SA treasurer to resign

The Student Association will hold elections for the position of SA treasurer during the October homecoming elections. Current SA Treasurer and Wiess College sophomore Rani Yadav will resign this semester.

Yadav, who was elected to her position in February, applied to other universities in March and will transfer Harvard University this spring.

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Abandoning sinking ships

If Monday’s was your first Student Association meeting, we’d like to assure you that they’re not all like that. At the meeting, the planned swap of the Wiess and Hanszen Colleges’ masters’ houses was on the agenda. SA President Lindsay Botsford explained that Board of Trustees had discussed the possibility of building a new Wiess House during its May meeting. Board members walked around the area, weighed the benefits and the cost, and ultimately chose not to propose building the new house in the immediate future.

This brief item became a 40-minute rant, occasionally interrupted by attempts at discussion. A small but vocal group of Wiess students, seniors Doward Holloway and Matt Mitchell and junior Josh Ginsberg, complained about how the university has failed them, claimed that the Rice administration doesn’t care about students or the college system, and raged about how all students should feel and protest against the grave injustice done to them and their fellow Wiessmen. The members of Wiess College who repeatedly bring this subject up for discussion should cease doing so. Rehashing this debate is a waste of everyone’s time—Wiess, as well as the seven other colleges, could use its time more wisely. Any use of their time would be more wise than this one.

The Board of Trustees is the highest authority in the Rice hierarchy—they be the folks who hire and fire the university president. They are the Supreme Court of the Rice organizational flowchart; they have the final say. But don’t dismiss them as “They Must,” trying to keep us down. They understand that, in the words of board member Kent Anderson (Hanszen ’62), “this is not the best solution.” The board is the body entrusted with the care and future of the university, a task its members do not take lightly. They understand and respect the college system uniquely—because many board members are themselves alumni.

The board heard the students, and their request was denied.

It’s time to move on.

Keeping our perspective

We find it extremely curious that it is a group of Wiess students who are enraged over the decision to have the Hanszen masters move into Wiess House and vice versa when new Wiess opens in 2002. We’re pretty good with maps, and it sure looks to us like the distance which Wiessmen will have to trudge to see their masters is not nearly as far as that which Hanszenites have to travel. This is a sub-optimal solution. We wish that a solution could be found so that Hanszen students will not have to walk through part of the old Wiess building in order to get to their masters’ house. However, let’s keep this in perspective. No one is telling Hansan or Wiess students that their masters will have to live in Mudd Lab or the stadium or (unthinkable) off campus.

We’re talking about a matter of a few feet. We’re talking about two minutes of walking, even for students who live furthest—in the Hanszen 90s stairwell. We’re talking about a million dollars.

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To the editor,

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This year, I am told, everyone is going to pay $25 per semester for phone service, without long-distance. And, this year, I am living in the Hex—Baker—a room where six people share one phone line. So we are paying $150 a month for one phone line, without long-distance. People in quadrupleuku floors are paying $60 a month.

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Multiple choice made easy.

Q: What is the best tool to get you through college and your career?

A: e. Any Mac Above.

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Baker Hall is being remodeled this year, so all of the departments have moved.

- Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations
- Center for the Study of Cultures
- English
- French Studies (French, Italian)
- Dept. of the School of Humanities
- German & Slavic Studies (German, Germanics, Polish, Russian, Slavic Studies)
- Goethe Center for Central European Studies
- Hispanic & Classical Studies (Spanish, Classics, Greek, Latin, Portuguese)
- History
- Language Resource Center
- Linguistics
- Medieval Studies
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- The Study of Women and Gender

Students were assigned PINs for the readers on the doors of restrooms on their floor by Campus Police and Food and Housing as a safety measure.

Potty PINs assigned

by Liara Danan

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An interview with the provost

Eugene Levy talks about technology, graduate student teaching, the future of universities and creative classes

Eugene Levy became the provost on July 1, after arriving from the College of Sciences at the University of Arizona for seven years. News Editor Elizabeth Jasmin interviewed him on August 17.

What's a provost?

I'm not a Rhodes scholar, or a fellow of the provost or provost-marshals. It is the guy who runs the military of the university. What's a provost?

The provost is the guy who runs the military of the university. It involves dealing to keep the academic programs functioning, the administrative functions of the university — what you really call "administration" — and let me say, I've only been doing that the word originally comes from the Etruscan word "provestor," which is the guy that has some claim to an application in the military, because the provost-marshals are the guys that run the military prison.

Oh really?

That's my understanding. But in modern universities, the provost is the chief academic officer, and the vice president of the university responsible for everything that's academic — faculty recruiting programs, research programs. Basically everything but maintaining the buildings.

So what do you do all day?

It really depends on what I do in two categories — and let me say, I've only been doing it now for less than five years. You know what I'm going to do, but broadly speaking, there are two categories.

It is essential that we not gerrymander undergraduate teaching and in a sense assign some part of it to graduate students.

One category is what I call the "maintainance" functions of the university — what you do to keep the academic programs functioning, and functioning at a high level. It involves dealing with curriculum programs, hiring of faculty, maintaining high standards in the program.

And then the other broad category that I would like to call is what I call the "teaching" category — that is, building, refining, changing programs, working with the faculty and other members of the academic establishment. It involves the necessity to make the university in some sense considered in a direction that carries toward our aspirations, and the aspirations are very high.

What have you done so far?

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It was almost a place where students were requested for four years before actually becoming real members of the world. That model of university is dead, and no new model is currently in place now — and increasingly in the future — are institutions that will engage the society in a very active manner.

And that involves being centers of thought and creative idea-development in terms of how to deal with social problems, helping to deal with — particularly of the kinds that society faces, like education, which are essentially scholarship-changes. After all, universities are the places where the entire educational system is formed, and it's essential that universities understand that and engage in a very decisive manner.

The development of new technology — we are at the threshold of an age that I call the deeply scientific, technological age. The time between the development of new ideas and the applications in technology has shrunk.

It's important for universities to be engaged at the forefront of turning knowledge into benefits for the community. And another interesting development is that we're at a time where the kinds of knowledge that get turned into benefits are much broader than they used to be. It used to be that we invented hardware devices, but now it's the development of conceptual methodologies — the way you organize and disseminate and share information — is as much a technological challenge as hardware was in the past.

So in a sense, the intellectual contribution of universities to the development of society in a broad defined technological way is much larger than we imagine.

It's part of our challenge to make sure that Rice is in the forefront and as valuable as it can be.

When it was announced that you were going to be provost, the president was interviewed and was quoted as saying that Rice had to make Rice one of the premier research universities in the country. "Riceians" are a strong category that I really focus on as a strong category.

