Commencement 2001 lacks speaker

by Mark Berenson and Brian Stofer
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Members of the Class of 2001 voted in March from a list of 33 nominees. The committee then submitted to President Malcom Gillis its list of 11 recommended candidates, consisting of the top 10 vote-getters plus five other nominees. The committee then submitted their list of 11 candidates to President Malcom Gillis. Gillis has not yet announced whether the Rice community will accept the invitation to speak at commencement.

Completion of new Wiess delayed

by Elizabeth Jardina
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It is unlikely that this year’s senior class at Wiess College will ever live in the college’s new building. The scheduled completion date of the new Wiess building is now March 2002. The building and its construction has been delayed by the late completion of the new Wiess building and its opening in March 2002.

Telnet to be replaced by SSH

by Brian Stofer
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Connecting to Owlet clients is about to become a lot more complicated for some students. The telnet protocol will be permanently disabled on Owlet servers such as “samba” and “forsen” on the computer. Telnet will be replaced by SSH, a similar protocol that does not have the same security problems. SSH clients for Microsoft Windows and Macintosh are available at http://software.rice.edu.

Making a mark on history

Will Rice junior Lauren Melcher writes her name in the white cement bench in the college’s quad Wednesday. Students were allowed to leave messages in the bench, which is part of the Will Rice quad landscaping renovations that began this summer.

Work continues on the common kitchen/serviy (left) that will eventually serve both Nanaque and Wiess Colleges. It is on schedule to finish in March 2001, but the new Wiess will not be ready to move in until March 2002, three months later than the original scheduled end date. As a result, Wiess students might not move into the new Wiess building until the fall of 2002.
Improving KTRU's reception on campus

With its addition of a simultaneous broadcast on 91.5 FM, we thank KTRU for finally shooting down a long-running campus joke — the one about how you could hear Radio Hawaii on Houston but not on the Rice campus. As the radio station did a few years ago when it began broadcasting on the Internet using RealAudio, KTRU is reaching out to a wider audience — this time, an on-campus one.

Ironically, if accidentally, the station's target audience had been forgotten, in more ways than one. The simultaneous broadcast represents a start to KTRU's reconnecting with its student audience; people on campus are now better able to find their university's home on the airwaves.

Now, perhaps, KTRU will take a cue from its surely growing set of listeners and play more music that appeals to more of its audience. No, we don't mean that KTRU should abandon its mission and play all day long. But play something other than local classics and forgotten, in more ways than one. The simultaneous broadcast represents a start to KTRU's reconnecting with its student audience; people on campus are now better able to find their university's home on the airwaves.

Demystifying 'The Man'

Complaining to your friends about the new meal plan, the language requirement, the state of teaching or whatever happens to irritate you about life at Rice may be fun — but not fruitful. We have a suggestion: Go to the Student Association retreat this weekend. The folks at the SA have redesigned the retreat — and transformed it from a boring "What can the SA do for students this year?" "Tasties" gab session to a forum where students can speak to the people they may have previously dismissed as "The Man." It's going to be kind of a Rice 101 for the important issues on campus.

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Grant honorary degrees

This year's graduating class has no commencement speaker at the moment. It's no big disaster — we're sure that President Malcolm Gillis will be able to make a few phone calls, shake a few hands and get us on our way.

However, we're concerned with one potential graduation speaker in particular: Bill Cosby. We love him. When we were little we wanted to be part of the Huxtable family on "The Cosby Show." He's no mere entertainer. Despite the fact that he made his mark as a newsman, he's no mere entertainer. Despite the fact that he made his mark as a newsman, he's no mere entertainer. Despite the fact that he made his mark as a newsman, he's no mere entertainer. Despite the fact that he made his mark as a newsman, he's no mere entertainer. Despite the fact that he made his mark as a newsman, he's no mere entertainer. Despite the fact that he made his mark as a newsman, he's no mere entertainer. Despite the fact that he made his mark as a newsman, he's no mere entertain...
Shepherd School smothers students

One of the most unforgivable and egregious misrepresentations of Disney is the subtle manipulation and distortion of the body image. I firmly believe that Disney would go to any length to manipulate its images to reach through EuroDisneyland. He is probably spinning in his grave at the sight of a school girl, growing a generator up to his corpse, you could provide some ice cream to the staff and they would be happy.

I wonder how long it will be before they put a kiss scene on the graves of Geoffrey Cheshire and Bill Powell and make the music more mellow.

But without a doubt the most disgusting were the deftly manipulated and misrepresentative of Disney's true message. If Disney wasn't already enough, it is the true message of a key figure in colonial history. I've never been so disgusted by anything that I have ever seen.

Garrett Merriam is a graduate student in philosophy.

Are you laughing with me or at me?

Christian recruiting begins to ignore campus diversity

Sometimes, Rice students aren't the only people who deserve the responsibility on this campus.

Last week, a group of Rice faculty and student members ran a full page ad in the Thresher. The upper part of the page contained a cousins and the cross and the phrase, Jesus Christ, you've done my name. So much that he died for your sins. He then rose from the dead and lives forever. May his presence bring you peace this academic year.

The lower half was filled with the names of the ads supporters.

There was no club, no group, no affiliation — just 31 university employees, collectively shelling out $500 to unload their ideology on the student body.

It was the glorious peak of the hooping mountain of Christian propaganda that flooded the campus during the first week of school. The student wall by student wall, the hall was covered with 13 ads from Christian groups. Some organizations even had premature计划生育, putting flyers up in elevators and hallways before the O-Week even began. This probably made those parents of Christian students quite uncomfortable as they dropped their sons and daughters off at Rice.

This is all disturbing as hell, no pun intended.

We welcome freshmen and transfers with the promise that this is a safe and open environment. During the first week, they even go to diversity training. The goal of this program is to let students know that there are all sorts of different students at Rice and that they should accept and respect the people around them.

