Center basement.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- It's Labor Day, and there are no classes. Doesn't this strike you as a strangely inappropriate holiday?
- The Astros play the Milwaukee Brewers at 1:35 p.m. in the Astrodome. Call (713) 629-3700 for information! Hurry! You don't want to be the one to miss out!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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- Southwestern Bell offers help and special discounts for various services in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TO SUBMIT items for the Calendar:
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- E-mail: thresher@rice.edu.
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- Deadline for all items is 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication.

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