So the first question to your answer is: absolutely. It's a humorous issue here. It's a hot-button issue in most places. Interestingly, it's also a hot-button issue in places where there is a lot of graduate students teaching.

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If what happens is — as happens in some places — that faculty members in a sense delegate to the graduate students who are the core of the graduate students.

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One of the interesting things that I saw in that for the most part students don't really care about who was teaching at the front of the classroom. They only cared about the quality of the teaching.

And I would as much complain directed toward graduate students who were teaching as I would about faculty members who were teaching — and at much complaint. It was a balance. Some graduate students are brilliant, wonderful teachers.

What interaction to you have with faculty, as a provost?

That's variable. I'm going to try and look to increase with faculty a lot but interaction with faculty will be, in some sense, collateral interaction. My interaction in its most formal way will be with deans and department chairs, but I expect to have less of faculty as friends and colleagues.

Do you expect to have interaction with students?

I hope so. I'm certainly going to spend some time at the colleges.

I was talking to Student Association President Lindsay Bonard, and she was talking about the push for creative writing programs last year. What's going to happen with that?

We're going to do what I call a paced approach. It's in the works. It's the real demand is. This coming fall semester we're increasing the number of creative writing sections by one. And we'll do that again in the spring, and I'm talking to the School of Humanities about whether we should have one more or two more sections in the spring.

Some of the most valuable opportunities can come between the interactions of undergraduates and graduate students, in research laboratories or studios or libraries debating public policy.

One of the things we really want to understand is what the demand is. As far as the other courses are concerned, we're not doing anything about those right now.

One of the things that was everybody's mind last year was whether or not they count for distribution credits. Is there any possibility that they will count?

That's a faculty issue. The faculty spent — as understood it — several years debating the distribution requirements change that's going into effect now. I think that I don't yet understand what it was in the past or what it is now, but that's actually a whole faculty issue, not something that I just decide on my own.
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Mark Scheid and Study Abroad Adviser Andrea Battle will focus on advising natural science students interested in traveling to Latin American countries.

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by Les Boyson

Due to a 50 percent increase in participants of the study abroad program during this calendar year, the department added a new position this fall. In July, Andrea Battle was hired as the new study abroad adviser, and Monday she began work.

"I taught Spanish at the University of Detroit Mercy, and taught Spanish and did pre-departure orientation for business professionals who were going to work in Spanish-speaking countries and I taught English to people who primarily spoke Spanish," Battle said. "I was serving as the associate director for study abroad, and student advising was my primary responsibility," Cates said. "While I'll still individually advise some students, my responsibilities now include facilitating our exchange relationships with International Universities."

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The Student Association Senate met Monday. The following were discussed:

- Homecoming is November 4. The SA will be making T-shirts for this event. If you have suggestions for the shirt, email SA Director of Publications Jen Fraser (jfraser@rice.edu).
- Students voiced concern over the closing of Sammy’s Lane Night, the college president will meet with Assistant Director of Food Operations Matt Mosgor to discuss reopening Sammy’s grill.
- Weis-Hanszen masters’ house swap was discussed at length. No house will be built in the immediate future.
- Silver Saver cards are available in the colleges.
- PA Senator Donna Bender has proposed changes to the constitution ready by the fall retreat, where it will be discussed.
- The SA Fall Retreat will be Sept. 10-12 in the Kyle Morrow Room of Fondren Library. Attendance for senate members is required; it is encouraged for non-senate members. Meals will be provided, so email Jen Tang (jtang@rice.edu) if you want to attend.
- Hanszen College senior Jen Frazer’s nomination for Campus Life editor was approved. The 1999-2000 book will arrive in October.

The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 12 in Farnsworth Pavilion, Ley Student Center.
Small campus store lengths lines

by Tommy Belanger

As the new year began, students returned to a changed campus: new buildings, new faces, a new meal plan and, particularly pertinent to the beginning of the semester, a restructured Campus Store.

The bookstore’s first floor is smaller due to the space allocated to the new Kinko’s. Some students are also finding the smaller basement of the bookstore more cramped than usual.

"I used to line up from the register to the bottom of the stairs for forty minutes," Brown College sophomore Denise Marchand said. "Now people are waiting on top of each other." Beckwith said the only complaint he has heard was about the relocation of the bookstore backpack cubbies, which are now in the convenience store.

"We just want to do everything we can to accommodate students, but there was a possibility that it would have stayed Kinko’s," he said. "But we’re very busy, so we’re trying to train people to come on top of each other.”

"We just want to do everything we can to accommodate students during this first week by extending our hours and monitoring lines," Jones said.

Some students are also finding it more difficult to get a short line to the convenience store. "I think it’s much more cramped down here," said Marchand.

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KTRU hopes clear signal will lead to more listeners

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— Johnny So
KTRU station manager

After the tower went up in May, KTRU applied for a license according to FCC regulations. "We haven’t gotten the license yet, but our application is on file and we can begin testing programming,” Robedee said.

"The translator was on and off over the summer for testing," he said. "When the FCC accepted our application, we turned it on for good." He anticipates that it will take about three months for the FCC to officially approve the license.

Meanwhile, KTRU employees have not yet had time to completely absorb the change because the tower went up in May, after the school year ended.

"We’re confident that now that students can pick KTRU up, something or other will appeal to everyone," So said. "There’s a stigma that people in KTRU are weird, and we hope this might show them otherwise.”

He also added that the translator will help KTRU’s off-campus fans.

The boosted KTRU is being broadcast on a different frequency from the main broadcast, which is located on 91.7 FM, to prevent interference between the signals.

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Baker College
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Theft of laptop computer.

Other Buildings
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Aug. 25
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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Williams move in as Jones College RAs**

Three months after Jones College was left with only one resident assistant, Jones and Rina Bixel and their son Jai moved into the first-floor apartment at Jones North on Aug. 30.

Patti and Eric Bixel left unexpectedly when Patti was offered a professorship at Maine Maritime Academy last May. The committee, chaired by Jones Associate Vice President Laura Balanz and Chris Lounsbury, took statements of interest and interviewed candidates. They chose the Williams family as the next RAs in mid-August.

William is a visiting professor in the Architecture Department. Rina teaches political science at Prairie View AM University, about 45 minutes away — only really an hour's commute, she said.

Rina said that she was most concerned about living on campus with Jai, who just turned two years old. "We're always taking care of someone who always needs our help. We're very close to the campus, so that's our responsibility." she said. "And, of all places to live, a campus is really a safe and good place to live." Jai likes his new home.