This diversity training is not, of course, when a group of staff and faculty rush all the impossible diversity training and even if they will never be pretty enough, and don't want to do that, kids, keep them away from Disney. Raising a family is important and they are not going to change anything that is relevant to everyone.

Maybe O-Week participants aren't the only ones who should be doing diversity training. After all, Jesus, agnostics, Muslims, atheists, homosexuals, and all other people do not believe that Jesus died for their sins, and there are representatives of all of those schools of thought on this campus.

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Amazon CEO speaks about founding of his successful startup

by Leslie Liu

"I can't figure out if this is incredibly optimistic, or hopelessly pathetic." That's what one of Amazon.com's first employees said to founder and CEO Jeff Bezos as they looked at their 400-square-foot "warehouse" the night before the dot-com opened its Web site to the public.

That was in July 1995. Now, with yearly revenues of over $2 billion, 7,000 employees and 23 million customers worldwide, Bezos would say, "all is well."

"When I was making our business plan, I was building a small, profitable company. But it turned into a large, profitable company."

— Jeff Bezos

Amazon.com founder and CEO

More than 200 Rice students, faculty and staff attended Bezos' talk Tuesday morning at the McMurtry Auditorium in Duncan Hall. He discussed how Amazon.com began, what he thinks about founding a startup and what he thinks about the future of electronic commerce.

Bezos graduated from Princeton University in 1986 with degrees in electrical engineering and computer science. He came up with the idea for Amazon.com in 1994 when he heard about what people like to buy from mail-order catalogs. However, Bezos said, "I'm going to work on something you can't have in a big store or bigger," Bezos said. "...The true need of the Internet is its ability to have shelf space."

Bezos left New York City and a job on Wall Street for Seattle and his startup dream.

Bezos said some people ask him how he made that kind of life decision. He said he used the "regret-minimization framework, which is just a sort of way of saying you don't want to regret things later in life."

He thought about it and decided that when he was 80 years old, he wouldn't regret using a few years of his life trying his hand at an Internet startup. To this end, he began looking for people to help him reach his goal.

"No rational people would do this, yet you have to start with rational people," Bezos said about hiring his first key employees. The company first worked out of the garage of a rented suburban home, battling the threat of overloading the house's electrical circuits. The startup finally had to rent a 10,000-square-foot space out of a warehouse.

"It's very, very different from the founding vision," Bezos said. "In fact, when I was making our business plan, I was building a small, profitable company. But it turned into a large, profitable company."

Bezos said he and his first key employees were "the most surprised person in the world that this has succeeded."

He stressed the importance of Amazon.com's business model, which involves putting customer experience above everything else. "Something is different on the Internet than the outside world," Bezos said. "That is, word of mouth is more widespread." So, he said the best way to gain customers is to get current patrons to spread the word.

"Our best marketing dollars are spent on things like new distribution centers," he said. "These are the kinds of things that surprise customers and turn them into evangelists. The company that succeeds the most is the one that does the best for the customers."

When bookstore chain giants Barnes & Noble and Borders opened their own Web sites, Bezos said he was not too worried about the competition.

"I told people to be terrified, but not of our competitors," he said. "We're terrified of our customers. They're the ones that send us money."

But there has been speculation about the online retailer's inability to profit thus far, and Bezos' company has been called many things. "We were called my favorite, 'Amazon.org,' because we're clearly a not-for-profit company," Bezos said.

"I thought he was very personable," Hanszen College junior Evie Zambetakis said. "I think he seemed like a very down-to-earth person," Waken said. "I think that's a lot of interest out there about the company because it's not profitable, and one of his most important jobs right now is to put the company in a positive light, and he's got a great personality with which to do that."

Hanszen College junior Evie Zambetakis and other Rice students could relate to him easily.

"I firmly believe that this is the Kittyhawk era of e-commerce. Charles Lindbergh hasn't even been born yet," Bezos said. "I think for the industry as a whole, it is still day one."

Electrical computer engineering graduate student Mike Walsh said he thinks Bezos seemed very likable. "I think he seems like a very down-to-earth person," Waken said. "I think that's a lot of interest out there about the company because it's not profitable, and one of his most important jobs right now is to put the company in a positive light, and he's got a great personality with which to do that."

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Students must install SSH

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When users connect to other computers using telnet, their passwords are transmitted over the network unencrypted, and any computer on the network could read the passwords.

"This problem has been linked to break-ins into some computers at Rice," Miles said. With SSH, however, all traffic is encrypted and therefore much more difficult to eavesdrop on. The delay and message were originally installed Sunday night "so sensibly as an experiment," Miles said. The changes were temporarily reversed Monday in response to complaints about two aspects of the changes: the length of the delay, which began at 30 seconds and was to increase by 10 seconds per day, and the message's failure to explain how to obtain SSH software.

Most students who used telnet said they didn't know of the change from telnet to SSH until they saw the notice Sunday and Monday when they tried to log in to Owlnet. "I've heard I have to download something else, but that's as much as I know about it," Sid Richardson College senior Mia Feldbaum said Monday. Some students expressed anger at the delay, but others accepted the changes. "It's OK — 30 or 40 seconds is fine.... If that's the only way I can check email then I don't care," Wiess College senior Lei Chu said.

POLICE BLOTTER

Residential Colleges
Sid Richardson College
Aug. 29
Report of stolen bicycle.

Weiss College
Aug. 29
Camera stolen from backpack in commons.

Hanszen College
Aug. 31
Report of sexual harassment.

Academic Buildings
Fondren Library
Aug. 30
Report of attempted theft of wallet.

Hornman Hall
Aug. 31
Faculty member reports stolen briefcase. Possible witness.

Auto Court
Sept. 1
Report of suspicious male going through a student's backpack. Carlos Thompson was stopped in the stadium parking lot and arrested for criminal trespass. Because Thompson had been previously given a Criminal Trespass Warning, he was issued another and then transported to Harris County Jail.

Fondren Library
Sept. 1
Report of stolen backpack.

