Call waiting added to phone system

by Leslie Liu

The Telecommunications Department added call waiting in the newly installed student phone service after requests from some college residents.

Networking and Telecommunications Director Farrell Gerbode said it was partly as a result of a Thresher reporter who said that surely something could be done about getting the feature added. Also, Gerbode said he had met with groups of residents and knew that resident associates were particularly interested in call waiting because they felt it was important to their jobs as RA's to know that a call was coming in while they were on the phone.

“We went back to confirm with the company that installed the switch that in fact the digital information was correct, and we found somebody working with them that thought it was possible,” Gerbode said. “We eventually found a solution that worked.”

Telecommunications Manager Reggie Clarkson said the Rice department was one of the last places to have the feature with a key reason being that it was not cost effective for the company to provide.

“Somebody else had to pay extra for it before we would get it,” Clarkson said. “It was just not practical for us.”

New year, new meal plan

by Ben Weston

After months of discussion and a number of different proposals and revisions, the new meal plan has finally been implemented. Cashiers are out. All-you-can-eat meals are in. Bottled water is gone, but milk cartons are still around. Tetra points have arrived, and food will be available more hours each day.

The meal plan itself:

The old tab system of pre-paid versus à la carte is gone. All meals at a residential college are all-you-can-eat style and are purchased at part of the meal plan at the beginning of the year.

If a meal is not covered by a student’s meal plan, it can be purchased for between $5.50 and $8.50 in Tetra points, a new account-based system for purchases.

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The convenience store, Subway opens

by Ben Weston

Got the munchies? Sammy's late-night is closed. The Rice Thresher assistant director for food operations, George R. Brown Forensics Society member, and student at the Rice campus store, kitten staff will swipe ID cards before students enter a college center, and the computer system will automatically deduct from the student's account the amount charged for the meal. Students can enter and get more food throughout meal times.

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The critical thing for us was getting the construction complete and getting it open because the time frame was very short," Morgan said. "We need to see how this is going to play out, what the demands of the students are going to be.

The convenience store will be stocked according to student preference. Food and Housing Operations Director Mark Ditman said. For the moment, however, the selection mirrors that of the University of Houston's convenience store.

"The way that we set it up initially was to essentially duplicate the product mix at the Houston campus and get something on the shelf to start," Ditman said.

The current product lineup is comprised mostly of individually packaged snack items. The store also stocks refrigerated drinks, microwave dinners, toiletry products, and student merchandise.

The new meal plan includes all-you-can-eat style meals as part of the residential college meal plan. Students can re-
Welcoming transfer students into the colleges

For the first time in a long time (and possibly ever), all incoming transfer students were given an opportunity to live on campus this year, like incoming freshmen. Though transfers were offered housing for the first time, the issue is far from moot—so long as the convenience of keeping the present room jack system around for another year on campus during their first year at Rice far outweighs the inconvenience of students denied on-campus housing, or to hopefully eliminate the problem entirely. We expect Rice to hold to its promise to not increase enrollment after building Marotel College and expanding Jones and Brown Colleges. Then, once those new beds are available, all new Rice students — and virtually all continuing Rice students — should be able to live on campus if they so wish.

Correcting the language requirement

We are glad that despite all the confusion swirling around the language requirement, administrators still have their priorities in line. Both Provost Eugene Levy and Interim Dean of Humanities Gale Stoler have stated clearly that students will not be harmed by the fact that the academic infrastructure needed for the language requirement was not quite ready at the beginning of the year. However, there is still a gaping hole in the language requirement as it stands. Neither the test nor the French writing exam, in conjunction with an oral proficiency interview, given to new students, counts as an exit exam. This means that students who place into Spanish 301 have not technically fulfilled the language requirement for graduation.

The online placement exams for French and Spanish, as well as the written tests for French, Latin, Greek, Japanese, Korean and Russian, should replace the French language requirement when they pass both the written test and an oral proficiency interview.

Additionally, the faculty should begin discussion how to amend the language requirement to clarify inconsistencies. It should be explicitly stated that a 6 for a 7 on an International Baccaulaureate test is equivalent to a 4 or 5 on an Advanced Placement test and that both satisfy the requirement.

The third way of fulfilling the requirement, by completing a Foreign Language Across the Curriculum course, should be either implemented or scratched. If FLAC courses are a real idea, courses should be offered or, at least students should be informed what will be offered and when so that they can consider FLAC classes as a way of satisfying the requirement.

The fourth way of fulfilling the requirement area study abroad experience or an intensive summer program. The requirements state that each of these must be "followed by a satisfactory performance (intermediate-level or higher) on a Rice fourth-quarter equivalency examination." We don't know what a "Rice fourth-quarter equivalency examination" is, and apparently, no one else does either. Both of these requirements should be collapsed into the second requirement: "earning on a nationally accredited standardized placement test score equivalent to intermediate level or higher." Whether or not Rice should offer an abroad or does an intensive summer program, she still must take an exam at the end. Why give them separate classes in the requirement?

To complete the requirement is to take four semesters of a language with a passing grade. The faculty should strike the clause "average (intermediate-level or higher)?" when describing this passing grade. Students and faculty alike know what a passing grade is — a D-. There's no reason to cloud this issue.

Perhaps what I did was moot, and things are no longer as complex as I thought they were. If that be the case, then I only ask that you enjoy this cautionary tale, sitting comfortably in the knowledge that the past often outlives the present.

It all started several weeks ago, at my switched-on language job. They scheduled me to work only 20 hours that week, and I spend all 20 hours picking up garbage and saying, "Thank you for coming to Timelawn." To the people who didn't care, they sent me home because everyone else had shown up and they had too many people.

I left outraged. Not only did I hate every second spent in that filthy, puke-smelling infirmary, but now they were taking away my hours. I rushed home, tears streaming down my face, and scanned the general listings, now that I was trying to get another job before the day ended.

"Driver" seemed like a good job that paid $10 an hour. They needed people with large trucks for inter-state deliveries. Some of the jobs only required a Texas Driver's License and a clean background report, and it required no experience at all. So I called.

Two days later, my new boss "Deborah," and I were handing out flyers for a Chinese restaurant at the veterinarian's hospital. That night I got my old job. For the first time this season, I felt like I was heading in the right direction.

The second week, Deborah offered everything she knew about the "walk and talk," the ancient art of handling sensitized materials to products with "No Solicit
ts" signs on their doors. As the days passed by, I also learned more about Deborah the person. She told me about her 10 hours a week as a child's advocate, her vegetarianism and her personal victory against drugs.

After two weeks, I had to go away for five days. Deborah made me promise I would come back to work for the rest of August. But they were going away for five days. Deborah made me promise I would come back to work for the rest of August. But they were going away for five days. Deborah made me promise I would come back to work for the rest of August. But they were going away for five days. Deborah made me promise I would come back to work for the rest of August.