"The whole lobby right outside our door has become his whole living room," Rina said. "He doesn't have to set my alarm anymore," she said. "It actually doesn't keep us awake at all. I don't have to set my alarm anymore," she added. "In our house, the time is always set to 7 or 8 o'clock in the morning, but that's just for people who are staying there, not for us." Jai is now two years old and he likes his new home. He enjoys playing in the living room and his parents have decorated it to make it look like a typical home.

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Former Police Chief undergoes surgery

Former Campus Police Chief Mary Voswinkel underwent surgery Aug. 15 to remove a malignant brain tumor. "It's a good thing," she said. "I'm confident I'll be back to work by the end of the month." Voswinkel, who retired in October of 1999, is recovering at TIRR Life Bridge III, Room 230, Bed No. 2, 5701 Kirby, Houston. She received her master's degree in recreation and leisure from Brock University in Ontario, Canada.

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Resident parking closer than commuter

Getting further back.

The shuttle bus routes have been changed as of Aug. 21. The shuttles now have five new designated stops.

The idea for the changes is that wherever students park, they will have a shorter distance to walk to the bus stop, Facilities Planner Max Amery said.

"I don't think it's such a big deal that commuter students have to park further out," he said. "In fact, they're already further back when they park in the stadium lot." The idea for the changes is that wherever students park, they will have a shorter distance to walk to the bus stop, Facilities Planner Max Amery said.

The greater loop bus now also offers an expanded service and exits campus from Entrance 12, travels around Rice Boulevard, Greenbriar Drive and University Boulevard, and re-enters campus through Entrance 8. It also makes seven stops within the stadium lot.

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Sid Richardson College senior Fernando Acosta, a resident student agreed with the idea.

"I didn't think it was so bad that commuter students have to park further out," he said. "In fact, they're already further when they park in the stadium lot."

However, Sid junior Allison Dennis, also a resident student, said she believes the changes further alienate off-campus students.

"Having lived off-campus last year, I think it's really too bad that the off-campus people got moved further back," Dennis said. "With less parking in the residential lots, it pushes them away from the college system because it makes the college system less accessible."

Candice Hance, a Baker College sophomore who commutes, said she is pleased that commuter parking is closer to the shuttle stops but said she worries about commuters forced to walk out to their cars late at night when the buses aren't running.

"I think it's really too bad that wherever students park, they will have a shorter distance to walk to the bus stop," he said.

"I like the fact that the buses are closer, but if we are on campus at night when the buses aren't running, it's really bad because it's that much further we have to walk in the dark," Hance said.

For the most part it makes sense, though, she said.

Three bus shelters will be located in the stadium lot. Two of these were relocated from across from Alice Pratt Brown Hall and are already in place. The third shelter will be placed between the commuter and residential lots and is expected to be up in the next few weeks. The shuttles will no longer stop in front of Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

Handicapped spots have been designated around each shelter and blue light phones will be added near each in the next three months. As an additional safety measure, overhead lights have been added and redistributed to bring more light to the south stadium area.
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John Waters as ‘Demented’ as ever

Marin Levy

There is nothing more entertaining than real-
istic vomit, goat urine and disturbingly graphic
sex — at least that’s what John Waters proposes
in his new film Cecil B. De-
mented.

The newest installment in Waters’ series of
juvenile Raleigh-based tales targets
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The exhibit will be on display for the next month.

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However, when compared to his other theatrical
attempts at playing cult heroes, as in Blade and
SFW, or his awe-inspiring turn as a drag queen in
The Bird Lady Wankel, his performance seems
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In an age where American Pie and the films of
the Farrelly brothers have made gross-out hu-
mor and explicit sex commonplace, the Waters
nich of divinely trashy cinema seems to be rap-
idly evaporating. Yet, every now and then it is nice
to see a pioneer regain his throne as the king of
his film genre. Though Cecil B. Demented is a far
cry from Waters’ original celebration of bad taste.

Pink Flamingos, it is well on its way into the
respectable alternative cinema hall of fame.

Bananaz and Vegemite? Sounds ‘fine’ to me

New modern art exhibit by Jones College senior breathes new life into Rice’s Infill Gallery

Julie You-Yee Tam

Gene, banana(s), fine. The first two words are
a popular saying; the third words together seem
completely unrelated.

Shea Herman, a Jones College senior and
Studio Art and Biology major, created
gene, banana(s), fine, a modern art exhibit cur-
rently on display in the Infill Gallery in Sewall Hall. She showcased her work last spring in
Tanzania, Australia, where she was studying
abroad.

“The exhibit relates to Australia, in a sense, but
more like being somewhere different, rather
than just Australia,” Herman said. She was
inspired by “meeting different people from
around the world — international students.”

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All of this work comes out of seeing something differently than you see it every day,” Herman said.

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The Infill Gallery, Fifth floor, Sewall Hall.

Admission is free.

These bananas don’t want to split in the exhibit gene, banana(s), fine at the Infill Gallery in Sewall Hall.
Country Grammar stands on its own and is solid. It is a spectacular debut. The popular tile track uses long strings of rhymes and a sing-song style of rapping over a catchy and somewhat novel beat. This formula is repeated, with slight variation on other good songs including "E.L.I. (Steel Box Show), "This Down Rappers" and "For My," which features Lil Wayne.

Some of the slower songs lack the same kind of energy and flavor because the lyrics alone are not strong enough to make a compelling song. "Luv Me," a tribute to the rapper's girlfriend, is the one exception. The track effectively uses samples from a pair of R&B songs to create the best song on the album.

Nelly may not break any ground lyrically on his debut album, but he has successfully brought his innovative style and delivery to the national scene. Those who didn't like "Country Grammar" will probably not enjoy the rest of the album, but judging from his No. 1 position on the Billboard charts, these people are clearly in the minority.

— Todd Mark

**TOO MUCH Stereo**

While rapper Nelly has been putting his hometown of St. Louis on the music map, another hardworking St. Louis group has been trying to attain the nationwide success their local following has been demanding.

The Urge, a rock band that has combined pop, reggae, ska and funk over the past 11 years, is best known for their incredible live set and their hit single "Welcome to Gunville." The group has maintained that Gordon is a cross between a pop singer and a poet. Gordon has described this album as "Swimming Too Much Stereo," which oddly resembles material from her Veruca Salt days on lyrics such as "I want to swallow all of you / but I've bitten off more than I can chew."

Other reviews have compared the Urge's two-piece horn section to the Urge's "Welcome to Gunville" and "Too Much Stereo." "Too Much Stereo" was a groundbreaking album, but it's a lot more satisfying (and fun) than the last Urge album.

