Baseball players in the Rice dugout get excited during the eighth inning of the top-ranked Owls' 9-3 victory over the Baylor Bears.

The following "town hall" meeting on sexual harassment was held on the campus. The meeting was attended by several Baker College members who complained about the discrimination of sexual harassment. The program provided students with information about the importance of sexual harassment and the steps they can take to prevent it. The program concluded with a question-and-answer session.

Baker minutes stir controversy

By Cameron Cooper

Last Sunday, over 50 Baker College members gathered in the Baker Student Common for a college-wide forum regarding the April 20 cabinet meeting.

The forum ended with the announcement that the unofficial minutes would be released following a week and that Boddie would seek advice from Rice's legal counsel on how to properly handle the issue. Rice's legal counsel would be responsible for the confidentiality of the minutes.

The threat of legal action or prosecution under Rice's sexual harassment policy against Priske or any future secretaries was a major topic at the forum. "My fear is that with the whole NOU issue, Rice is very likely to jump up anything. They have to do something, anything, to avoid any legal action," Priske said, referring to recent controversy over Waver University's decision to fire Baker.

By定义，Rice sexual harassment policy applies and has interpretation of sexual harassment. The examples include sexual harassment of students, faculty, and administrative staff. Despite these efforts, some students fear that the homeless women will continue to be victims of sexual harassment. The program, modeled after the University of Pennsylvania's "Homeless," will be able to address the issue. The program will be held the following week and that Boddie would seek advice from Rice's legal counsel on how to properly handle the issue.
Outing homophobia

The homophobic and misogynist pastiches printed in the "unofficial" portion of the April 20 Baker College Cabinet minutes raised issues of ownership, propriety, of balancing humor with good taste, of entertaining without offending. Baker Secretary Robert Priske's remedy of the situation was communicated by removing the minutes from circulation and issuing an apology, he acknowledged his mistake and showed his interest in rectifying it. However, that the minutes controversy even happened in the first place is indicative of a greater problem at Rice.

What such offensive, sexually explicit statements indicate is an underlying atmosphere of homophobia and misogyny. Many people don't think that Rice is a negative environment for gay people or women. But then things like this pop up, coupled with other incidents indicative of a negative climate, it starts to seem that while Rice is friendly in general, it isn't as friendly as many of us would like to think it is. If people at Rice are as well-informed as they like to think they are, why would a homophobic or sexist incident even happen in the first place?

Any problems Rice has with homophobia and sexism aren't going to go away by themselves, especially if we go around forgetting about the incidents that bring these problems to the forefront of our thoughts.

Rigbyly or wrongly, isolated incidents, especially those directed by one individual at another, can be ignored. Discriminatory incidents can happen, and if they're small and obscure enough, we won't think they say anything about the general climate — if we even hear about them. But what happened last week in the Baker minutes was not isolated, in that it was not directed at any one person for any specific reason. The minutes were distributed publicly, albeit not too far. And last week's Baker minutes can't be ignored. They were a direct, in-your-face statement of homophobia and misogyny, and while we don't know whether they reflect the opinions of their author, they echo sentiments which we at Rice could do without.

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The importance of being tasteful

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End of men's team part of scary trend

Back in the 1960s, Rice decided that it would be a world-class institution. The changes it made to its education—charging tuition, developing programs to attract research grants, building a huge football stadium, scrapped its original curriculum—and raised unfamiliar as recurring elements. But one change somehow slipped by the radar. In the 1960s, Rice still had only a dozen professors, generally one per department. The rest of the faculty was made up of "instructors," whose duty was teaching, which they did proficiently. Four courses a week were normal. The original teachers were done by professors, all of whom would research and all of whom would have doctorates. But the change got along, that had become a basic assumption. I asked Rice because it figured it was something of a good education environment.

Several things have come to make me doubt that. The first was a major problem against a field that is, unlike English or physics, fundamentally about practice, not scholarship. My teachers had decided their careers in an aspect of the field that I was not interested in. In turn, they were not necessarily interested, as I was, in building things. Then I went to graduate school. That gave me a lot of respect for the faculty (I had thought all students are difficult while others are easy to bring into irrelevant or misinterpreted laws. Doing so could undermine some very important and otherwise worldwide principles.