The day after I left, a Saturday, Deborah said she would send me my first paycheck. The following Thursday, the day I had expected to go back to work, I received no paycheck. Deborah and Deborah did not call. Friday, I phoned in the afternoon saying that there had been a death in the family, so there would be no paycheck. But Deborah didn't call. I didn't know what had happened to the paycheck. Monday she didn't call until the evening. When she finally reached me at midnight, it was to tell me that I wouldn't be working the next day. But she didn't call that day. Thursday morning, she called to tell me, apologetically saying that she had lost touch in College Station but would call back as soon as she got home, and that she didn't call. Friday I decided to take action. At this point, I should probably tell you that I've never actually seen the company I worked for. Although Deborah always talked about telemarketers, and other drivers, and a company, I'd never met anyone who worked there. I'll never even seen the inside of Deborah's apartment or the daughter and grandson she always talked about. My time sheet was a sheet of note-
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It was so with a great sense of urgency that I set out to find her. About 25 hours of hard work was at stake, and she was the only link to it. My first stop was the Sensible Company in the Village. I asked the owner if she had taken Deborah lately. Yeah, whatever happened to her", she said. "The phone number was given three months ago when she gave me over the phone exact amount of what had happened to the paycheck. I should probably tell you that I've never actually seen the company I worked for. Although Deborah always talked about telemarketers, and other drivers, and a company, I'd never met anyone who worked there. I'll never even seen the inside of Deborah's apartment or the daughter and grandson she always talked about. My time sheet was a sheet of note-
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So, I went to the front office of her apartment building and asked her how I could get in touch with the residents of her apartment. "Yeah, we're still waiting for them to move out," she said. It was at that point I concluded that I would never get paid. I took my cell phone in hand and left Deborah a lengthy message about how I had her down and I knew her dirty little secret, how I don't understand it at all but she must be some sort of super-low and she should have never tried that. There's nothing that I could do. Well, a few hours later she called back, very insistently that I'd called her a con artist, "You've had this phone number since six in the morning and I don't understand what had happened to the paycheck. Monday she didn't call until the next Friday as well as a faxed letter saying as much.

The following Thursday, at 3:30 p.m., she called back to say she would call back. At 4 p.m., she called back to ask me to meet her with her, but she didn't show up on Monday.

As I write this, it's Monday night. She did not call.

Despite all that's happened, still I can't say that I don't expect to get paid. Somehow, after spending 2 weeks in a car with someone, turning them spill water in your car, watching them buy Fakin' Bacon and hearing them listening to tapes about child psychology, trust was formed. I can believe that she can't pay me, but I can't believe that she never intended to pay me.

All I can do is keep calling her, and hope that one of these days, she'll see the money, and I'll never have to call her again.

Gordon Wittick is opinion editor and a Christian College senior.
**Guest column**

**Word selection can shape impressions**

I couldn't believe I had forgotten about the Chicago-Oklahoma game. Last spring, when we were meeting to go to Target at 2 p.m. to pick up the groceries and start at his door panting. His boxes when I blurted out, "I am such a retard! I don't want him move in the rest of the morning."

I used to have my in law to tell my family not to come to Ohio to pick me up. This didn't sit too well with my mom. She called in Chicago and got me onto an American flight later that day. The only catch was that I needed a paper ticket because I found out that United Airlines' skies have been used for trips to places like Indonesia, not two hours ago. Someone at American Airlines, the luxury plane flight about a half a days worth of United passengers and American travelers. The stewardess was sick and that was actu- edible and three in-flight mov-

Guest column

**Too small examples of words that can make someone uncomfortable.** The kinds of jokes that we laugh at and the way in which we talk about other people all make an impression, a lasting impression. I know colloquial English will not change with this column. However, I do know that when people begin to think about the little things, they can make big changes. The person is like based solely on my assumptions. Since my level of sensitivity is so low, I cannot bear sitting on his knee and speaking to others. But I know I cannot go back and change the impression. "Oh, it would be better if I do not let it happen again."

Lizzie Talbott is a photography editor and a Wheaton College senior.

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**The rice Thresher**

Tomorrow night opens the Rice mating season

It's a little known fact that on the Saturday preceding Rice University's regularly scheduled class day, the courted mating season officially commences. This exchange may not be listed in the General Announcements or Honor Code handbooks of Rice University, but has been sanctioned by Vice President for Student Affairs Zenaida Camacho's office — this event is too Rice student tradition.

"Let me tell you, last Saturday night in front of my fellow refugees. She was so pretty upset, and I have never been this drug driven before. She was smiling at me, a reminder to think before I speak and to be sensitive to the language that I use."

**To this day, her face sticks with me, a reminder to think before I speak and be sensitive to the language that I use.**

Being alone in a new place is scary and frightening. We must help to ease those fears to some extent, and give new students a foothold before the semester begins. But, while the rest of campus returns, meetings and interactions happen quickly. In a moment, we could say something that might make an assumption or make a thoughtless remark that deeply affects another person. That first impression can be very important.

Liz Levy is a Wheaton College senior.

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Frazer to become 'Campanile' editor

The 2000-'01 issue finally has an editor. Hansen College editor Jen Frazer will be appointed at the Student Association meeting Monday night for her official appointment.

Frazer was asked to fill the position over the summer by Student Media Adviser Jen Cooper. "I wanted to find someone who's going to be a good long-term," Cooper said. "I think we will slowly bring some structure to the Campanile." Frazer has never officially worked for the Campanile before, although she has assisted with photography and some layout. She has, however, worked in many capacities across the hall at the Thresher as copy editor, news editor and photographer.

In April, Frazer accepted the position of director of student publications for the SA. Her main project as editor was the Newcomer's Guide. "I have done lots of jobs at Rice, mostly in a managerial capacity," Frazer said. "I've covered every angle of publication from start to finish."

Frazer has "no grand plans" for the book as of yet, but she hopes to work with a variety of technology start-up companies, we might have a place for you. An Internet start-up – but your paychecks clear the bank.

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Frazer said, "We had to climb up ladders to get there."

The new three-story addition plus basement on the north side of Keck Hall will eventually include a combination of labs and offices on each floor, an elevator, a stairway and a loading dock.

Construction worker injured at Keck Hall

A construction worker working on a new wing on the north side of Keck Hall fell a few feet to the third floor and had to have rescue workers using a construction crane to lower him to ground level. The incident happened Aug. 17.

"A construction worker was four and a half feet above the level of the third floor standing on some planks working on something on the wall," Rice Emergency Medical Service Director Noah Reiter said.

The worker, who was using a safety mechanism which clips to the wall in order to work at that height, fell to the third floor ground when he put weight on the device. The worker was discharged from the hospital later that afternoon with "nothing more serious than a concussion," Reiter said.

Reiter said when REMS got to the scene of the accident, the man was unconscious, so Emergency Medical Technicians stabilized the victim and put him on a backboard. After giving the man oxygen, EMTs realized they couldn't get the man down from the building, which does not yet have a stairwell.

Reiter said the fire department's ladder was not able to reach the victim, so emergency workers called in another rescue team that used a construction crane to lower the victim down in a wire basket.

"Our response time was three minutes, which is slightly longer than our normal response time because of the nature of the call," Reiter said. "We're very excited about raising him here," Jeannette said. 

This semester is the beginning of the Byrds' term as Baker RAs. "We're very excited about raising the Byrds' term as Baker RAs."

The Byrds have a new addition to their family. Benjamin Xavier Byrd was born on July 30 at Methodist Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 12.5 ounces, and has brown eyes.

The Byrds are the only new people living at Baker College this fall.

The Byrds said they do not have any concerns about Benjamin growing up part of the college system and are looking forward to the interaction he will have with students.