— Robert Rice

**TONIGHT AND THE REST OF MY LIFE**

Nina Gordon used to be a rock star, but she apparently already had aspirations to be a pop star. On "Tonight and the Rest of My Life," Gordon has replaced the hard-rock style of her previous Urge album. The lyrics are uncharacteristically dainty from time to time. Most of the songs are about a rift in a relationship, a marked contrast to the downbeat attitude of Master of Styles. Some fans might be disappointed that the Urge continues to move away from the hard-rock style. Nina Gordon is the one exception. The Urge album should be too surprising.

— Todd Mark

**Country Grammar**

"Country Grammar," the surprise hit of the summer, has put Nelly, his hometown of St. Louis, and to some extent, his world, but in this case the "growing pain" goes everywhere. He likes to try on his horn loops and cascading guitars which solidly resemble material from the band's 20th album "Pattin' the Front Porch" to combine to create a fine result.

The Urge's two-piece horn section has some fun on "I Go Home," the only rapper track on the album, "Warning," which has a skank-sung song with one of the most memorable lines on the album, "I don't care if you're from any Urge clan."

Musically, things on Too Much Stereo are nearly perfect. Bill Reiter has added keyboards to his repertoire, fleshing out the band's sound. Most importantly, Gordy's voice is featured prominently throughout the album, a marked change from 1996's Master of Styles, when he was sometimes drowned out by guitars.

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Choose cleaner air. Choose METRO.
The other X-Men: Ecstasy use rises on campus
Corey E. Devine

Within the past five years, Ecstasy has gone from a drug that could only be found in large metropolitan areas like New York and Los Angeles to a drug that can be found at almost every night club in about 100 cities. It’s become so available and prevalent on the club scene as alcohol, and talk about “X” has become exceedingly common among college students across the country — including here at Rice. Fuelled by a low occurrence of immediate side effects and a desire for lowered inhibitions, Ecstasy use among college students quadrupled last year, according to the National Center for Drug Abuse. The big question is: How safe is ecstasy? Are college students taking long-term damage to their brains without even knowing it?

THE HISTORY

Ecstasy in the form of MDMA was first mentioned in 1988 and marketed as a drug to reduce appetite in 1991. In 1994, the drug was tested as a relief for Parkinson’s disease but was dropped after about the same time the drug was dropped as an appetite suppressant because of strange side effects. It wasn’t until 1997 when one trial subject experienced drug was tested as a relief for muscle rigidity. At about the same time, Ecstasy was entirely legal in the United States until 1985, when it was banned by the Designer Drugs Act.

WHAT IT IS

MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxy-methamphetamine) is more commonly known as Ecstasy, X, or for Vitamin E. It is usually found in pill or capsule form, but is occasionally taken as a powder or liquid.

Ecstasy is an amphetamine-like substance that belongs to a class of drugs known as “designer drugs” — a molecularly altered forms of existing drugs. It is often classified as a hallucinogen because of its chemical makeup. In the early 30s, Ecstasy was found in paper forms, but the X scene started to become popular in the late 30s and is usually mixed with other drugs.

Special packs of acid are combined with Ecstasy to complement the euphoric effects of the drug.

MDMA is still illegal in all the time and are usually distributed at night clubs. For example, “White Dove” Ecstasy is a white pill imprinted with a dove. Increasingly, pills sold as Ecstasy are found in pill or capsule form, but is occasionally taken as a powder or liquid.

WHAT IT DOES

For about six to eight hours after taking a dose of Ecstasy, the user will feel euphoric and energetic. They usually feel a heightened sense of physical and emotional awareness along with lowered inhibitions.

For example, Ecstasy causes the body to produce serotonins and noradrenalin. This transmitter controls mood, appetite, sleep and sexual desire. At more severe rates is re-leas, the user begins to feel the rush of energy and feelings of euphoria. Users eventually develop a tolerance for X and will have to take larger doses to produce desired effects. Studies have shown that users of X at the border have increase seven-fold in the past year.

Just over 49 years ago, X was only commonly used in large metropolitan areas like New York City, but the sudden surge of Ecstasy being smuggled across the border has made it commonplace anywhere a nightclub scene.

WHERE X IS TAKEN

Ecstasy use is most commonly found among young teenagers. Since the drug allows users to dance for hours without feeling fatigue, its popularity is increasing within clubs around the nation.

Because a dose of Ecstasy can be bought in Mexico for as little as $1 and sold in the United States for as much as $20, imports have skyrocketed. In 1989 and 1990, X sales were up in the nation.

The major centers of Ecstasy use are located in old warehouses or large possession centers.

Side effects can also expect to feel mildly depressed. It was thought and the brain that control thought and memory, and the neurotransmitter serotonin.

EFFECTS

Ecstasy use is considered a Class A drug by U.S. law. This is the same classification as heroin, cocaine, and marijuana. It is illegal to possess, sell or produce a Class A drug.

Medically, Ecstasy is a schedule 1 drug, meaning it is considered to have no legitimate therapeutic use.

Legality

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In the United States, about 6 million people have reported problems with use. Most authorities say importation and use have grown since the invention of “raw” parties. The parties, which originated in Europe, are usually held in old warehouses or large possession centers.

A White Dove Producers, says that “strict drug policies are enforced at all clubs” and that drug use is “not conditioned or tolerated.”

SHORT-TERM SIDE EFFECTS

- Increased blood pressure
- Dry mouth
- Dehydration
- Increase in appetite
- Loss of appetite
- Sudden surge of Ecstasy being smuggled across the border

TERMS

As long as Ecstasy is used, it will wear out.

More information about X use is available at the following sources:

http://www.ecstasy.org/ — This very extensive site offers “unbiased” information about Ecstasy use from users and experts. It also includes an “ask the experts” section and an online book order form.

http://www.nida.nih.gov/infofacts/ecstasy.html — This site offers information about Ecstasy gathered by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.
DRUGS, from Page 15
about half the time around cam-
pus and stuff.

Q So ecstasy users dress and act a
certain way?

A Well, yeah. It's just that you do
certain things when you're on X. First of all, you drink water. X makes you really thirsty. You're usually completely dehydrated. Very few people that are rolling and drinking alcohol, because it isn't really necessary. Most of them have bottles of water. The other thing is that your pupils get really dilated. Sometimes you can even see the color of a person's eyes because their pui-

nles are so big. Other stuff is harder to spot. Most people on X can't stand light. They'll be dancing all the time around campus and stuff.

Q So do you feel like a lot of col-
you know how to spot somebody
about it all the time around cam-
pus and stuff.