Zack Bonig is a Lavelle College senior. They way to live life is through acceptance...
Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze (right) and his two translators jovially debate with former U.S. Secretary of State James Baker (not pictured) whether the two used to drink wine or vodka together. The politicians spent last Thursday evening discussing weightier issues as part of a James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy-sponsored "town hall" forum.

Aside from the lighter moments, the discussion touched on many things accomplished by Baker and Shevardnadze to end the Cold War, Arms control, the reunification of Germany, the Persian Gulf War and keeping the Soviet Union from using force to preserve its empire were all discussed.

Shevardnadze did not preside over the entire process of the end of the Cold War because he resigned on Dec. 20, 1990 to protest what he saw as an attempt by Gorbachev to return to a more conservative commu-

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GEORGIAN President discusses end of U.S.S.R.

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• The  Student  Athlete  Club  and  the 12  Hours  Club  were  approved.

The Student Association Senate met Monday. The following were

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The Baker Institute program is part of the "Attracting Capital to Africa" summit, hosted by the Washington, D.C.-based Corporate Council on Africa, held April 24-28 in Houston.

"One of the key tasks is to help Africans over the long term build their own peacemaking and their own capability for conflict resolution," Baker Institute Director Ed Djerejian said.

Djerejian, who moderated the panel discussions, said that the purpose of the event was to answer questions about what needs to be done to achieve the future vision of U.S. policy toward Africa.

The panel speakers were U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Susan Rice and representatives of four African countries: Namibia's President Sam Nujoma, Gabonese President Omar Bongo, Botswana President Festus Mogae, and Nigerian Vice-President-elect Ahmed Shettima.

The leaders discussed economic and social issues for each of their countries and for Africa as a whole, an international whitepaper, and trade issues and the prospects for regional integration.

The panel concluded that the interests of the United States to support Africa's economic growth, thereby enabling the African countries to address issues of technical and scientific progress," Nujoma said.

Nujoma also talked about increasing both the value and the volume of trade between the United States and Africa and increasing U.S. official assistance to Africa.

Bongo said he was pleased that there was interest in pursuing better U.S.-African relations. "When we had all this initiative going in the U.S., I realized that Africa is a reliable partner in the global economy," he said.

Mogae said that the African countries were beginning to strengthen international players in the global arena.

"We have to systematically deal with our relations politically, technologically, socially, and economically," Nujoma said.

While there was disagreement among the leaders, Jackson said that "The First Amendment is our major law in this country. It is the law that protects us. Baker suspended the infant policy of the United States in the 1970s and 1980s."

Although thousands of miles away from the crisis, the Albanian-Estonian woman said she "feels very deeply affected by it because of my ethnicity.

"My brother or sister in about six weeks."

The former President, who is now working with both Kosovo Task Force, which peace-keeping is part of the management of the conflict and forced migration," he said.

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The main goal of the Baker Institute program is to "promote awareness, knowledge, and understanding," she said. Specifically, Almeida wants to "promote both the financial side and public awareness of the conflict.

The various conflict resolutions, taking place in the subregions of Africa (should) get the attention of the world," Abubakar Atiku, the Nigerian Vice-President-elect Abuja, who said that the main thing is the direction of the change and the fact that change is taking place in Africa.

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**What I heard was a work that, for all its Mavochover's suggestions in the contemporary conversation, sounded mostly traditional, only avant-garde in the computer ensemble component, and melodies. Though the music is often subtly evocative or cliched either, and it made for a pretty entertaining opera. Mavochover has shown that his background as a cellist has led him to write melodic, lyrical pieces. Resolution fits such a description; its melodies are memorable but not in a miliar, fresh but not abrasive. Resolution is based on a rather long novel by Leo Tolstoy. For those of you as unfamiliar with the novel as I was, it's the story of a Russian prince, Dmitry, who violently sells a servant girl, Katusha. The girl goes on to become a prostitute and is later implicated in a murder. Dmitry ends up as one of the jurors in her trial. When she is convicted and sent off to Siberia, he starts to feel guilty and decides that it's his duty to have her pardoned and marry her. What unfolds in Dmitry's transformation from a cold, heartless aristocrat to an ardent egalitarian and believer in the basic human rights of all people.