"We're very excited about raising him here," Jeannette said.

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By the numbers, this freshman class is right on target

by Brian Stoler
Finance/Management Staff
On Sunday, 687 new students matriculated, bringing Orientation Week and the Rice experience to a close.

Other new students, 629 were freshmen, 12 were transfer students, and 46 were other transfers. Transfer students are counted separately because, like freshmen, they are guaranteed on-campus housing during their first year.

But this year, despite the lack of a guarantee, every transfer student who wanted to live on campus got a room, although some college agreements had to be swapped to make that happen.

The availability of housing for transfer students came about because the Admission Office hit its enrollment targets almost exactly. Rice aimed to enroll 640 new students guaranteed housing and actually enrolled 641. The number of transfer students similarly exceeded the target of 45 only by one.

In recent years, enrollments have substantially exceeded the targets. For example, in 1999, the number of freshmen and transfer students was 635, but 672 students ended up enrolling. And in 1997, 42 more freshmen enrolled than expected, causing the university to scramble to convince upperclassmen to move off campus to free up on-campus beds.

Will Rice College Master Dale Sawyer, who was the chair of the Committee of Masters last semester, said this overenrollment has led the masters to reserve extra beds for new students to ensure enough available spots. "We're a little gun-shy, in a sense -- we rarely plan on just having whatever the target number is," Sawyer said. "We figure we're always going to be over. That's how you're accurate. You can never hit it on the nose if you try the first time through to admit just the right number." Sawyer said there has been an unusually high amount of wait list activity at schools to which Rice offered admission to members of its waiting list. In all, 37 freshmen enrolled after being offered admission from Rice's waiting list.

The percentage of students who accepted an offer from Rice declined slightly from last year. This year's yield was 40 percent, compared to last year's yield of 41 percent. Wright attributed this decline to an increase in the number of out-of-state students offered admission to Rice, since the yield for out-of-state students tends to be lower than the yield for in-state students. This year, 50 percent of freshmen are from outside Texas, compared to 44 percent last year.

Also declining slightly this year was the percentage of freshmen from some ethnic minority groups. Five percent of this year's freshmen identified themselves as "African American or Black," down from eight percent last year. Also, 11.5 percent of this year's entering class identified themselves as Hispanic, down from 13 percent last year.

Wright said that the decline in diversity was caused by other schools seeking out minority students from Texas. "We are slightly less diverse this year due to increased competition from out-of-state colleges that are recruiting Texas minorities very aggressively, in many cases with special scholarships," she said.

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Housing a concern for some international graduate students

by Elizabeth Jardina

Vining Li came to Rice to study solar physics in the Physics and Astronomy Department. He'd like to get his doctorate in the United States and then return to Nanjing University in his hometown of Nanjing, China to become part of the astronomy faculty. And he knows what it takes to achieve his goal — he planned to come to the Rice and begin concentrating on his studies.

He didn't expect to be sleeping on the floor of his new apartment when he arrived here from China on Aug. 16. Of course, Li feels lucky that he has an apartment at all. The Rice Chinese Students and Scholars Club helped him find a place to live after he was told that there were no rooms available at the Rice Graduate Apartments.

"I don't want international students feeling that they have a disadvantage." — George Griffin III
Managing director
Rice Graduate Apartments

"We were hovering close to 100 percent occupancy throughout the second half of July, but we actually hit 100 percent the week of July 24-28," Griffin said.

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Then, the Office of International Students and Scholars sends an I-20 form, a certificate of eligibility for non-immigrants. The students then must take the I-20 to the American consulate or embassy in their home country and apply for a visa. By the time Li actually got his visa in June, the apartments were full.

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**Spanish, Foreign Exams**

Students may also fulfill the requirement by completing a Foreign Language Placement Test. Students may graduate under the new book no longer count for Group I distribution. However, students who take the Spanish test will not get Group I distribution credit because of the desire to offer the courses in the creative arts to carry distribution credit.

**HOW TO SATISFY THE LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT**

By earning a score of 4 or 5 on the National Advanced Placement Foreign Language Exam taken in May, students may receive credit for the foreign language course. Students must take the Spanish test offered by the College Board.

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Debate team will travel by bus from now on

**F&H: Stock of convenience store flexible**

F&H, from Page 1

hold items such as aluminum foil.

Huiszen College junior Gavin Parks said that he liked the store and thought it was a good use of space, but that the selection was a bit random.

"You're going to have to give it a few more weeks, a few months to figure out," Parks said.

Ditman and Morgan toured a number of other universities last year, and said they expect students to want more bulk items than are currently stocked, such as economy-sized laundry detergent or family-sized bags of chips. Those items take up more shelf space, but Ditman said he expects the density of the shelving to go up, and there is potential room for more shelving if needed.

"We certainly at some point would like to expand," Morgan said. "I don't know if we'll be able to, but we are also considering taking the

book racks out and putting some shelving in there to offer more variety or more bulk stuff."

The Subway will have the same hours as the convenience store, replacing Sammy's late-night service. Sammy's will now be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, plus training table each evening.

In addition, because of the exclusive contract F&H now has with Subway, Sammy's can no longer carry Subway sandwiches from other companies. However, Ditman said this exclusive contract will not affect Willy's Pub (which serves Billings' subs) or Vallalla (which serves Kahn's Deli sandwiches).

Morgan said Sammy's late-eight could make a return if Student Center traffic increased, but he said he was not sure if Sammy's can support both operations after hours. Student Center Director Floyd Lockwood said although Sammy's will no longer rent and drive vans to make deliveries, he expects the density of the traffic when the accident occurred was dark and unlighted.

Meanwhile, West said the team will no longer rent and drive vans to tournaments. The team will travel by bus instead, using money newly added to the team's budget. West

will not be open for late-night dining, the seating space outside Sammy's, along with the Red and Blue Rooms of the Coffeehouse, will be open as long as the Student Center is.

Another option, Ditman said, would be to move the pizza ovens into the Subway in lieu of snacks from the convenience store.

Almost no aspect of the operation is finalized, Morgan said. From the hours to the product selection and the amount of shelving, everything can and will be changed once F&H can collect student opinions. The current setup is just a base to work from, he said.

"Everything's kind of up in the air," Morgan said. "We need to see what student reaction is, get input from students, and that's what we'll base our decisions on."

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PHONES, free Page 1 wouldn’t work either, so we asked (contractor) William to go to Nettel, and really, I think they just went to another phone store.

Williams Communications has investments in Nettel Networks Corp., which manufactures telephones that Williams distributes.

"The normal implementation of voice mail is that it answers the phone both if you don’t answer the phone and if you don’t pick it up, ... that’s where Williams was coming from," Gerber said.

"We’re changing that model for the students ... it’s a hybrid solution," he said. "Voice mail is acting as an answering machine rather than the way voice mail is usually understood."

Clarkson said the Nettel people put a patch on the existing program, which they did at to charge.

"They came one day, made some software changes, and last week we were able to change the global program for all still college phones (to allow call waiting)," Clarkson said.

Other features of resident phone service include three-way conference calling, the ability to transfer calls and the ability to put callers on hold.

For problems with the new system, Clarkson said Williams will have three representatives on the phone by the end of this week.

The hotline will always be in use, and the system has the capacity to expand to 30,000 ports.