Q What kind of bad experience?

A I've met people that said X made them throw up or have a head-
sache. Sometimes the X induced with something like acid, and it ends up making people feel worse than they did to start with. If you have a bad experience with something, you usually won't do it again.

Q So you think that normal people are using X? It's not just the heavy drug user and the club-

regular?

A Well, too. Look at me. I've never done any other drug in my life, and I don't plan on it. I mean, a lot of people who try X start to use other stuff. Some of my friends do X, but they're not weird about it any-
thing now, but it isn't some-
thing that you have to start do-

ing. And I don't really go out to clubs that much. I've started going more since I started do-

ing X, but it's only like twice a month or something like that.

Q And you don't consider any of this a problem? Your use or that so many other people are start-

ing to use?

A I don't think I have a drug prob-

lem, no, but I do worry about it. I don't want to get out of hand, so in a way, yes, I see X as a problem for myself. If other people become heavy X users or start to use other harder drugs, I think it's a problem. I don't think it's a big deal if they do it in small doses, recreationally. I think it's a lot like alcohol. If you're doing it to escape your problems or as an excuse to do things you wouldn't normally do, you have a problem. Like I use X as an excuse to look up.

Q Has your use got to the point of your job or schoolwork?

A Yes. There are times that I've been out on a Sunday night and not been home until 3 in the morning. That doesn't really start the workday off right. I had to go home from my job once this summer, it wasn't just because of X, but it was partially because of the night before. I felt sick, and I needed sleep. I don't know if you consider that "getting in the way" of my work, but it's the only time my work suffered as a result of X.

Q How does all of this end for you? Do you see yourself quit-
ing anytime soon?

A I'm sure there will be a time that I'll be tired of the whole club scene. The smoke and the loud music can all get to you, and when that time comes, I'll be done with X. I can't really say it will be your year or room, or I graduate college, but I'll quit then. It's not something I want to do forever. I'll keep using now, but eventually, it won't be part of my life anymore.

Food in Foot is a new weekly feature on restaurants within a walking distance from Rice—largely, in Rice Village. The hope is that this feature will give stu-

dents a better idea of the choices available locally and give students more choices for eating—in whatever capacity—off campus. Restaurants are reviewed on the basis of expectations of the average college student. Restau-

rants are rated on quality and overall

value.

Quick information about the restaurant is given in several categories. Appropriate attire is given on a scale of casual to dressy—shorts being the most casual. Look for the most dressy and jeans somewhere in between.

Restaurants are given a "veg-

etarian friendliness" rating—

veggie-friendly or not veggie-

friendly. Restaurants rated "not veggie-friendly" may, in fact, have some vegetarian options on the menu, but those options are, in the opinion of the reviewer, not high quality or few and far be-

tween. If a restaurant is served, the types are listed.

Other special features such as Silver Saver Card discounts are noted in the text.

MELOON RESTAURANT
2425 Bissonnet
(713) 522-9305

Jeans acceptable. Not veggie friendly.

Alcohol: Yes, bottled on-

expensive glasses of wine.

El Meson serves Cuban food in a sea of Tex-Mex, with a healthy dose of Spanish influence and some Mexican consonances. The tortilla chips are thicker than most, a hearty crostata that stands up to the slightly smoky red salsa. We especially enjoyed the mojitos—light offerings, with mint and rum, served with a warm sesame-breaded toast. It was excel-

lent and dense.

Cheese rellenos are not really sup-

posed to be the deep-fried monstrosities that Tex-Mex has made them. Real cheese rellenos are lightly dipped in an egg batter and filled with real stuff—chicken or vegetables—not American cheese.

El Meson has an interesting take on the chile rellenos. It has a spicy papalo pepper wrapped in a thin molote. It sounds weird and looks weird, but stuffed with grilled veggies and served with traditional rice and beans, it's fairly tasty.

My companion's dinner was rec-

overy (09/05), succulent tender-

strings of beef not unlike the Texas barbeque favorite—brisket. The meat was in a mild tomatillo-

based sauce that had the good sense not to overpower the dish's most appealing ingredient: the beef.

The meat (like all of the Cuban dishes on the menu) was served with delicious white rice, black beans, and the restaurant's best dish, holado plantains. Sweet than potatoes, warm and dense.

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Runners and rowers take off for Sydney Olympics
Seven Rice-affiliated athletes and coaches go to Australia; women's track coach Lopez heads Puerto Rican delegation

by Chris Larson

The Rice Thresher

They competed for conference championships and NCAA titles when they were Rice Owls. Now these athletic achievements will be put to the test on a far larger stage — the 2000 Summer Olympic Games, held Sept. 15-Oct. 1 in Sydney, Australia.

Seven individuals affiliated with Rice will make the trip down under, including three track and field athletes, Margaret Fox, a 2000 Rice graduate, who will represent Canada in the 1,600-meter relay.

Fox was a member of Rice's 1997 NCAA champion 1,600 relay team, running the third leg in 53.06 seconds.

And while the 1997 alumni, who will compete for Barbados in the 400-meter hurdles and Kareem Streete-Thompson, the all-American athletes at Rice from 1993-96, will look forward to the Cayman Islands.

Additionally, two former Rice athletes will go to Sydney to compete in the cross-country eight-person race.

Heather McDermitt, who captained a silver medal winning women's track team, will represent Canada. McDermitt ran middle-distance track races for four years and helped break some national records.

Toriy Folks will compete in the same event for the U.S. team, Folks entered Rice as a freshman track and field athlete in 1992 before transferring to the University of Wisconsin in 1994 to pursue her degree in biology. Rice was her first exposure to rowing.

"We practiced on a small creek, and coaching was done from a single-person shell because motor boats were not allowed," Lopez said.

Additionally, the Rice coaching staff will be well-represented in Sydney. Assistant track and field coach Wen Yang, who works with Rice's jumpers, will make the trip to Sydney as a personal coach for Streete-Thompson.

Kareem Streete-Thompson, seen here jumping for Rice in 1992, will represent the Cayman Islands.

Folks chose and his athletes departed Monday for training camp in Brisbane, Australia.

"We're going to Brisbane to get a feel for the time zone and weather and make final lineup adjustments," Lopez said.

The Puerto Rican track and field team has never captured a medal in Olympic competition. The nation's best finishes in history are a fourth place in pole vault and a fifth place in the 400-meter relay and men's shot put. While he cannot realistically forecast a medal in the women's 400-meter relay in Sydney, Lopez is confident the Games will provide countless benefits to his athletes.