Alice Pratt Brown Hall
Sept. 1
Report of stolen wallet.

Herring Hall
Sept. 1
Report of stolen wallet.

Other Buildings
Delivery Services
Aug. 30
Minor accident involving shuttle bus and dump truck. Report filed.

Rice Memorial Center
Sept. 1
Report of stolen backpack.

Parking Lots
East Stadium Lot
Aug. 31
Major three car accident.

North Lot East End
Sept. 1
Two car minor accident. Report filed.

East Stadium Lot
Sept. 2
Fight outside Rice Stadium involving one Rice student and several University of Houston students. UH subjects ran after striking victim. Victim received a bloody nose and other minor injuries. Victim was checked by Rice EMS and refused medical transport.

Other Areas
2000 University Blvd.
Aug. 31
Student reports being assaulted and her purse taken at Bonover and Ashby. Suspect is a black female wearing a white headband, dark pants and a dark shirt. 5'4" - 5'5", 140-150 lbs, 18-20 years old. HPD will make report.

Entrance #8
Sept. 1
Officer reports an auto/pedestrian accident. Victim, who is a student, refused ambulance transport and was escorted to Sid Richardson College.

In the article "Intramural sports director begins work" in the September 1 issue, Paul Emig's name was misspelled. In the same story, Tina Villard's name was misspelled.

Also, in the article "KTRU now on 91.5" in the September 1 issue, it was not made clear that KTRU will be broadcasting on both 91.7 and 91.5 FM and that 91.7 is the primary frequency.

The Thresher regrets the errors.
Construction on Wiess utility tunnel continues

by Rachel Krause

Walking from the residential quad to Autry Court isn't going to get easier any time soon.

The construction of a utility tunnel between Hanszen and Wiess Colleges will continue to block the most direct path from the residential quad to Autry Court for at least a few more months, Facilities and Engineering Project Manager David Rodd said.

At the end of January 2000, Rodd (Lovel '78) said the tunnel was expected to take three more months to complete.

However, delays in construction have pushed the date back to a few months from now, even though work on the tunnel was consistent throughout the summer, Rodd said.

About half of the tunnel is complete and waterproofed, Rodd said. Workers will fill the hole around the tunnel with dirt and cover the area.

This particular construction project has seen several other delays.

In order to preserve trees, the hole had to be as narrow as possible.

Workers had to shore up the sides of the tunnel with wood planks and metal beams to comply with federal safety regulations, and following these procedures without harming trees in the area required extra time and money.

Once digging began, workers found old, active utility lines—storm drainage lines, a sanitary sewage line and a water line—and some unused pipes.

"It's kind of like an archeological dig," Rodd said. "We are finding things we didn't know were there."

He said since the area around Hanszen and Wiess is in the oldest part of campus, the utilities have likely been in place since Rice's earliest days.

"When you come across things like this, it takes extra time," Rodd said. "We have to investigate and engineers have to decide on the best solution. During this time the contractors have to just stop and wait for a decision," he said.

Some students are patient about the tunnel construction.

"It's an eyesore and an inconvenience, but it's really not that bad," Wiess freshman Phil Burge said. "The construction isn't too noisy. I'll be glad when it's gone, though."

Completion of the second half of the tunnel will take a few more months.

The utility tunnel will eventually connect the common kitchen/servery for Hanszen and Wiess to an existing tunnel that runs down the center of the residential quad.

Utility tunnels (commonly called "steam tunnels") are buried concrete structures that carry pipes for chilled water and steam, used for climate control, as well as electric, telephone and network wires.

The delays in the construction of the tunnel will not affect the construction of the servery, which is expected to be complete in March 2001.

"It would have been a huge hassle to move in the spring," she said.

When junior Michael Haag said he hadn't officially heard that the move wasn't happening as planned at the beginning of the spring semester,

"I'd heard rumors, but I had not heard any definite word from anybody," he said.

But, he isn't bothered much by the change.

"I came here, and we grew up in a building that was falling apart, and it became part of the culture here," Haag said. "It would have been nice to experience a new building, but I never anticipated moving in there."

"It seemed unrealistic that they would move us halfway through our senior year — or that they would have it done. I mean, delays are inevitable."

"It's an eyesore and an inconvenience, but it's really not that bad."
A new computer lab equipped with $1 million of audio/video and computer technology opened this week in a building attached to the southwest corner of Duncan Hall. The Gardner Symonds Teaching Laboratory II will be accessible to professors who reserve space for their classes as well as to people authorized to check out a key from the Jones Executive Suite in Duncan, according to Director of New Media and Student Computing Bill Diegaard.

Every type of technology on campus converges in this high-tech lab: computers, video conferencing equipment, telephones, cable television programming, projection systems, recording equipment, DVD players, VCRs, laser disc players and microphone systems.

"We added an extensive digital network which is very, very high speed," Diegaard said.

The lab has 21 personal computers with flat-screen monitors spaced across curving tables around the room and enough seating for 40 students. Six large plasma displays hang on support poles in the center of the room and show the instructor’s screen. The room is designed to be more informal and interactive than a typical classroom.

"It’s an interesting space to be in, kind of relaxing, enjoyable," Diegaard said.

Computer Science Professor Corky Cartwright said he plans to use Symonds II for computer programming in pairs.

"The lab is a very intimate, comfortable place to work," he said. "It is ideal for the teams."

English Professor Linda Driskill, who has taught classes in Symonds I, said the architecture of the Symonds rooms promote group interaction. "It puts the faces on students working together," she said.

The professor becomes a resource instead of the person in control, Driskill said.

"When the students are spread around and not all facing a certain point, the faculty member is more the person who sets up a challenge," she said. "It's a different kind of power dynamic."

But this doesn’t mean teaching is necessarily easier, Driskill said, since self-directed learning can be difficult, and the layout of the room makes it difficult to seize a center position.

"There are times when it can be frustrating," she said.