For long distance, students have the option to contact AT&T College and University Services themselves to change the default long distance rate of 10 cents per minute to other nationally advertised plans (see box), or use their choice of service provider through a toll free number.

Students can get their long distance codes free from their college coordinator.

Clarkson said Telecommunications had no control over the default rate; since telephone companies such as BellSouth usually charge a high rate in order to encourage customers to contact them.

If you do not use the long distance they provided, you use a phone card of your own,” Wase College sophomore Aparl Bhadwask said. "I find that much easier. For local calls, I think it’s much easier than the previous system just because you don’t need to call them, they’ll come directly to your mailbox and go to them."

Regular phone service will be billed to students at $5 per semester by the Cackle’s Office. Direct dialing is the long distance via 1-Dialing (numbers such as 1-900-920) will not be available, since students can only receive long distance bills.

"Take it that you can dial directly to the other rooms," Lovett College junior Megan Terrazas said. "But with the rate they’re long distance thing. It’s easy to use, it’s just a whole lot of trouble setting it up. I didn’t have any trouble setting it up, they just gave me my card and it was already set up.”

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These are other nationally advertised plans that are not offered as a selection when you sign up on the ACUS Web site. The best thing you can do is to sign up on ACUS to activate your account, and then call (800) 445-6063 to ask to switch to one of these plans.

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Monthly fee/service charge: $4.95 per month.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were reported by the Campus Police for the period July 17-Aug. 21

Residential Colleges
Baker College Aug. 8 Contractor reported theft of gas-powered saw.

Academic Buildings
George R. Brown July 21 Wallet stolen.
Fondren Library July 21 Faculty member reported stolen rug.

George R. Brown Aug. 3 Three suspects — two juveniles and one adult male, spotted on third floor. Suspects fled from security officer and were taken into custody by police officers. Two juveniles transported to Harris County Probation, one adult, Robert Joe Lyons, 18, released to Houston Police Department for six outstanding warrants.

Keck Hall Aug. 4 Wallet stolen.
Dell Butcher Hall Aug. 8 Furniture stolen from first floor lounge and second floor conference room.
Fondren Library Aug. 10 Complainant reported a white male harassing her.
Dell Butcher Hall Aug. 15 Wallet stolen.
Fondren Library Aug. 18 Wallet stolen.
Mudd Building Aug. 21 Wallet stolen.

Other Buildings
Valhalla July 17 Woman bitten on finger by squirrel. Rice EMS treated patient at scene. Patient refused medical transportation to hospital.
Student Center Aug. 12 Intoxicated male calling from emergency phone in regards to his vehicle being booted. Subject taken into custody for public intoxication and transported to the Harris County Jail.

Parking Lots
Facilities and Engineering Lot July 17 Accident involving Brown & Root truck and Rice staff member's vehicle. Report filed.
West Stadium Lot July 26 Suspicious white male stopped and found to be a missing person. Family advised and subject transported to bus terminal for return trip to Mobile, Ala.
Richardson College Lot Aug. 3 Minor accident, Facilities and Engineering cart and truck.
Jones College Lot July 31 Bike stolen. Cable cut.
Fountain's Court Visitors Lot Aug. 20 Subject stopped for driving while intoxicated after leaving tailgate party. Subject arrested and transported to Harris County Jail.

Other areas
Alumn. Drive Aug. 3 Minor accident, facilities and Engineering cart and truck.
College Way Aug. 6 Traffic stop for failure to use turn signal. Driver arrested for public intoxication and transported to Harris County Jail; passenger released to responsible party.
Soccer field Aug. 10 Staff member reported vandalism of fields and theft of signs.

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Goods and Services
Bees found in walls of residential colleges

by Leslie Liu
THE RICE THRESHER NEWS FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2000

Upperclassmen aren't the only residents returning to campus in the summer. The bee population in the colleges is increasing each year.

Food and Housing Maintenance Manager Ken Thompson said it will be October before local beekeepers will be able to come to campus to begin removal of hives from Jones and Sid Richardson Colleges.

"According to the beekeeper that came out, we've had a major increase in the amount of bee activity in Houston, and, unfortunately, they decided that some of our buildings seem to be a real good place to build a hive," Thompson said.

"So, the architect has built bee boxes all up and down the building." — Ken Thompson
F&H maintenance manager

"We just got through having a large hive removed from Wees College over the summer," Thompson said. "It was close to the ground so it was real easy to get to. It was approximately 50 pounds of hives and honey that they extracted from it, and they removed a pretty good sized colony of bees." Thompson said F&H workers took out three to four feet of brick underneath the outside window around Wees rooms 112 and 114 all the way over to the corner next to where there is construction, since the insects are beginning to bother the construction crew.

Thompson said as far as F&H can tell, the bees have not come back to Wees.

The walls in Wees and Jones have three layers of protection from the outside — a brick exterior, an exterior wall and an interior wall. The bees are building hives between the first two layers.

It will be more difficult to remove thebee colonies in Jones and Sid since the bee hives are off the ground. Walls of Jones South between the third and fourth floors, and near to Sid windows facing Main Street between the third and seventh floors, are the problematic areas.

"They won't even be able to start it until October because there's only a few beekeepers in Houston that actually come and extract the hives and remove the colonies," Thompson said. He said the beekeepers will have to use some sort of rigged window basket to go up and remove the brick and then remove the hive.

"They actually try to trap as many of the bees and the queen as possible because they're not allowed to poison them because they're part of the ecosystem," Thompson said. "You could actually poison the honey, and that's an agricultural commodity."

Thompson said the beekeepers will have to mechanically extract the bees from where the hives are and then take them and set them up in another box to see the bees for a new hive.

"The way Sid Built is built, the window boxes stick out 4 feet, and between the window boxes the architect bricked that in," Thompson said. "It has no physical entrance to the building at all, it's just a window box, but they had to put weep holes in there on the bottom of the box in order for the water and moisture to get out. Those weep holes are just the right size for the bees to go in and out of easily, and it's a perfect closed container for them to build their hive in."

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Thompson said the main problem he is facing at Sid until the hives can be removed is making sure residents know that if they open the windows facing Main Street, there's a good chance bees will get in the room.

As for Jones, Thompson said bees have been building hives there for quite a few years off and on. The bees leave and then come back a year or two later.

F&H and students will not be affected as long as they keep their windows closed.

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Tetra points will rollover at the end of each semester but are not refundable. Also, there will not be sign-ups for people with last or first 10 cards.

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Obviously we still want to have some kind of surveilance. But the Tetra points system is set up by time, with zones for each meal.

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Grill service will not be available during these times because the kitchen staff will need to tend these periods because the kitchen staff will be working to provide 24-hour access to drinking water for students.

"It's not a big fan of the plan," Will Rice College senior Matt Frost said. "I don't think it's even as flexible as they'd like it, even... I think the fact that they're not making concessions for guests kind of sucks.

New hours in colleges

Another big change this fall is having College Food Service open longer hours. In response to perceived student demand, four residential colleges will now serve dinner on Sunday nights.

"Probably will go to Sunday dinner since. I've had so many meals on my meal plan," Hiss said. "It's just so much food. F&H purchased the smallest plan for on-campus students, with 11 meals per week.