"It gives you the chills, thinking of them all the way back to when they were freshmen at Rice," — Victor Lopez

Head women's track and field coach

"We plan to represent our country with dignity and honor," he said. "Hopefully we can break some national records. The team is young, so expecting to get to the finals would be unrealistic, but it's part of their development for the future."

Some Rice-connected athletes, however, are expected to figure prominently in the medal hunt. Sara Pye, who represented both the NCAA indoor and outdoor long jump titles while at Rice and has been ranked as high as sixth in the world.

His personal best jump of 28 feet, 3 3/4 inches coupled with a time of 9.96 seconds in the 100-meter run makes him the only man in the country to break 28 feet and break 10 seconds in the 100.

Blackett set the national record for her native Barbados in the 400 hurdles and placed second in the NCAA outdoor championships in 1997. Blackett continues to train with Lopez and went with him to training camp in Brisbane.

"As far as I'm concerned, Andrea and Kareem should be fighting for metals," Lopez said.

McDermitt hopes to build on her silver medal performance in Atlanta, and Folks has a legitimate shot to stand on the podium in Sydney.

Folks captained Puerto Rico's women's track and field team this season.

"I've been training for October's World Championships in Atlanta, and Folks has a legitimate shot to stand on the podium in Sydney," Lopez said.

COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

Sloak and Baugh, who finished last season a combined 24-4 with a .600 average, had similar summers. They were drafted in back-to-back rounds, with Skaggs going to the Baltimore Orioles in the fourth round and Baugh to the Oakland Athletics in the fifth.

They went through the negotiations process until late July and early August, and when it came down to it, both decided there were simply too many reasons to come back to Rice.

"It's very exciting.... We've got a great chance to make it to [the College World Series], if not winning it."

— Jeff Nichols
Senior pitcher

Cross country aims to defend WAC crowns
by Jason Gershman

You'd think sweeping last year's Western Athletic Conference men's and women's cross country titles would make it easy for the Owls to relax and look back at their past successes.

"The team goals are to win conference and qualify for nationals," senior John Jara said. "Evеry season we do it, we do with these goals in mind."

To repeat as champions, the women's team will have to do without some of its top runners from last season. The Owls lost last season's top runner, Shaquandra Robinson, who graduated in May and competed on the Owls' cross country team.

"We've had to step up the women's team this season in Antonio Lopez's absence," head cross country and track coach Marcia Brandt said. "Gwen Wright, who was the Owls' first female cross country champion, will be training for the NCAA Championships. Freshman of the Year, she will be training for the Owls' Women's Track and Field Championships."

Two experienced runners who missed last season, however, will be returning to the team. Junior Erin Brandt, who qualified for the NCAA Championships two years ago, is almost fully healed from an injury which kept her sidelined last year.

Additionally, senior Marisa Bono has returned to the squad after studying abroad last year. With Brandt and Bono back in the fold, the Owls are optimistic heading into the season.

"It definitely can't be missed," Junior Katie Walie said. "We were an awesome team and great team leader. Erin Brandt being healthy again is definitely a plus, and Marisa Bono and Erin Bono have worked hard this summer — but we have the rest of the girls. Training has been intense since day one."

Walie and sophomore Luckman, Summer Bell and Avenue Teters are all back from the young and talented team that won last year's WAC title.

Additionally, three freshmen — Whitney McAlpine, Shannon Lee and Lauren Fathos keep the Owls in the WAC mix. 
Owls aim for new heights
Rice poised to make run at WAC championship, bowl game

by Jose Luis Cubria

It's time to put Rice back to where it used to be. This team is capable of doing it.'

— Jeremy Hurd
Freshman quarterback

Football 2000
A glance at the starting lineup

Offense

Adrian Sadler Sr. LHG
Three-year starter at cornerback takes speed to the other side.

Jeremy Hard Jr. QB
Excellent quickness, great spring make him Chad Richardson's heir apparent.

Jamie Tyler Jr. FB
Solid two-year starter could miss opener due to recurring hamstring injury.

Leroy Bradley Jr. RHR
Leading returning rusher has career average of nearly 6 yards per carry.

Matt Weber Jr. SE
Quick wideout will be pushed by blue-chip freshman Galvin Booth.

Rod Beavan Sr. LT
Potential star has 36 starts under his belt.

Heath Fowler Jr. LG
Reliable returner moves to left side to replace Neal Gray.

Aaron Sandoval Sr. C*
Honors candidate as converted right tackle, may miss opener with injury.

Ryan Smith Jr. RG
Great size, strength helps him win starting slot.

Billy Hervin Jr. RT
Steady improvement allowed Sandoval's move to center.

Brandon Manning Jr. TE
Strong, veteran blocker at position that likely won't catch too many balls.

Aaron Sandoval Jr. C
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Defense

Dan Dawson Jr. DB*
Big-play star has completely recovered from season-ending leg injury.

Jaredt Erwin Sr. DB*
Top backup has made great strides, allowing Sadler's move to halfback.

Joe Bob Thompson Jr. LB
Intelligent veteran led all Rice linebackers in tackles.

B.J. Ferguson Jr. NG
Continued to make waves last year as honorable mention all-WAC performer.

Larry Brown Jr. DT
Talented big man must step up in place of all-WAC stalwart Judd Smith.

Jake Jackson Jr. DB*
Veteran returnee will be counted on to pressure opposing quarterbacks.

Josh McMillan Sr. LB*
Good coverage possesses excellent quickness, experience.

Richard Pittman Jr. LB
Hard-nosed player makes significant opening day start.

*Denotes returning starter

Top backfield has made great strides, allowing Sadler's move to halfback. The speedster is not the only man the Owls will be able to use at the position, as both junior Corey Evans and redshirt freshman Kyle Herm have seen significant time at the position during spring and fall practices. For now, Hard is the starter, with Evans the primary backup. Meanwhile, Hurd will look to make an impact as Rice's main punt returner.

Stop me if you've heard this before. And naturally, there are question marks. As always, the Owls will be undersized, especially against national powers such as the University of Michigan and the University of Oklahoma.

There are also injury concerns. Senior center Aaron Sandoval and junior halfback Jamie Tyler — both returning starters who are being counted on to have good years — are hobbled and will likely miss tomorrow's opener.

Additionally, a couple of key WAC contests, especially the Oct. 26 showdown with preseason favorite Texas Christian University, will take place on the road.

And then there's the most important question of all, which centers around the man under center, redshirt freshman quarterback Jeremy Hurd.

The departure of Chad Richardson, who ended his stellar career as Rice's fourth all-time leading rusher, left an opening for a new signal-caller. Hurd has won a tight battle with senior Corey Evans and freshman Kyle Herm.