The lab cost over $1 million.

"That’s a lot of money considering the walls are already there, we didn’t have to buy the land, and stuff like that," Diegaard said.

The lab is “very lavishly equipped,” Cartwright said. "There’s actually more technology in the lab than my own office." People like to use lots of forms of media — might as well put them all in there," Diegaard said.

According to Diegaard, building the second lab was desirable because Symonds II is externally accessible, located beside the Transept Loop, is nearly twice the size of Symonds I and can be partitioned into two rooms.

Symonds I was built in 1965 on the second floor of Fondren Library. Also, Symonds II is intended to be used primarily by the School of Engineering, whereas Symonds I was intended for the School of Humanities.

"The School of Engineering wanted their own facility," Diegaard said. "The space had been sitting vacant for a long time."

While mostly computer science and statistics classes will be taught in Symonds II this semester, the lab may also appeal to professors in other departments.

Diegaard said that with its video, audio, projection and online capabilities, it would be a good space in which to teach languages.

Driskill said all sections of English 103 this semester will use the Symonds labs.

"The seat thing about the environment of both — the Symonds labs is that more people are turning to the Web to access information," she said.

"The Web has really changed the way we think about the writing course. You can have people interacting with texts, finding things, and writing about them and sharing back and forth. It’s more hands-on than a traditional class."

Named in honor of 1966-71 Rice Board of Trustees member Gardner Symonds, the lab was built with a grant from the Symonds Family Fund. A third Symonds lab has been proposed for implementation during coming renovations of the library.

Symonds II will not be accessible to the student body at large — at least for a while.

Although the lab is currently available only by reservation, Diegaard said he hopes access may be easier in the spring. The threats of theft and equipment damage make access tight, but Diegaard said Symonds II’s visibility makes it "more attractive in terms of opening it up" than symonds I. Having someone monitor the lab is a possibility, he said.

"We would like to open it up to the students for continuous usage, but that could be a tough thing," Diegaard said. "At this point, the plan is to lock the door and keep it locked."
NEWS IN BRIEF

Driver loses control of shuttle bus in lot

A Rice Transportation Department employee in the stadium parking lot backed a shuttle over a curb, crossed the street, and hit a house after a medical incident caused her to lose control of the vehicle late Wednesday night.

Rice EMS treated the woman on the scene, and then a Houston Fire Department ambulance took her to Memorial Hermann Hospital.

The driver's condition was unavailable at press time.

The woman, Rice's night escort van driver, had been moving the bus in the South Stadium Lot just before midnight.

Campus Police Officer Dennis Senter said on the scene that it looked like the bus backed over the bushes by the Outer Loop. Senter said the bus continued across the sidewalk and onto the street.

The bus stopped rolling when it reached the house, 2163 University Blvd.

The house was not seriously damaged.

At some point after the bus hit the house the woman screamed for help over the radio.

The driver of the bus then drove the bus back across the street andparked it just inside the unmarked lot.

The house is closest in the South Stadium Lot, the house was not seriously damaged.

--- Brian Steele

SA tray planned for this weekend

Students and administrators will come together this weekend to discuss campus issues at the Student Association's fall retreat.

The retreat will be a campus-wide event open to anyone, giving students a chance to ask questions and suggest ideas.

SA President Lindsey Bestford said that in recent years only SA Senate members were invited to the retreat because its primary goal was internal planning.

"This year we wanted to make sure all students felt included and had an opportunity to learn information," said SA President Jen Tang said, "The best way for students to be heard is to be involved and be able to ask administrators questions directly."

Saturday will feature short sessions and the retrieval of discussions on topics such as the foreign language requirement, athletics, Muriel College, improvements to the Student Center and campus safety.

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One of the highlights, according to Bestford, will be the opportunity for students to voice concerns in a meeting with a member of the Board of Trustees.

Board Chair Bill Barnett will lead a session on campus and parking.

The SA Senate will then meet on Sunday to discuss what should be done about everything.

The weekend-long event kicks off today with food, food, and music from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Ray Courtyard outside the Rice Memorial Center.

The retreat will continue tomorrow from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Kyle Munro Room of Fondren Library, and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the "R" Room of the stadium.

Tang said she hopes the event will make students feel more empowered to make a difference on campus.

"Everyone can work to effect change," Bestford said. "It doesn't just have to be the people who are elected.

--- Rachel Shiff

Committee will recommend alternate list of speakers

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WHO'S NOT SPEAKING AT GRADUATION?

The following people were recommended to the President's Office as prospective commencement speakers by the 2000 Commencement Speaker Committee. Robin Williams, Michael Jordan and Alan Greenspan were recommended by the committee but were not asked to speak.

• Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was unable to commit due to government service. She might be approached again if no candidate has been found by November.

• Poet Maya Angelou requested a fee higher than Rice was willing to pay.

• Entertainer Bill Cosby originally expressed interest but was unavailable after being told that Rice does not grant honorary degrees.

• Author Gabriel Garcia Marquez was not approached because he recently spoke at Rice as part of the Presidential Lecture Series.

• Author Larry McMurtry (Rice '58) said he was declining all speaking engagements.

• Novelist Toni Morrison will be on sabbatical writing a book and is declining all speaking engagements.

• Former Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell had a prior speaking engagement on date of commencement.

• Playwright Tom Stoppard is producing a play and declining all speaking engagements.

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One of the highlights, according to Bestford, will be the opportunity for students to voice concerns in a meeting with a member of the Board of Trustees. Board Chair Bill Barnett will lead a session and answer questions.

The SA Senate will then meet on Sunday to discuss what should be done about everything.

The weekend-long event kicks off today with food, food, and music from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Ray Courtyard outside the Rice Memorial Center. The retreat will continue tomorrow from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Kyle Munro Room of Fondren Library, and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the "R" Room of the stadium.

Tang said she hopes the event will make students feel more empowered to make a difference on campus.

"Everyone can work to effect change," Bestford said. "It doesn't just have to be the people who are elected."