All eight residential colleges now have continuous service after breakfast until 11 p.m. This will also be all-you-can-eat style and will be billed as breakfast. The card-system will be set up by time, with zones for each meal.

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"Now that you can fill up a mug and take it with you, our hope is that you'll lose less of the plastic bottles and can waste and that sort of thing," Ditman said. "I'll serve the environmental interests of students (and) I'll save you some money from all the disposable cups you go through."
Unsuspecting Sid Richardson College freshmen pose for a group photo Sunday afternoon, only to discover that they should never trust their advisers.
Orientation Week 2000: Introduction to Rice

Ah O-Week — blissfully silly, richly and ironically disorienting, luxuriously without academic burden (mostly) — it’s a rite of passage dearly loved and staunchly defended by students. From the illegal adventures in the steam tunnels to the sometimes terrifying adventure of living without parents, new students are inundated with things new! new! new!

For many people, O-Week was a blur. They can’t remember who they met, or who they ended up playing toss-the-egg with on Sunday. They can’t remember how many points their group got in the scavenger hunt, or what day anything happened. They can’t remember what they wrote their English comp essay about or the circumstances of taking their purity test. (The test score usually sticks, though.) They can’t remember when they made their first friend or when they started to feel at home.

But these are the things that happen during O-Week. This week is the one that started everything for the class of 2004.
Faculty Address —

At Tuesday's faculty address in Stude Concert Hall, History Professor Allen Matusow explained to the entering class exactly where they were: a first-class liberal arts university where research enriches teaching and where a spirit of amateurism creates incredible opportunity. By establishing their position, Matusow said, he hoped to alleviate their natural feeling of displacement. Matusow is the interim dean for Student Judicial Programs and a Baker College associate. He also served as dean of humanities from 1981 to 1995.

Delivery Services — Wiess College freshman Aaron Keho and Wiess adviser Ben Amis transport Keho’s worldly belongings.

Captured Flag — Baker College adviser Jake Rosenberg snagged this Jones College sign for Baker's scavenger hunt.

Lost and Found — The Jones College O-Week group “From Russia With Buzz” displays their scavenger hunt trophies — Jones alumni George P. Bush (center) and Packy Saunders (far right).
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Dopey British comedy this summer’s ‘Saving Grace’

Dalton Tomlin
THE RESERVER STAFF

Throughout the summer, one had to weed through some of the typical Hollywood tripe to find decent movies, which were few and far between. Not surprisingly, only the indie flicks have been worth your seven dollars.

One film worth checking out is Saving Grace, an import from the UK starring Brenda Blethyn (Secrets and Lies, Little Fear) and Craig Ferguson (The Drew Carey Show, The Big Train). Ferguson co-wrote the film with Mark Crowley (who also created the story), and relative newcomers Tim Eyster and Cole director.

The story begins with the funeral of Grace’s (Blethyn) husband; this dramatic scene is handled quite respectfully in order to get the audience to sympathise with Grace. The laugh when Matthew (Ferguson) and his stereotypically goody-two-shoes friend Dr. Banford (Martin Clunes) are smoking pot at the wake and have to hold it in when the local constable walks by to chat. Grace has a subtle, charming quality that’s based somewhat on naivete, once it’s revealed that her husband was several hundred thousand pounds in debt. When trying to come up with her remaining assets, she says she has a Swiss bank account — with nothing in it.

As she tries to come up with the money and her property is being repossessed, Mary (her gardener) tells her to grow a marijuana crop. Not being a complete bore, Grace knows what it is but sets it up in her greenhouse anyway. Soon it starts to grow at an astounding rate, and one can guess that Grace and Matthew start to do after that.

They clean out her greenhouse and start growing kilos upon kilos of pot, picking the greenhouse so thick that regular tobacco can almost smell it. The scene in which Grace tries out her product for the first time is hilarious and unforgettable.

In order to make money, however, Grace has to sell it all to a big-time London drug dealer (Chucky Kays), which leads to a mildly sur- prising yet satisfying ending.

Of course, like many other British comedy hits, there are both dramatic and comedic subplots. Matthew’s girlfriend Nicky (Valerie Edwards) is in a love-hate occupation because she’s pregnant, meanwhile, two old ladies use Grace’s crop for tea, and the results are predictable but funny nonetheless. And although it’s completely unrelated to pot, one of the biggest laughs comes from a bartender’s comparison of the language of Franz Kafka and Jackie Collins.

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Saving Grace is the latest in a line of solid semi-dramatic British comedies, among such notables as Four Weddings and a Funeral, Branded, The Fast, The Frenzied, Waking Ned Devine. Some have become big hits at the box office and even Academy Award nominees; even in independent theaters they can get a decent box-office draw.

Blethyn is a great casting choice for Grace. She’s funny, Malleable and (paradox the pun) a bit dopy. Ferguson is funny in his supporting role, but not as hilarious as he has been recently on talk shows promoting the film. Even Edmund, despite having a small role, manages to do a good job dramatically.

Still, when forced to choose between Saving Grace and any of the other cerebral comedies like The Replacement, the former is the way to go. It’s a much needed high among all the mellow duds out there.

Robert Reichle
THE RESERVER STAFF

Rancid explode like ‘Time Bomb’ on new hardcore album

With Rancid’s third album, 1995’s And Out Come the Wolves, they scored a hardcore hit with “Time Bomb” and “Ruby Soho.” Since then, Armstrong has gone on to create Hellcat Records, a subsidiary of Epitaph. And, perhaps most importantly, he’s so good that in high school I embarrassed the embarrassment of having my mom as a cheerleader just so that I could see them in concert (The concert was okay, she complained).

In 1998, Rancid took some flak from the punk scene as their album Life Won’t Wait. But Watanabe did his small task by making tracks like “Blackhawk Down” and “Crane.” This change of direction is surprising when you consider how much the group had grown in the few months prior. Perhaps the biggest surprise was the band’s ability to evolve.

This album is a glimpse of things to come

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College theater fall preview: babies, yankees and commies

Robert Reichle
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Chances are, none of the freshmen on campus chose Rice for its theater major—it doesn't have one. But that doesn't mean there's no drama at Rice; actually, you couldn't have chosen a better place for student-produced theater. Each of the eight colleges, in addition to the Rice Players, does at least one musical, comedy, drama or set of one-act plays each year (more often than not, one each semester).

Auditions are starting soon, so below is a list of options for those considering acting or tech crew. Some of this information is tentative, so keep an eye open around campus for flyers indicating changes in the audition or performance dates.

LOVETT COLLEGE

Damn Yankees
Book by George Abbott and Douglass Wallop, music and lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross

Auditions: Tuesday-Thursday Performances: Oct. 28-30, 4 p.m. in the Will Rice private dining room

Synopsis: The gender-identifiable Baby exchanges a terrifying (and hilarious) upbringing under his father (he left behind) to realize the worth of the life (and wife) he left behind.

WILL RICE COLLEGE

Parent's Weekend Show

Directors: Michael O'Connor and Daniel Atwood
Auditions: early September Performances: Oct. 5-7 (Families Weekend)

Synopsis: A one-hour-long set of short plays and poetry.