The fact that Hurd has never seen game action brings many questions about whether he can run the spread option as well as his predecessor.

Way back in the spring, even Hurd had his doubts. But now he's ready to take charge.
The Owls gave up just 338.6 yards a question mark. Their defense has been something of a known commodity, while the Owls' spread option offense has been a hard time winning," Hatfield said. "It's good to have all this experience. I hope it makes a difference better this year.

"When we're healthy, we're real good," junior linebacker Dan Dawson said. "Through two-a-days, people have been out with injuries every once in a while. But the couple of times that we've put it all together, it looks like we could be one of the better defenses in the country. I don't just blow smoke like that. I wouldn't say it if I didn't believe it.

Dawson is one of the main reasons the Owls are so excited about their defense. He was the nickel of a stellar sophomore campaign last year when a broken leg ended his season. Dawson missed all spring practice rehabilitating the injury, but all indications are that he is fully recuperated and might be in better physical shape than ever before.

"It's a tribute to his toughness and work ethic," Hatfield said. "He brings two inches higher than he's ever done. He makes a big play every day out here. He's just a big-play maker."

Dawson agrees that he's a better player now than before the injury, not because he can jump higher or run faster. He says the experience has affected him mentally more than anything.

"You appreciate being out here a lot more when you get hurt like this," Dawson said. "I was so scared. I remember when I went to the hospital and Jason [Herbert] and Travis [Ortega] and them went to visit after the game, I couldn't even look at them because I was so scared that I wasn't going to be able to play another game.

"It made me really realize that I've got to enjoy this. That helps me more than anything physically."

But Dawson is not the only star. Herbert, a two-year starter and co-captain of Dawson, also had a breakthrough year in 1999. The speedster led the team in tackles from the free safety position en route to being named first team all-WAC.

"Jason can run all day," Hatfield said. "He and Dan compete hard all day to see who can be the best, whether it's computer games or running or anything they're doing. It's good to have that competition because it pushes them to be better and better."

Herbert's blazing speed is a perfect contrast to the style of play favored by Ortega, the team's strong safety. The senior three-year starter has made a name for himself with his punishing open-field tackles and seems primed for another solid season.

The list goes on. Senior defensive end Jake Jackson and junior nose guard B.J. Ferguson anchor a deep and talented defensive line that returns three starters. Dawson and veteran juniors Joe Bolts Thompson and Richard Pinman — all opening day starters last year — lead a linebacking unit that will also feature some talented youngsters.

Steady senior Josh McMillan is back at one corner position, and senior Adrian Sadler was a three-year starter at the other corner. But there's a twist — the emergence of junior Kenny Smith and sophomore Greg Gallin gives the Owls superb depth in the secondary, and Sadler has taken his experience and blazing speed to the other side of the ball, where he will start at halfback.

And Hatfield wouldn't have it any other way. "I like the quickness of our defense, I like the depth we've got on defense," Hatfield said. "But I like our defensive mentality more than anything. We're not a dominant team physically, but we'll run around and hit you."

### 2000 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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**Healthy Dawson back to lead aggressive, experienced defense**
Full-strength volleyball seeks to regain winning ways

by Chris Larson

The 1999 Rice volleyball season, which began with lofty expectations, quickly crumbled into an injury-plagued 11-23 campaign. The Owls hope that last year's disaster was merely a bump on the road to building a consistently successful program. The way they see it, getting past the bump has made them stronger and more prepared for what lies ahead.

"Undergoing the whole process gave them tougher skin. ... I can feel their confidence. They'll be going out with a vengeance. They did very well in the spring and got to know what they should be playing like." — Julio Morales, Head coach

Goals were high at the start of the '99 season, but the Owls returned four starters from the best team in school history. But things went sour from the start, when junior setter Nil Kalagoglu and senior outside hitter Karolina Zelinka both suffered season-ending injuries.

What was once an experienced squad suddenly became a team relying mainly on freshmen and sophomores unprepared for the start of their roles. The Owls said the biggest challenge was finding a team chemistry. "We're really working on the team chemistry," Morales said. "We're back on working order as a team. We've had good individual offense, but now we have to work on a team." Defensively, the Owls return a solid unit. Rice led the WAC in digs last year and registered the second-most blocks. Klara Zelinka led the Owls with 365 digs last year, third best in school history in kills, as their primary hitting option. "I was a painless process, and both are excited to join a returning core that matured the transition offense, linking offense and defense together," Klara Zelinka said. "At this point, it's all a mentality. We need the minds to do it. It's all about discipline." By Chris Larson

Junior outside hitter Leigh Leman stepped into a leadership role last year when several of her teammates suffered injuries. She led the Western Athletic Conference with 3.52 digs per game and will head a solid Rice defense in 2000. "At first I was sad. But the sad thing is, my season went very quickly. Then I just got angry because I couldn't do anything," Leman said. "That's how junior setter Nil Kalagoglu feels about the 1999 volleyball season, a campaign that essentially never took place for her. Kalagoglu sustained her right shoulder tearing up for the season opener, and the injury forced her to miss the whole year.

Senior outside hitter Karolina Zelinka return for a fifth year after a season-losing injury. She had the operation, and the injury forced her to miss the entire season.

"We've seen both the good and the bad, and we know that there's no reason for us not to win," Klara Zelinka said. "We've been both the good and the bad, and we know that there's no reason for us not to win." Karolina Zelinka said the rest of the team left Kalagoglu and Zelinka with a feeling of helplessness. "It would have been a lot different not to play with her," Zelinka said. "I've known what we're going to do, but I've never been away from the team. We've got a lot of experience coming to last year, and I'm being able to be a lot more than just a reserve." Zelinka added that she's being able to be a lot more than just a reserve. "We've got a lot of players that are coming in this year, and I'm being able to be a lot more than just a reserve. We've got a lot of players that are coming in this year, and I'm being able to be a lot more than just a reserve." Zelinka added that she's being able to be a lot more than just a reserve.

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from the sidelines to the spotlight

After an injury-filled year, Zelinka and Kalagoglu lead Owl attack

by Chris Larson

The 2000 HOME VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

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* denotes a WAC opponent

Klara Zelinka and a remaining core with a tough tournament. The Owls open the year with three tournaments. One of those is this weekend's Rice Volleyball Tournament at Autry Court, which features the University of North Texas, the University of Texas-Pan American and Louisiana Tech University. In the tourney finals, however, Rice takes on nationally ranked Baylor University in a match that should give the coaching staff an indication of where the team is and where it needs to be.