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**B4 WANNABES**

**Multi-act ska show money well-spent**
Matt Frost
FOR THE THRESHER

So there I was, drenched in sweat, at a show where the stage would not move. How could it? The venue wasn't in town. It was Mustard Plug, a group out of Grand Rapids, Michigan, playing its incredibly popular cover of the alternative hit, "My Hush," on an ad-hoc benefit CD for a local radio station.

I immediately forgot how hot and tired I was when the first band, One Hit Wonder, took the stage. They started off with a jam that was so good, I thought they were just having fun. But when the drums joined in, I realized they had more to offer. Their set was a mix of ska, reggae, and even a touch of punk. It was a great way to start the night.

Next on stage was Secret Agent 8, a band from Long Beach, California. They played a variety of music, from reggae to ska, and I was impressed by their energy and stage presence. Their lead singer, Will Fitzpatrick, had a great voice and the rest of the band followed suit.

The last band of the night was Mustard Plug, and they did not disappoint. They started off with a high-energy set that kept the crowd engaged. The band was tight and their musicianship was impressive. I particularly enjoyed their cover of "My Hush," which had everyone dancing and singing along.

Overall, it was a great night of music. The venue was a little cramped, but the atmosphere was lively and the bands were excellent. I would definitely recommend checking out a ska show like this if you get the chance.
Jett McAlister

It's great, seeing that kind of people. Maybe he's not famous from the band's album "Schooling" and "Charmed," accompanied by a smattering of other songs like "Hope & Wait." He also hopes to keep his music fresh. "I try to be ever-changing."

Bussey is still trying to squeeze through the crowd, but the audience didn't seem to care — the pavilion was full, and the fans were happy.

For the majority of the film, he is a content 12-year-old in the body of a 22-year-old. On the opposite end of the maturity spectrum is Peter, with his long-term goals and a bright future as a lawyer. From the early stages of shaping one's character, the audience wants to root for his success. Bussey's drive for a prolific career is to make a lot of records. "I'm only going to do what my friends tell me to do," and to buy copies of their new album.

The honesty with which Bussey seemed to infuse his band was characteristic of Buzz Fest's other appearances. Sponge lead singer Vinny Dombroski on one song urged the audience to "request the fuck out of this one," and to buy copies of their new album.

Other performers included the Flys, whose loud one-hit wonders got the audience on its feet, and Soul Coughing, performing a host of similar-sounding songs from its latest release "El Dan.

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Tolstoy comes alive in HGO 'Resurrection'

OPERA, from Page 7

because it's never been performed elsewhere. But the orchestra and the singers have risen to the occasion, and the performances were electric.

The Old 97's, whose live shows are typically frenetic, performed a more subdued version of their usual setlist, with a few acoustic numbers thrown in for good measure. The band's frontman, Rhett Miller, sang with a rawness that was both moving and haunting.

The Asylum Street Spankers, on the other hand, put on a show that was more traditional and less experimental. Their songs were a mix of country and blues, with a healthy dose of novelty songs thrown in for good measure. The band's lead singer, Mariel Tarn, had a voice that was both powerful and soulful.

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BALLETT, from Page 6?

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After another intermission, the band returned to the stage, closing with yet another high-energy piece.

In all, each piece was highly enjoyable and well-performed, and the eclectic variety of pieces proved the great talent of this company.

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Date Rape Drugs

Three weeks ago, a friend from high school called me. He wanted to talk about his girlfriend "Jane." She is in a sorority at a prestigious university. The men in her brother fraternity were nice guys, and my friend liked them. She went to a kegger at their house on a Saturday night. She had a couple of drinks. And then she woke up naked and bloody in her own bed. She had been sexually assaulted. My friend wanted to know what to do.

You don't have to be drinking alcohol to become a victim.

Every student at Rice has seen Scruples, the play put on by Students Organized Against Rape during Orientation Week. However, there has been very little discussion of the rape drugs on campus. Unfortunately, the college environment provides ample opportunities for the use of date rape drugs.

Parties where drinking is the primary activity are common, as are random hookups. So here's the lowdown on these drugs and what you can do to avoid becoming a victim.