Baby with the Bathwater
by Christopher Durang

Directors: Michael O'Connor and Susanne Pringle
Auditions: Sept. 4-5, 8 p.m. in the Will Rice private dining room

Synopsis: A one-act play about a young man named Oscar, who could be the one to end her chain of bad luck. Neil Simon brings to Stewart Charley a variety of music from classic Broadway to funky hippie fare, mixed with the cosmic dialogue that made him one of America's most popular playwrights.

WIESS COLLEGE

Wise Freshman One-Acts
Auditions are open to Wiess freshmen only.
Performances: Oct. 5-7 (Families Weekend)

This traditional Wise production features Wise freshmen and transfers in a wide variety of humorous one-act plays. As one of the first college theater productions of the year, it's a perfect introduction to the college theater scene.

RICE PLAYERS

Fall Auditions: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Hamman Hall.

A dedicated slot will be given to each person for a cold reading of a monologue. Audition for both fall shows or just one with the same monologue. Seven women and seven men are needed for the fall season. Callbacks for Smash will be Thursday evening. Callbacks for Spike Heels will be Sept. 6.

Smash
by Jeffery Hatcher

Director: Director of Theater and Rice Players Mark Ramon
Performances: Sept. 28-Oct. 5.

A modern adaptation of George Bernard Shaw’s novel The Unhorned Socialist. Smash is a mixture of political intrigue, comedy, love triangles, and, of course, commies.

Spike Heels
by Teresa Rebeck

Director: Director of Theater and Rice Players Trish Rigdon
Performances: Nov. 9-11, Nov. 16-19.

In Spike Heels, witty characters argue over the fine line between love and sex. When an incident of sexual harassment arises, the four characters, who include a streetwise secretary and her mentor, must face the facts of how the game of sex works.

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Toots and Maytals 'Dandy' at Reggaeblitz

Robert Reichle

GERIEN ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Even though classes are about to resume, it’s technically still summer, and that means that arenasized music festivals are still touring the country.

Toots and the Maytals, main event

Herman Square
12 p.m. Sunday. Tickets $15.

On Aug. 16, the Reggaeblitz Summerfest 2000 came to Riverport Amphitheater in St. Louis. Coreaderiga and Toots, who come from across the country with headliners Toots and the Maytals and Maxi Priest. The tour loops back around to Houston Sunday at Hermann Park, and if the St. Louis show was any indication, it should please both casual and serious fans of reggae music.

For most of the tour, Ky-Mani Marley and Andrew Tosh served as opening acts; however, they won’t be playing the show here on Sunday. In St. Louis, they provided a good warm-up for the other bands, but their absence shouldn’t take too much away from the rest of the festival.

Maxi Priest and his pop-reggae

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you’re a fan of Armstrong, Armstrong picks up the slack with his unique voice and style.

This album marks the first time bassist Freeman has contributed vocals since 1992’s Life’s Go. He still sounds as gritty as the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, and his voice has even improved with age. His vocals make “Black Derby Jacket,” a song of love and touring, one of the album’s standout tracks. In fact, it’s far and away Freeman’s best song on any album. As always, Freeman contributes some wild bass lines, and the songs on the album give him plenty of room to demonstrate his wicked abilities. The amazing bass solo on “Axiom” makes his previous work look even more experimental, had a lot of crossover appeal. This album has little to none.

In concert, it’s clear that age has taken its toll on Toots. In the look on his face, you can see he’s performed the same set a thousand times before and is getting tired. His flashy clothes and attempted tap dancing were awkward attempts at old-fashioned showmanship, but his sequined jumpsuit and inflexible movement made him look like Elvis with a broken hip.

His sequined JUMPSUIT made him look like Elvis with a BROKEN HIP.

Despite these shortcomings, Toots played the very best of years worth of material, and about half of the songs really were spectacular. Fans of the Maytals will enjoy his performance, fans of Maxi Priest will be more than satisfied with Priest’s set, as he’s just looking for some fun reggae will find pretty good renditions of old classics at Hermann Park on Sunday.

‘Rancid’ might leave non-punks ‘Disgruntled’

Rancid, from Page 14

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**Chuy's**

3706 Westheimer.

For pricier but tastier Tex-Mex in a slightly more yuppified setting, Chuy's is your place. You'll bond with your classmates enjoying their happy hour and college students who fill up the free creamy jalapenos — it's an addictive chip dip, like ranch dressing with a real kick. Enjoy the colorful decor and the obvious Elvis fixation.

**Amy's Ice Cream**

3616 Farnham

Amy's is often mobbed on late weekday nights by high school college students and twentysomethings alike, all trying to get their fix of Amy's rich, funky, homemade ice cream, a treat anytime, but especially when it punctuates a muggy Houston night. The company got its start in Austin, which may or may not explain its penchant for alcohol-based flavors (e.g. rum) or any flavor that's not funky, homemade ice cream, a treat anytime, but especially when it punctuates a muggy Houston night. The company got its start in Austin, which may or may not explain its penchant for alcohol-based flavors (e.g. rum) or any flavor that's not.

**Dolce & Freddo**

3205 Kirby

If Amy's is too packed with nighttime crowds or if you want some Italian-style gelato for a change, Dolce & Freddo, a coffee-house/dessert shop, is open late Too. You'll need to spend a little more money here for a little less food, but expect some great, rich gelato in an array of flavors (you can pick up to four flavors per serving). The fruit flavors are among the best — raspberry and mango gelato will knock you right off the floor.

**Spectre**

Every college campus has its favorite liquor store, and Rice's favorite is Specto. There are two locations you should be aware of: Specto on Holcombe (2141 West Holcombe) and Specto Warehouse of Wines (2410 Smith Street). The former is affectionately known as "the close Specto" while the other is "the Specto downtown." The store on Holcombe is closer, but the Specto downtown has a fantastic selection of any kind of liquor you want. The wine ranges in price from five dollars to several thousand. For wine lovers, I recommend the "real cheap foreign wines," an ad that runs regularly in the Houston Press.

For those under 21, a warning: Not only is it illegal in the state of Texas to possess or consume alcohol (without the presence of a parent or legal guardian), but it is also illegal to enter a liquor store. Don't try to go into Specto. They will periodically ask for ID to enter the store.

**Movies**

**Houston Thunder Art & Entertainment**

Friday, August 28, 2009

Everyone likes to go to the movies. Here's the lowdown on the best theaters near Rice. For more scheduled showings, visit the Rice Media Center and recommend http://houston.s biodiagnosym.com/cinema/.

**River Oaks Landmark 3**

Edwards Greenway 24

An overhead view of the Landmark 3 cinema, which sits beneath the River Oaks shopping center. The cinema has three screens, including an IMAX screen.

**Greenway Place Landmark 3**

No. 75, no. 76

An overhead view of the Greenway Place Landmark 3 cinema, which sits beneath the Greenway Place shopping center. The cinema has three screens.

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**Art**

**Museum of Fine Arts, Houston**

1001 Bissonnet (at Main), Houston, Texas 77005

(j) 630-3720

Cost: $5.50 (Students with ID), free on Thursdays.

Closed Mon.

The oldest comprehensive museum in the southwest United States, the MFAH has recently opened its new Audrey Jones Beck Building, which houses one of its most popular exhibitions: "The Splendor of Rome: The 1st Century" (until Sep. 17). It includes over 350 paintings, sculptures, furniture, architectural models and other art forms that demonstrate Rome's power and grandeur as an empire in its finest moments. Art in several other exhibitions will be on display:

The Public Portrait: Photography by Edward Steichen, Richard Avedon, Irving Penn (until Oct 20), also in the Beck Building, showcases portraits of famous figures, created specifically for public display — one of the oldest portrait genres.