--- Rachel Shiff

Committee will recommend alternate list of speakers

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First students will move into Martel in Jan. 2002

MARTEL, from Page 4

The founding committee Oct. 4, and the first meeting of the committee will be Oct. 5.

The Fews said the students on the committee will have the bulk of the role in negotiating the college atmosphere. The committee will have a retreat at Lake Houston State Park, where members will decide if the college will have theater productions, a college course and a Bee-Bike team in spring 2001, along with other decisions, Arthur said.

"It's a question of how much do we want to undertake right off the bat," he said.

Committee members will also be responsible for selecting eight to 16 small kitchens, which will be responsible for selecting eight to 16 faculty associates for the college, students on the college to give them as much housing as other colleges have. A common kitchen/servery will also be built for all three of the new colleges.

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Arthur Few
Martiel College master

Transfer students must agree to live off campus during the 2001 fall semester unless there are no campus beds at a college, and freshmen assigned to Martel will live at other colleges to give them as much housing as other colleges have. A common kitchen/servery will also be built for all three of the new colleges.

"We're just trying to avoid trouble."

-Wilf's Pub manager, Mike Haussenstein

Hauussenstein, students also brought candidate associations to the college atmosphere. The committee will have the bulk of the presentation and selection process and the new college. Arthur said he hopes these presentations will address the biggest issue the founding committee will face in convincing students to transfer: the idea that transferring to Martel is betraying their original college affiliation.

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Despite all the committee members' responsibilities, however, Arthur said the time commitment required will probably be no more than that of any other college cabinet member.

Current applications to transfer to Martel will be available in October. Because no other colleges do not have an equal number of students, a different number of students will be selected from each college. The number will be negotiated with the members. Students who are not members of the other colleges, graduating seniors will not be eligible to apply.

If more than the set number of students apply to transfer from a college, the Fews will randomly select students. "Students get assigned to colleges in a sense, randomly, so that same philosophy will be used for transfer students in the second phase," Arthur said.
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Counting the reasons to love ‘Nurse Betty’

Robert Reichle

“I know there’s someone special out there for me." In director Neil LaBute’s new film, Nurse Betty, that one saccharine sentence from a soap opera is enough to send the title character on a quest to find the man of her dreams, who just happens to be a fictional character.

Who would have thought that such a sugary and seemingly simple story could be one of the sweetest and funniest movies of the year? Betty Suarez (Renée Zellweger) is a good woman who doesn’t deserve the life she has. Her unfaithful, ignorant husband Del (Aaron Eckhart) doesn’t even remember her birthday, much less care about Betty’s dream to quit her job as a waitress in a diner and become a nurse. Despite her gloomy life, Betty is still caring, considerate and loving to everyone, even rude diner customers.

Betty (Renée Zellweger) pursues hit man Charlie (Morgan Freeman) in a cup of coffee in Nurse Betty.

“nurse betty”
Rating: ++++
(out of five)
Opens today.

Who would have thought that such a sugary story could be one of the sweetest movies of the year?

While Del conducts an affair with his secretary during breaks from his job as a car salesman, Betty spends her free time escaping into the world of “A Woman Loves”, her favorite soap opera. In the glowing light of the TV screen, she watches Dr. David Ravallo (Ginni Kinnear) save lives as a heart surgeon and break hearts in his romantic crises.

One night while watching that afternoon's episode on video, Betty accidentally witnesses the graphic fate that befalls Del after he doubles crosses hit man Charlie (Morgan Freeman) and his petite Teddy (comedian Chris Rock). Trammeled by the scene of her husband's horrible death, Betty turns back to the television and says Dr. Ravallo, sigh: “I know there’s someone special out there for me.”

Suddenly, something clicks inside her. In a subconsciously attempt to block out the pain of her life, at the altar six years ago. Now she wants him back, and she starts driving from her home in Kansas to Los Angeles to find him. Of course, in her condition, she has no clue that he doesn’t exist.

Dr. David Ravallo SIGHs, “I know there’s someone special out there for me.”

As luck would have it, the hit man who killed her husband are looking for something that Del hid in the same car Betty takes to L.A. Thus the road movie begins, with two hit men and a group of worried friends tracking Betty as she goes to great lengths to be reunited with the supposed Doc Betti, Page 12

IT’S THE END OF THAT

Daltan Tomlin

Just barely sneaking into theaters before the summer ends, Psycho Beach Party is a funny and effective satire of 50s “innocent fun at the beach” movies with a little modern, sick humor to boot. Its success is mostly due to the dead-on performance of lead actress Lauren Ambrose and her convincing yet comedic portrayal of multiple personality disorder.

The screenplay was written by Charles Busch, who adapted it from his own play, Robert Lee King. The past work includes two gay short films in the 90s, directed.

‘psycho beach party”
Rating: ***
(out of five)
in theaters.

Ambrose (Can’t Hardy Wait) stars as Florence Foresti, the almost obligatory one redhead with a ponytail. She’s soon nicknamed Chicklet by a group of surfer girls, led by the rhyme-talking Kana (Tiffany Gibson), Greg from “Dharma & Greg”, who she’s trying to hang out with. This, of course, is a departure from her usual innocent and boring life with her June Cleaver-esque mother (Beth Broderick), Lanks, the Scandinavian foreign exchange student who lives with them (Mati Krippner, The Last Days of Disco), and needy friend Herline (Dami Whitaker).

The story begins with a spoof of James Dean films at the (surprise) drive-in theater. Florence goes to the concession stand to get some snacks, when she gets ignored for a better-looking customer; she gets pissed and the new personality emerges. Not too coincidentally, one of the popular pretty girls gets whacked.

Florence is questioned by the police, represented by Captain Monica Stark (played by Busch), the woman who is obviously transcendent, although the characters never seem to realize this. Later, Florence gets together with the surfer and tries to learn their skill, despite being a girl.