ROHYPNOL

Rohypnol is actually a prescription anti-anxiety drug in Europe and Mexico. It is illegal in the United States, but can be acquired through the black market. Otherwise known as "roaches," "roofies" and "ro-pigs and fall," this drug is one of two major date rape drugs. It dissolves in any liquid, so you don't have to be drinking alcohol to become vulnerable. It is colorless, odorless and tasteless.

According to the Houston Area Women's Center, symptoms of Rohypnol poisoning include drowsiness, reduced alertness, confusion and anterograde amnesia. What this means is that a victim begins to feel extremely drunk and eventually passes out, possibly waking up periodically throughout the evening. "Anterograde amnesia" means that she may remember part of the rape or none at all.

The other date rape drug is Gamma Hydroxybutyrate, or GHB. Also known as "grievous bodily harm" and "easy lay," this drug can cause nausea, memory impairment and vomiting.

Again, the victim feels and appears to be extremely drunk. Like Rohypnol, GHB is odorless and colorless. Usually it has little or no taste. There are two important differences between the drugs. The first is that Rohypnol is sold as a prescription drug, while GHB can be manufactured at home using ingredients similar to Drano. The second is, because GHB is manufactured, the dosage can vary, and GHB can kill you.

HOW IT HAPPENS

One misunderstood part of date rape drugs is that you don't have to be drinking alcohol to become a victim. The drugs can be slipped into any drink. Usually, once the victim starts to show signs of drunkenness, the rapist escorts her from the scene, sometimes promising to take care of her.

A victim may never know she has been raped because of the memory-inhibiting characteristics of the drugs. However, most women feel that "something is not right.

PREVENTION

The moral of the story is: Watch your drinks. It is unrealistic and unreasonable to declare that you will never again attend a party because of the risk involved. That's like saying you will never get into a car again because it might crash. There are some simple and easy steps you can take to play it safe.

The Houston Area Women's Center suggests that you only accept drinks in closed containers or directly from the bartender. Go out with friends who will watch your back and not allow anyone else to escort you out. And, if you start to feel uneasy, or you feel that you are going drunk for too quickly, get help and get out.

IF IT ALREADY HAPPENED

So, if you wake up like Jane or you just have a feeling that something had happened, avoid showering, changing or going into the bathroom. Call the Campus Police at (713) 527-6000, and they'll take you to the hospital for a rape kit. A rape kit is an examination that collects evidence and makes sure you're OK.

Because Rohypnol stays in the blood for only three days and GHB is a compound that is already produced in our bodies, it is difficult to prove that date rape drugs were used in any rape case. However, getting a rape kit is a good idea for medical reasons. Most rape victims benefit from counseling. If you need the name of a counselor for sexual assault, call the Peer Health Information and Support Hotline at (713) 569-4000, and they'll provide you with the appropriate resources.

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Thresher Sports/Commentary

Athletics Department misleads male swimmers

The men's swimming team will soon be a memory here at Rice. The well liked program that had been a part of the athletics department for decades will be gone, and with it, the memories of decades of men's swimming here at Rice will be gone as well.

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The men's swimming team will soon be just a memory here at Rice. The defending champion was not about to relax. The swimmers faced a major dilemma. Do they stay for the academics? Do they hope the program to excellence in academics as well as athletics. Just two years ago, six new teams were added to the department. These swimmers were drawn to Rice by neither the pool nor the coaching staff. (We all know what happened to them.) They were drawn to Rice because of its caliber as an institution that values a commitment to excellence in academics. The athletes blunder about the construction of a new pool had every reason to believe.

After struggling through the 1997-'98 season, changes to the swimming program were rumored once again. Some of the swimmers called the new Athletics Director Bobby May comparing the men's swimming program with the grace and style better general at the helm.

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Why would Rice go through the trouble of hiring a new coaching staff and increasing the team's roster just to cut the program?

The victims of the blunders were the eight underclassmen swimmers on this year's roster. While there was a coach willing to insist that the program could not be cut, the rumors persisted. The athletics with rigorous academic and training schedules had this added burden about their future in the back of their minds. Then, the first unofficial official announcement was made. On March 31, that Rice was considering cutting men's swimming. May told the swimmers that rigorous academic and training schedules had this cut. But with the hiring of the new coaching staff spread through the team that the sport might be cut. But with the hiring of the new coaching staff and improved performances, something seemed fishy.