**Houston Zoo**

1513 N. MacGregor, Houston, TX 77009.

(j) 284-2154

Cost: $2.50 (Adult)

The Houston Zoological Gardens (the Zoo) spans 35 acres and is home to over 270 species and more than 5,000 animals, all in a beautifully landscaped area. Highlights include: vampire bat and fruit bat feeding, sea lion demonstrations and endangered species of mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds.

**The Menil Collection**

1515 Sul Ross, Houston, TX 77006.

(j) 520-0980

Closed Mon.

The Menil Collection comprises four primary areas of art: antiquities, Byzantine art, the arts of tribal cultures and 20th-century art. Surrealist art forms a renowned part of the collection, while American art from mid-century forward became a major focus within the last 25 years. Beginning Sept. 7, the Menil Collection will exhibit From Above: Photographs of Houston, by Alex MacLean.

**Contemporary Arts Museum**

5216 Montrose Blvd., Houston, TX 77006.

(j) 348-6551

Cost: Free

Closed Mon.

The Contemporary Arts Museum, dedicated to featuring the finest regional, national and international art of the last 40 years, will always work to bring to the public an impressive and comprehensive array of industrial and functional objects on industrial hypertroch with exhibitions of temporary and permanent nature.

**Rice University Art Gallery**

Sewall Hall, Ground Floor

(j) 348-0699

Cost: Free

The Rice Art Gallery recognizes and encourages creation and appreciation of contemporary art by artists, art critics, and the public in general. Currently on display is Out of the Ordinary: New Art from Texas (until Oct. 8), which features new work by 11 artists working in the state. This exhibit examines social conventions by incorporating functional objects into industrial hypertroch with exhibitions of temporary and permanent nature.

**Museum of Natural Science**

1 Hermann Circle Dr. (in Hermann Park), Houston, TX 77009.

(j) 675-4029

Cost: $1 (Adult)

Movers and shakers often pack a string exhibition to the Houston Museum of Natural Science hosts a variety of exhibits, the Wortham IMAX Theater, Cockrell Butterfly Center, Palomar Hall and the Gulf of Mexico Science.

**Holocaust Museum Houston**

5801 Caroline St., Houston, TX 77004

(j) 842-8000

An educational center, a memorial with a mission to remember the Holocaust, the Holocaust Museum Houston takes visitors through a moving journey of sights and sounds in the hopes of preventing something like the Holocaust from happening again. Until Sept. 14, in the Main Foyer, the public can view Albert Einstein, From Darkness to Light, an exhibit which includes a letter from Einstein to a New York businessman discussing the plight of their fellow Jews in 1939. On display until Aug 27 coins to "Flamboyance in a Scarlet of Hope" (Paintings and Poems) and "Rescue: Humanity Within Chaos" (Poems, Essays, Artwork).
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Finally, a room of your own — well, sort of
by Elizabeth Jardina and Corey E. Devine

Dear Freshmen,

For many of you, this will be the first time that you will ever have the pleasant experience of sharing your 200 square feet of space in this world with another person. It is a delightful experience or a supremely irritating one, depending on whether or not you have the same taste in music. Music is one of those things you might not have even considered before you started co-habiting.

music

Maybe you and your roommate have exactly the same taste in music. However, most likely, your tastes diverge like two roads in a yellow room. Have exactly the same taste in music. It’s best to confide your moxie to directly around your desk. Keep common space free of too much excessive clutter.

Also, the difference between clutter and old food is an often-overlooked but critically important one. If you lose food out (including empty soda cans, pizza boxes and crumbs), you will get bugs. Ants in Texas mean and will bite you. Roaches in Texas are big and mean. Other bugs are ... well ... nasty. You have been warned.

The difference between clutter and dirty laundry is also essential. Perhaps the most difficult decision is whether or not to wash dishes in bulk.

overnight guests

If you’re being sexiled, it’s fine to share dishes, but dirty dishes are not acceptable. At this point, your roommate has already been warned. If you’re looking for a way to keep bugs out of your room, don’t ever do laundry.

moss

As a general rule, unless both roommates are very messy people, it’s best to confide your moxie to directly around your desk. Keep common space free of too much excessive clutter.

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is it or isn’t? Assume that no one can sleep with the lights on. There are enough common spaces to stay up and study that it’s most polite to leave when your roommate is getting ready to go to bed. No mention that studying usually coaxes noise. Have you ever tried to study while someone else is clipping?

It’s also a good policy to leave loose some sort of nightlight on in the room. That way, when your roommate returns from studying/partying/Taco Co., he won’t turn off the lights on to find his way to his bed.

light, or maybe

There are study groups and parties if you like to chat for hours and hours, but other people have crushes of their own. Being considerate is the key to happy sharing.

computers

It happens a lot — one person has a computer and the other doesn’t. So, you really need to be careful that the person without the computer shouldn’t have to go to the computer lab to check her e-mail every ten minutes when there’s a perfectly good computer sitting right in the room, right? Well, sort of.

Personal computers are belongings; they aren’t public terminals. You shouldn’t expect that your roommate is going to be excited to use your computer. If you’re merely writing e-mail on your roommate’s computer when she walks in, you should always ask if she needs to use it and give it up if she wants to check her e-mail.

One other thing: It’s not a good idea to download music to other people’s computers. It’s annoying and unproductive. If your roommate is truly okay with sharing a computer, he’ll let you set up your own. But if you’re using Linux or a Mac OS, you use Windows as an operating platform, it’ll keep your system separate and eliminate the ability to snoop — even if the temptation is there. A good first step is to get in touch with the computer lab on campus. There’s probably a person in your college, and you can even check your very important e-mails in the KMC.

phone

Unfortunately, we only get one phone line per room. It is ok to share phones, but not phone numbers. If people who rarely use the phone, but bring them to bed for hours and hours, are missing from your phone bill, you should consider this a general rule for any other decorations.

There are a few rules — keep your fine art hanging on the front of the room, not on the wall. The best advice you may ever have been given is that if you have the urge to hang things on your wall, hang it in the KMC. It will add to the aesthetic value of your room.

alcohol

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decorations

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An article on Getting Busy is hanging on the wall. A huge sign reading “Getting Busy” hanging on your door would probably be effective but isn’t recommended. The creative minds at KMC, however, are not so discerning and less conspicuous way of letting a roommate know — and not of the rest of the world. They want to let the person who is not in the room know that the person in the room is there at least. The bottom line is that no one should have to walk in on a person in any sort of state of undress. Make arrangements accordingly.

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**Conference games** are denoted with a WAC from Rice.

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The women basketball team will begin the upcoming season where it ended the last one — in a prestigious National Invitational Tournament.

Fresno, the greatest season in school history and a run to the second round of the NCAAW Tournament, the Lady Owls tip off the 2000-01 season in the preseason Women’s National Invitation Tournament.

Rice hosts the University of South Carolina in the first round of the WNIT Nov. 10.

A first-round victory in the WNIT could set up a potential second-round match-up with a team Rice fans will soon come to know very well — Louisiana Tech University.