Things really start to take off when she sin Kana’s beach house and he starts blowing her off; this is when she turns into Ann Bowman, the sex-crazing dominatrix. Needless to say, this changes Kana’s view of her, and obviously this kind of radical personality change makes her seem like a prime suspect.

While this set-up might not seem too humorous, its payoffs are. Florence turns into Ann and spoils dialogue that would embarrass George Carlin, and it’s funny. The two surfer stars start “wrestling” and get a little too close, and it’s funny. People get killed, and it’s hilarious.

And the movie gets laughs both ways. Some of the time you’re laughing at the dialogue; other times it’s at how unintentionally campy it is. One shot at Florence “surfing” is obviously comprised of her on a surfboard on a stage with fake waves in the background, and it’s used several times in the film. The reason it works is because it makes fun of all the fake shots in old Annette Funicello movies.

Believe it or not, the film does make a few points. For example, it hints that teenagers and young adults today are doing pretty much what they did several decades ago; it’s just more of a cliche now to talk about it. Also, it has the “It’s OK to be different” message without making it too blatant.

This isn’t to say Psycho is perfect, sometimes the pacing is slow and the story is sometimes even. Often there’s a joke waiting to be told, but the punchline never comes. Nevertheless, it’s good, not sucking, but it’s not (as) full of itself to have a laugh at its own expense.

Surf, sun and psycho fun make groovy ‘Beach Party’

Police Captain Monica Stark (Charles Busch, right) grills Chicklet (Lauren Ambrose) in Psycho Beach Party.

BRUCE BIRNIE/USA FILMS

MARK UPSON/RED HORSE FILMS
Dwayne (Chi Muoi Lo) and his girlfriend Nina (Sanaa Lathan) get a little closer in the new *Catfish in Black Bean Sauce*. Lo also wrote, produced and directed the film, his most outlandish undertaking yet. The film carries itself on such bizarre juxtapositions, that even such plot devices as a talking blind cat and a cross-cultural cultlike can't bring the film out of absurdity.

Vietnamese siblings Dwayne (Lo) and Mai (Lauren Tom) are reared by Harold Williams (Paul Winfield) and his wife Dolores (Mary Alice) in the black community. Now in his late 20s, Dwayne works at a predominantly black bank and has a black girlfriend, the beautiful Nina (Sanaa Lathan). Even though the cultural role most people would peg a Vietnamese-American for, Dwayne is happy and comfortable with his life.

Just when things are starting to lode even better between Dwayne and Nina, however, sister Mai announces that she's located their birth mother, whom they haven't seen since childhood. Her re-entry into their lives puts strain on the already shaky relationship between Mai and Dolores, and causes Dwayne to have an identity crisis.

The actors in *Catfish* are the best reason to see the movie. Despite the odd situations that arise from the plot, the members of the Williams family seem completely natural together. With most other actors, it would have been difficult to convince the audience that this was a real family growing apart — it could have easily come across as four very different characters who were never close in the first place.

No doubt Lewis' hyperbole, and Alice successfully conveys Dolores' disappointment and resentment at having the Furthermore* replace her in her children's lives. Lo's *Catfish* is conflicted through the whole movie. Whether it's about his girlfriend, his roommate or his family. While the plot necessitates this, it would have helped if the viewer had someone idea who Dwayne really is, not just who he's assumed about being.

Lo also has the task of portraying his character as a black man in a Vietnamese man's body. He does this by using speech patterns normally associated with black speech. The first few times he speaks this way is meant to be funny from the shock value, but after a few times, as Dwayne's roommate Michael (Tyler Christopher) points out, it's just strange.

Some of the best moments come from Dwayne's wanderings in his overactive imagination. These peaks into his mind show that he does indeed have problems — no wonder he has an identity crisis. However, just because the script is unusual doesn't mean it makes an exceptionally funny or interesting movie.

One of the movie's subplots is, randomly enough, about Michael's relationship with Samantha (Wing Chin), who Dwayne suspects is actually a man. While the subplot provides for an amusing light scene and it does tie back into the theme of self-discovery, it seems out of place to devote so much time to the question of whether Michael is dating a transgender.

One of *Catfish's* major flaws is a comic side. The chemistry between Lo and Lathan just isn't there, and the relationship between Dwayne and Nina is so strained that I was wondering throughout the movie why these two were together at all.

Despite good acting and a creative plot, *Catfish* in *Black Bean Sauce* suffers the same fate as a meal with too many spices and garnishes — the elements don't necessarily come together to make a satisfying whole.
The aforementioned "Syrup," however, reflects the style of collaborators UGK more than the group's own style.

The other 22 tracks are true to Three 6 Mafia's style, but the album would have benefited from the removal of five or six of the weaker tracks. One of these is the second single, "Tongue Ring," which is every bit as moronic as its title suggests.

The final nine tracks of the album are its strength, featuring effective guest appearances and more inventive beats. "Touched Wit It" is one of the best songs of the year, thanks in part to the infectious background chanting of former No Limit rapper Mr. Serv-On. "Act Like You Know Me" effectively uses the theme music of wrestler Goldberg to create a classic Three 6 sound. "Who Run It" came out on a compilation album earlier in the year but is still a quality song.

In the end, this album has one of the same problems as fellow supergroups the Hot Boys and the 504 Boyz: Having too many rappers sharing the spotlight leads to a disorganized album. Still, the album has enough quality songs to satisfy both long-time fans and new fans of the Memphis scene.

— Todd Makse

The three weakest tracks feature solo efforts by RR members. DMX's "The Great" seems to be the result of a complete lack of effort. Styles's "Holiday" features a lazy hook and uninspired lyrics. Drag-On's "Wrecks, Hoes, Dough" is painfully bad and it sounds suspiciously like Jay-Z's "Money Cash Hoes." DMX's hit "Money Cash Hoes." Ryders 2 is an excellent vehicle for Jadakiss, who shines on four tracks, including "WWIII" and the first single, "Got It All." A duet with Eve. The Lux member, who has claimed to be the "best rapper since B.I.G. ain't here," has long been rumored to be working on a solo project.