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**SPORTS NOTEBOOK**

**Women's tennis beats Hawaii in first round**

The fourth-seeded women's tennis team advanced to the second round of the Western Athletic Conference tournament with a 5-2 win over the 13th-seeded Ultras of Hawaii Wednesday afternoon in Albuquerque, N.M.

Jennings and Natalie Reaud won at the next two spots, 6-4, 6-2, and 6-4, 7-5, respectively.

Junior Kylee Ellis, playing in her first recognized collegiate match, fell 6-4, 6-4, 6-0 at the sixth singles spot. Doubles were not played because Rice had already clinched the victory after singles played.

The winning moved Rice to 38th nationally, to 14-5 on the season.

In the only other meeting between the two teams this year Feb. 22, Rice upset the Horned Frogs 5-4 at the Houston Metropolitan Racquet Club. The match had been originally scheduled for Jake Hess Tennis Stadium but was moved indoors because of the threat of rain.

**Erwin receives NCAA sportsmanship award**

Sophomore Jarrett Erwin was named NCAA Outstanding Sportsperson of the Year, the NCAA announced Monday.

The NCAA-sponsored award honors student-athletes who through their own actions in the competitive arena of intercollegiate athletics, have demonstrated one or more of the ideals of sport, including fairness, civility, honesty, unselphlessness, respect and responsibility.

Erwin, a member of both the football and track and field teams, received the award for his actions at last year's Western Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships May 22.

Erwin, competing in the javelin, threw a distance of 80 feet, 6 inches (24.49 m) which matched his recorded a distance of 222-4 (67.76 m), which would have earned Erwin a spot at the NCAA Championships.

But Erwin corrected the official himself before the mark became official and had the measurement reversed, the inaccurate measurement would not have been changed. Instead, he gained the respect of every coach and official attendance.

"That gives great credence to Rice's honor system," men's track and field Head Coach Ray Davidson, who nominated Erwin, said. "It was all his initiative. I was going to make sure he had the mark changed, but he already had. I want to win, but I don't want to win that way."

Erwin will receive his NCAA award at the Citizenship Through Sports Alliance summit and awards banquet June 29 in Washington, D.C., where other Alliance honorees will be honored.

The summit, "Sports Culture in the New Millennium," is being sponsored by the NCAA and will be held at the Freedom Forum.

The NCAA was a founding member of the Alliance which includes a total of 10 amateur, professional and Olympic members.

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**April 23-28**

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**RICE 3 HOUSTON 0**

Score by Inning

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Hawaii (27-19) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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**INTRAMURAL**

**MEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

Championship game

Sid Richardson 9  —  Rice 8
Rice sweep leaves Rainbows black and blue

by Jose Luis Cubria

The race for the Western Athletic Conference baseball championship is looking increasingly like a one-horse contest.

There's no doubt that Rice's main goal is to go to the College World Series and win the national championship. But that doesn't mean the Owls have forgotten about their quest for a fourth straight conference championship.

Last weekend, Rice made sure the University of Hawaii would have likely taken a 2-0 lead.

The sweep, coupled with second-place Texas Christian University's three-game sweep at the hands of the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, gave Rice a 3-1/2 game lead at the top of the conference standings with just six games to go. The Horned Frogs visit Canyon Field this weekend for a three-game series, and the Owls need to win just two out of three to wrap up the top seed for the conference tourney.

The sweep also gave the Owls another No. 1 — the No. 1 ranking in the nation in two of three major polls, the second time this season the team has been ranked as high. But Rice, which is in the mix throughout all three of the nation's most important baseball polls in nine days, is more concerned about simply playing well than maintaining the top ranking.

"It's flattering, but that's basically all it amounts to right now," junior right fielder Will Ford said. "The rankings are nice, but that's all they are. They're just someone's opinion. We think about what we need to do to come together. The tire is there right now." The tire, as senior catcher Zane Curry said. "He showed he's right up there with the best pitchers in college baseball."
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- Gain awareness of legal and ethical issues involving the media and develop sensitivity to audiences' needs and interests.