The Lady Techsters, a perennial top-10 team and a regional finalist in last year’s NCAA tournament, will join the Western Athletic Conference next season.

Including Rice, the WNIT features seven teams from the 2000 NCAA tournaments.

Rice will face at least four teams that competed in the tournament, including the University of Houston, Texas Tech University, Notre Dame University and conference foe Southern Methodist University.

The Lady Owls will also face at least two teams that took part in last year’s post-season WNIT.

“We have some quality teams on our schedule again. We have some tough road games,” head coach Cristy McKinney said. “We hope to get ourselves in position to get back into the NCAA Tournament. All told, the Lady Owls will play at least 11 games prior to the start of WAC play, including six on the road and one at Autry Court, but with a run to the WNIT Championship game, that total could rise to 14 non-league contests.

The Lady Owls road trips will feature a journey to Arizona to take on the NCAA regional finalist Wildcats and a New Year’s Eve battle with the Fighting Irish, who advanced to the NCAA regional semi-finals.

At home, the Lady Owls host the University of New Mexico Saturday, Eastern Kentucky University and Iona College in the Gene Hackerman/Rice Invitational.

Rice also hosts former Southwest Conference foe Texas Tech in another perennial power and 2000 NCAA regional finalist, at Autry Court in December.

**MEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

**December**

19 Gene Hackerman/Rice Invitational

1 Iona

2 Consolation/ Championship

6 Grambling

21 New Mexico State

28 Texas Tech

**January**

31 SMU (WAC)

February

2 SMU (WAC)

4 UTEP (WAC)

11 SMU (WAC)

16 San Jose State (WAC)

18 Arizona

**February**

5 Fresno State (WAC)

10 Texas-Pan American

12 VMI (WAC)

17 Nevada (WAC)

23 Nevada (WAC)

26 San Jose State (WAC)

28 SMU (WAC)

WAC denotes a Western Athletic Conference game.

BOLD denotes a home game at Autry Court.

Mens’s basketball to play weak slate

features 12 non-conference games, including seven at Autry Court and four on the road.

The highlight of the non-league schedule, however, will come early on with a tough road start against each of the other eight WAC schools.

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Piper, Cafferty receive WAC awards

by Jose Luis Cubilla

Two former Rice student-athletes, cross-country athlete Jeff Piper and women’s basketball player Jenny Cafferty, received the 1999-00 Western Athletic Conference Student-Athlete of the Year Awards, the conference announced Aug. 18. The awards, named in honor of former WAC Commissioner Stan Stancliff, are given annually to the WAC’s top male and female scholar-athletes.

Piper, originally from Richardson, Texas, was a four-time Academic All-WAC and WAC Scholar Athlete who earned District VI Academic All-American honors from 1998-99. Piper graduated in May with a 3.59 grade point average and a bachelor’s degree in computer science.

During his junior year, Piper co-authored an article that was published in the spring 1999 edition of Scientific Computing. He served as a teaching assistant for a computational and applied mathematics course and co-authored a science course, and was twice awarded the Engineering Association Scholarship.

In addition to his success in the classroom, Piper, a freshman walk-on in 1996, also excelled in athletics. He was a two-year team captain, and he helped lead Rice to its first men’s cross-country conference championship in 73 years last season while garnering all-conference honors.

Piper posted the team’s top finish at the 1998 District VI championship, placed fourth, and also qualified for nationals last fall. He was also a member of the track and field team from 1996-99. Piper also was involved with various activities on campus. He served as the subcommittee chairman of the Student Athlete Senate, was president of the Rice Investment Club and held office in the Rice University Business Society.

He also managed computer operations for the Rice Byuus Classic and WAC Track Meet in 1999-00.

Piper’s ability to actively participate in so many diverse activities while maintaining academic excellence makes him not only an outstanding senior but also an outstanding individual,” Athletics Director Bobby John Jura said.

Cafferty, from Arden Hills, Minn., helped lead the women’s basketball team to the 2000 WAC Tournament championship and into the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Cafferty topped off her collegiate career by winning the national three-point shooting championship.

She was named the WAC Player of the Week in January and her 44 percent three-point field goal percentage led the conference.

Cafferty holds school records for three-pointers in a game (7) and in a season (8) and is second all-time at Rice with 123 career three-pointers.

Graduating cum laude, Cafferty obtained bachelor’s degrees in economics, managerial studies and psychology in May with a 3.73 GPA.

She received Academic All-WAC honors all four years and WAC Scholar Athlete honors three times, was named in the President’s Honor Roll from 1997-98 and was a Rice Honor Athlete her junior year.

During her senior year, Cafferty was honored with the University’s Herbert E. Bray Scholar Athlete Award, given to the female athlete with the highest GPA. She was also selected for the Joyce Powers Hardy Award; recognizing the University’s most outstanding female athlete.

The Women’s Basketball Coaches Association awarded her the Charles T. Stoner Law Scholarship Award, while the “K” Association chose her as the Fred Stansby Post-Graduate Scholarship recipient.

Cafferty also was a member of many school, conference and NCAA committees, including the NCAA Certification Committee and Subcommittee on Academic Integrity, the WAC Student Athlete Advisory Committee, the University’s Athletic Advisory Committee and the Rice Student Athlete Committee.

“Jenny Cafferty is an example of everything that is best about college athletics,” Former College Master and associate professor of chemistry John Hutchinson said. “A distinguished scholar, lauded athlete, dedicated friend and volunteer, she has strived for four years to make her mark on the university and community.”

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Wednesday

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Rice Art Department senior Sheila Herman opens her exhibit GONE,BANANAS(FINE) from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Infill Art Gallery on the fifth floor of Sewall Hall. Artist's comments commence at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Sheila Herman at (713) 348-1541 or sheila@rice.edu.

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Friday

Shiner Boch and Birkenstocks convene on the Vohsalla lawn as the Graduate Student Association sponsors its FALL PICNIC from 4 to 6 p.m. Contact the Graduate Student Association office at (713) 348-4099 for more information.

The RICE OWLS VOLLEYBALL team hosts the Rice Volleyball Tournament today at Autry Court. The Owl's schedule includes The University of North Texas at 3 p.m. and Texas-Pan American University at 7 p.m.

The Clubs Office and Office of Student Activities is here to get you off your lazy ass by bringing you today's ACTIVITIES FAIR from 3 to 4 p.m. Representatives from over 100 student organizations will gather in Rice Memorial Center's Roy Courtyard and Grand Hall. Have fun! Send e-mail to Heather Masden at hmasden@rice.edu for the 411.

Martel College hosts a TG in Will's Pub in the Student Center to pass out applications for the MARTEL COLLEGE Founding Committee. Martel College master Joan Few will be in the pub from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Mesca Jaru Binks, “Dude, check out my pees,” “Two time, at band camp,” “Welcome to the Magic Kingdom,” “It’s the Fourth!” “Say Cheese...to Myself!” Hellooo, Mr. Heiferson.

Hotties (the handy Screw Your Roommate reference guide)

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You’ve come a long way, baby...
As both inspiration and consolation to the new students, the BPEI provides pictures of some Rice power players when they were freshmen, definitive proof that a less-than-stellar Meat Sheet picture doesn’t necessarily have to stand between you and success!

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