Despite criticism that the Ruff Ryders are too commercial, Volume 2 hardly justifies that complaint. The album's only real weakness is its inconsistency, both in terms of lyrics and production. The large number of high-quality guest appearances makes up for that inconsistency nicely.

— Todd Makse
ETIQUETTE IN THE DORMS

It's imperative to remember proper etiquette in your dorm. You want to make the living conditions there as serene and comfortable for you and the people around. Just one little annoying habit can start a war, and no one wants that. Here are a few tips for topics that commonly cause problems.

TELEPHONE

It's true — you aren't your roommate's personal phone service. However, it's important to remember that you want your messages when people call for you. The best solution: turn it off, and if necessary, hang up before they finish leaving a message. When people call for you, you should return the call quickly.

The LAUNDRY ROOM

The issue here is always the same. If you are responsible for someone's clothes, wash or dry them if you are doing laundry. Otherwise, offer the machine that isn't already in use. It's the responsibility of the person who was washing or drying their laundry to pick up their things. It's perfectly fine for you to pay for the laundry you do, and you can't conveniently do it yourself.

COMMON SPACES

In short, don't have common space with your roommate. This applies to spaces inside and outside your room. Within your room, it's rude to make your roommate's closet over before you leave, leave your clothes in the laundry room, or borrow and return. If you are cleaning the whole area, make sure to do it with respect and care. You should always clean up after yourself.

OVERNIGHT GUESTS

Lifestyles has covered this issue before, so you can use the same — overnight guests should be subject to the approval of both roommates. A slip-up every now and then should happen, but the practice of having unexpected guests without approval is unacceptable.

Always make sure your guests bring their own toiletries, so they don't have to use your roommate's. It's not your roommate's responsibility to supply your friend with soap.

THE CAMPUS LIVING ROOM

The carpets had to be steam cleaned because someone who thought it would be funny to use the toilet after they washed their clothes. The carpets now need to be cleaned and the hall had to endure the smell for several days. This isn't any way to treat the place you have to live in day in and day out.
**Golf coach Martin plans to resign**

by John C. Chao

- by John C. Chao

Only a few weeks before the golf team's season-opening tournament, head coach Greg Martin was forced to resign on the team last week when he called a team meeting to announce that he is resigning.

"We were definitely not expecting it," sophomore Bradley Lane said. "I feel bad for the freshmen because part of the reason they came here is because of him." Martin has not yet submitted a formal letter of resignation to Athletics Director Bobbie May.

"Greg Martin has not officially resigned," May said. "But we're making plans to move forward and we're trying to sort things out." Martin, however, did not regard the certainty of his departure. For the 10 percent sure that I will resign," Martin said.

Freshman Will Smith said that the team called the head coach to let him know of his decision. The team will get back to work as planned.

"I'm assuming that Coach is going back to Mississippi State," Smith said. "I set up to take over the program, at least on an interim basis, because we have a lot of young players who need experience at this level."

Human spent his first year at Rice last year as the golf team's assistant coach.

**Michigan's Big House awaits 1 Owls**

by Jose Luis Cubria

You thought last week was tough? Wait until you see what's in store for the Rice football team tomorrow.

Fred of Saturday's 36-27 victory over the University of Houston, a win that was as difficult as it was exciting, the Owls are riding a wave of confidence.

After all, they started three freshmen, but their starting quarterback, senior quarterback Corey Evans, fell behind three times and managed to win on the way.

But they aren't seen winning yet. Tomorrow, Rice (1-0) will be in peril.

"The game really well," Connolly said. "He's a professional who will give 100 percent." Though, he's not be there to support the team this year, Connolly is confident that he'll do a good job.

Although Martin's guiding hand will not be there to support the team this year, players believe that the change doesn't have to be detrimental to the team.

"I was pretty shocked," freshman Scott Philips said. "I don't think I'm disappointed, but I knew it was coming." The reason behind Martin's decision has not been confirmed, but there are reports that he disagreed with Rice's unique combination of Division I athletics and nationally ranked academics.

"I'm not sure that coach Martin was a good fit for Rice," senior Ryan Morgan said. "After all, he has a family to look after, and his wife is from Mississippi." Still, the decision inevitably comes as a jarring blow to this year's freshmen, who were recruited by Martin but will never swing the clubs in competition under his direction.

"Obviously, part of the reason I came here is because of him," Morgan said. "But that's not all of the reason. I don't think this will affect my play and I don't think it will change the team a lot." Right now, the Owls believe it best to avoid distractions and instead focus on their golf game.

"I think we wish him the best in his new job," sophomore Lee Rowan said. "But the most important thing for the team is to do is put behind us and use the talent we have and play golf."
Volleyball jumps out to quick start

Team’s only blemish to loss at Baylor in tournament championship

by Chris Larson

Last week, the volleyball team claimed it was on its way to great things this year.

The Owls backed up their words on the court at last weekend’s Rice Volleyball Tournament. Rice easily handled the University of Texas-Pan American and Louisiana Tech University, sweeping each opponent in three games.

The Owls continued their winning ways Wednesday night, defeating the team Houston State Beavers in Huntsville 15-8, 15-3, 15-8. But Rice also showed that it has the ability to play well, a quality it needed to beat the Owls.

"I wish we have. But we’re not in a bad situation," coach Julio Morales said. "It’s just a matter of inches."

"For the next three games we want to come home, for conference play, we should be unstoppable," Morales said.

Against the not so strong teams we did things consistently well," Morales said. "We did the things right, we did a good job of neutralizing the situation.

"Against Baylor, Rice started strong in the first game to take a 7-5 lead, but the Bears’ experience made the difference.