The Owls are an experienced team and it's a team they can rely on. They did very well in the spring and got to know what they should be playing like. They'll be going out with a vengeance. They did very well in the spring and got to know what they should be playing like. They did very well in the spring and got to know what they should be playing like. They did very well in the spring and got to know what they should be playing like. They did very well in the spring and got to know what they should be playing like. They did very well in the spring and got to know what they should be playing like. They did very well in the spring and got to know what they should be playing like.
WAC titles in reach for men, women

Junior linebacker Joe Bob Thompson (43) enjoyed a solid 1999 season as a first-year starter. For 2000, he is just one of eight returning defensive starters. For 2000, he is just one of eight returning defensive starters.

Owls seek payback in season opener against rival Cougars

In the beginning, the freshman thing was kind of running around in my brain, making me real nervous," Hurd said. "But then I just sat back and talked to Coach [Hatfield]. He got all three of the quarterbacks re-


Nichols gets another crack at record

Nichols. He got off to a rocky start and struggled with both his control and his velocity.

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The appeal was rejected. But they also regret the services of senior Scott Palmer, who missed last sea-

ton due to illness. Such as McArthur, senior John Jura, junior Keith Pierce, junior Justin Burrow and sophomore Tom Ring.

Four new faces may have an im-

pact this season as well, as freshmen Scott O'Brien and Kevin Cassady join sophomore transfer Jeremy LaRuff and Erik Mazza on the roster.

Both teams begin their title de-

fenses tonight, when they host the Rice Relay meet at Buffalo Bayou. The meet should be an excellent tune-up because its format is different from every other race the Owls will run.

Teams consisting of two runners will run two separate legs of the race, with the men running two sub-

mile legs each and the women running two and a half legs each. "The relays give our runners a chance to run in a different position," Bevan said. "It breaks the monotony of a typical race. It will provide a nice beginning to our season."

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tried again, and by the end of the season, Nichols was granted a fifth year of eligibility.

"It was kind of a combination of everything. I was in a win-situation."

— Jon Skaggs
Senior pitcher

He had surgery May 3 to repair a tendon in his throwing shoulder that he said looked "like crab meat." The rehabilitation process is a long one; but Nichols said he should be back at full strength by the start of prac-

Bolstered by the return of Nichols, the Owls realize they've got the ability to repeat as WAC champions.

The men's cross-country team is


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The RICE OWLS VOLLEYBALL team hosts the Valhalla lawn from 4 to 8 p.m. Contact the Graduate Student Association office at (713) 348-4099 for more information.

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 1 to 4 p.m. Representatives from over 100 student organizations will gather in Rice Memorial Center's Ray Courtyard and Grand Hall. Have fun!

Martel College hosts a TG in Willy's Pub from 4 to 6 p.m. Contact Ann Lugg at alugg@rice.edu for more information.

Umm ... forget last Saturday night; it was a figment of your imagination. The REAL FIRST PARTY of the year is tonight from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. in the Weiss College Atrium.

Rice and the University of Houston keep it local with tonight's FOOTBALL.

The Brown School of Engineering and the Jones Graduate School of Management bring you JEFF BEZOS, founder and CEO of Amazon.com, at 9 a.m. in McMurtry Auditorium in Duncan Hall. Live broadcast to an overflow crowd will be in room 124 of Herring Hall. Contact Ann Lugg at alugg@rice.edu for more information.

Jones jumps the gun! JONES PUB NIGHT is tonight at Willy's Pub in the Student Center. You only get one per semester — use it wisely.

the Hispanic Association for Cultural Enrichment at Rice, enforces the Student Center's Farnsworth Pavilion.

Today is the deadline to add or drop courses WITHOUT A FEE. Forms are due before 5 p.m. in the Office of the Registrar. Remember, it takes just as much time to forge your adviser's signature as it does to actually get them to sign it.

The Men's TENNIS team hosts the Continental Cup, an all-day event at Jack Hess Tennis Stadium.

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Lesson 1: Punch
Here's the situation, people. On any given Friday night, you enter a random room. Let's say, oh, Room 207 at Wiess. In the bathroom is a mysterious blue substance. The tenant in the room is still not sure what it is that you're a Kool-Aid with a splash of some other harmless barbiturate. After a primary survey, you establish that it looks, smells and tastes just like the stuff of your fellow freshmen need to make you do. So what do you do, soldiers? What do you do?

First, let's take a look at that stuff seeping over there on the sofa. Let's call him Jimbo. Now, chances are Jimbo has spiked that punch with so much alcohol that it could kill a small horse. Jimbo's doing this because he's a selfish person and wants to make you punched out so that he can start puking you in the eye with them.

I agree that it bad a few growing pains, but the Camacho Man was put to work. He's a little over the worthwhile. When I was three, I worked as a pin monkey at a local bowling alley. Something went wrong with the pin of the place, and I had to fill it for itself. I couldn't pay for the raw materials to make a new pin. I had to work for it.

At five I would go down to the drug store because I had to shake a twinkle dixieland suiters out of their white money. By the time I was 10, I was selling my own original clothing and inventing heavily in the tri-cyclic industry. After I made my fortune, I blew it all on fancy tobasco, bend car keys and a big old pile of tricks.

Before you know it, you've got a grade in biology and a high school diploma, and just may end up as a brainless monkey with a college degree.

Lesson 2: Party Fouls
Next scenario. You tell Jimbo to head the way and overlook the facts.

After a three-second survey of the place, you swiftly decide to render over to a college that is much more expensive and much safer. Could be another college. Soon enough you find yourself in a plush room with leather seats, a furnished television and a multitude of chandeliers. They also have a triple-security service and are blasting Destiny's Child loud enough to make your hands tingle.

You accidentally spill your drink on the other's, and to get that stain out, you pour a gallon of bleach. The.White wall is on fire - not only on the wall, but at least 10 hours per week. Pay starts at $6.00 per hour. Please call Jimbo at 521-4283.

Fun Ran and Gala. Communication skills required. Thanks "Graciously" A and D.

Lesson 3: Tipping the Cup
As a pin monkey at a local bowling alley, I had to fill it for itself. I couldn't pay for the raw materials to make a new pin. I had to work for it. And so today, freshmen, I'm here to bring you how to do it the right way. He takes your cup and pours it over to the five-man (which happens so that's it! Drill Sgt. Camacho has spoken. Now I order you to go out into the world and make your proof of that you graduated, you monkees!

Lesson 4: Foam
Your first pour turns out to be a total and complete disaster. The brown liquid foams up at a fantastic rate. Every ounce of brandy and white wine found in the closet is poured over to the floor, which would normally be a party foul, but you're in the five-man so it's cool.

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