General notes:
- Every Monday: Individual student critique of previous Friday's Thresher
- Every Thursday: Stories assigned to be turned in at the following Monday class (with some exceptions due to holidays)
- All assignments will have 1 mandatory rewrite
- Students are expected to read newspapers such as The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today and The Houston Chronicle regularly, as well as listen to local and national radio and TV news
- There will be reading assignments from the texts and additional sources every week

Questions? Send e-mail to kppper@rice.edu.
Calendar FRIDAY, APRIL 30 THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 7

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

You made it! Today is THE LAST DAY OF CLASSES for spring semester '99! Don't start skipping out now.

Come party like the semester is over. Rice Program Council presents an end of the year LAWN PARTY from 2-6 p.m. in the Rice Courtyard outside of the Student Center. Come out for a live band, free food and games.

FLOWER POWER TOWER! Hansen College presents a 60's themed Tower Party from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Hansen Tower. Food, entertainment and love beads are free.

Come support the Owls! The BASEBALL team plays Texas Christian University at 7 p.m. at Cameron Field.

The SHEPHERD SCHOOL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA presents a concert at 8 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall. They will play Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun," Hindemith and Kreisler. Admission is free, and a reception filled with scrumptious delicacies will follow!

MEZZO-SOPRANO KRISTIN ANDERSON presents her junior recital at 3 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. She will sing the music of Brahms, Brahms, Brahms. Gershwin's "I Get a 32oz soft drink for only 99¢ with the purchase of a Grande Meal" expires 5/9/99. (if bought in advance)

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Chamber Music Recital, 7 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. Admission is free.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

Arthur Bellinzoni, a religion professor at Wells College in New York and graduate of Harvard University, presents a lecture entitled "THE EARLY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: FROM DIVERSITY TO UNITY AND ORTHODOXY" at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall in Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd.

CHAMBER MUSIC RECITAL, 7 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. Admission is free.

Saturday MAY 1

Ready, set, go! FINALS for all degree candidates begin today.

The BASEBALL team plays Texas Christian University at 2 p.m. at Cameron Field.

The Carvel Animal Relief Endowment and Budweiser present the WESTHEIMER STREET FESTIVAL today and tomorrow an Westheimer from the 300 block to the 1000 block. Taste a huge variety of food while shopping in the home of the local arts community. The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call Frank Delia Sala at (713) 616-4455.

Sunday MAY 2

VIOLIST CHRISTINE GROSSMAN AND EMILY ROMO present a shared recital at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. They will play the music of Beethoven at 3 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall.

Students of the Shepherd School Quartet present a CHAMBER MUSIC RECITAL featuring the music of Beethoven at 3 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall.

Wednesday MAY 5

The end is in sight. FINALS for all non-degree candidates begin today.

Thursday MAY 6

FINAL EXAMINATIONS FOR DEGREE CANDIDATES END TODAY.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT ...

Dear Rice University,

Hi. I’m Anne. :) Some people call me Anne-a-conda, some people call me Queen Anne’s Cake, but you can call me Anne. And you can call me at (713) 630-8250 when you need a friend. Because I’m your friend. You are all part of my public, and I love you.

Want to know what else I love? Well, it’s good ol’ Rice University, silly!

I’ve been as busy as a little bumblebee working to make your Student Association the best that it can be. And now that the year is coming to a close, I finally have the time to reflect and reach out to my public. Can we talk?

When I walk around this campus I see things that frighten me. Let’s brainstorm. What can we do to make this campus a better, more politically correct place? What can we do to make this campus a source of pride for you and me? I’ll make the organizational flow chart if you’ll stand beside me. Are you willing to do that for me? Give some people. Work with me, here. I’m not asking for the reinvention of the wheel.

Let’s start off with something basic: I see students walking around without shoes. Can we reach out to these students? The last thing we want is for leaders from other schools coming to Rice University to find a community of shoeless nomads. Let’s shoe the shoeless. I know I have a spare pair of penny loafers that I’d willing to donate to the cause. Come on, now. It takes me.

Look at me. Rice University. I can be silly. Wow! Silly, silly me! I’m Happy the Bunny.

And what do we do with those people who refuse to assimilate and support the SA? We threaten expulsion! Only kidding, only kidding. But I could have wanted you. That’s the kind of power I have. So be on my team. Together we will dominate. We can and will rise and conquer.

Until next time, take care of yourself and each other. :)