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## Football

**Houston 27 Rice 30**

- **Sept. 1-6**

- **UH** — Clark 37 field goal
- **RU** — Vanover 0 blocked punt return (Crabtree kick)
- **UH** — Robinson 7 pass from McKinley (Clark kick)
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- **RU** — Ortega 64 interception return (Crabtree kick)

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- **UH** — K Williams 6-74
- **RU** — Boothe 3-58, Beck 1-17, Manning 1-10
- **UH** — Bell 5-87, Iglesias 4-49, Reynolds 4-25, Cucci 1-13

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- **UH** — 32:47
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## Volleyball

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- **La. Tech** — 6-8-12

### ASSISTS

- **Rice** — 47
- **La. Tech** — 12

### ATTACK PERCENTAGE

- **Rice** — 56%
- **La. Tech** — 47%

### ATTACKS

- **Rice** — 66
- **La. Tech** — 50

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## Cross country tabbed to win WAC Lightning storm forces cancellation of season-opening relay meet

by Jason Goodsho

*Transactions Processing Unit*

It's not rare for a team to enter a season believing it will win a conference championship. In fact, it's usually the norm, and the men's and women's cross country teams both firmly believe they'll defend last year's conference titles.

It is quite rare, however, when the rest of the conference agrees.

In a poll of league coaches, both the men's and women's cross country teams were picked to repeat as Western Athletic Conference champions last week.

While his team is not concerned with performance too poorly, women's head coach Jim Bevan believes his squad has the talent to meet expectations.

"Our runners are in great shape," Bevan said. "Our young runners are progressing well. The freshmen are looking very good." Marisa Rico and Erria Ernst, both of whom missed last season, are also looking very good.

The women were a near-unanimous pick, as were the other eight conference coaches forecasted an Owl repeat.

Texas Christian University finished second in the polling. The Horned Frogs, last year's WAC runners-up, will be led by last year's first and third finishers at the conference meet.

But depth will be a concern for TCU, at last year's WAC meet, all five scoring Rice runners finished ahead of TCU's fourth athlete.

The men were picked first by four out of seven coaches. The coaches expected Rice's strongest challenge to come from Southern Methodist University.

The Mustangs placed second in the conference meet last year and return defending WAC champion Clyde Coleno.

Also expected to be in the running for the title are TCU and University of Texas at El Paso.

Both Rice teams were set to begin their quest to repeat at last week's season-opening Rice Relays at Buffalo Bayou. When a record-breaking heat wave hit Houston, the team's coaches weather would be a factor.

Surprisingly, lightning posed a bigger problem than the heat, canceling the meet's cancellation shortly after it began.

The race started on schedule. In the meet's unique relay format, two-member teams ran two legs each. Each men's leg is 2 miles long and each women's leg is 1 1/2 miles.

But a brief lightning storm rolled in during the first leg, halting the meet after the 3-mile mark.

While it was not the way that the Owls had planned to open the season, the Owls did not view the cancellation of the event as detrimental to their training.

"The cancellation has no effect," Bevan said. "We met and practiced earlier this morning and all buttoned up what took place Friday night."

The Owls will get a second chance to start their season next weekend's Rice Invitational, which will be held on campus.
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**Calendar**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2000**

**today**
FRIDAY, SEP 8
Today is the deadline to add or drop courses WITHOUT A FEE. Forms are due before 5 p.m. in the Registrar’s Office. Remember, it takes just as much time to forge your advisor’s signature as it does to actually get him to sign it.

The MEN’S TENNIS team hosts the Continental Cup today, tomorrow and Sunday at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium. This three-day event takes place all day with teams from Louisiana State University, Texas A&M University and the University of North Carolina.

The Student Association kicks off its weekend-long FALL RETREAT with a TG today in Ray Courtyard outside the Rice Memorial Center. From 4 to 6 p.m. there will be free food and, dare I say, beer, giving a chance for all students to mingle with their SA senate members. All students are welcome to attend the weekend’s events. Contact Jen Tang at jiang@rice.edu for more information.

**saturday**
SEP 9
Today’s SA RETREAT activities last from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Kyle Morrow Room of Fondren Library. The schedule of events includes presentations on various campus issues followed by a question and answer session with Senate members.

**sunday**
SEP 10
Is CK already making you yack? It’s funny how quick that happens. Unit Methodist Campus Ministries answers prayers with a FAJITA FEST today at 6 p.m. in the Student Center.

The SA Retreat schedule for today runs from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the ’R’ Room of Rice Stadium. Today’s highlight is a presentation by Arthur and Joan Few, masters of MARTEL COLLEGE.

From 1 to 5 p.m. in Blair Lounge in the Student Center, the Thresher shows you exactly what can be done with that camera you got last Christmas at the PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP. Contact threshers@rice.edu for more information.

**monday**
SEP 11
The SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS hosts its first meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion in the Student Center. Contact christie@rice.edu for additional meeting information.

**wednesday**
SEP 13
In the summer of 1990, the Rice campus hosted the Economic Summit of Industrialized Nations, which attracted dignitaries from across the globe. History Professor JOHN BOLES recounts this three-day event in his lecture, “Behind the Scenes of the 1990 Economic Summit at Rice,” from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Kyle Morrow Room of Fondren Library. For more information, contact Kathy Crownhurst at (713) 348-4022.

**friday**
SEP 15
The masses of layered stonewashed jeans gathering at Sid Richardson College could mean only one thing — EARLY ‘80s PARTY! From 10 p.m. until 2 a.m., it’s totally ‘80s in the Sid Commons. Better brush up the Boy George costume and buy a lot of hairspray.

The Shepherd School of Music sponsors a FACULTY AND GUEST ARTIST RECITAL tonight at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall. The performance will include the music of Brahms, Lavenda, Bizet and more. Admission is free.

**CAREER FAIR AND MINORITY JOB EXPO**
Today and tomorrow from 12 to 5 p.m. each day in the Student Center. Students from all disciplines will be today’s target audience, while tomorrow the focus will be on students with more technical majors. Contact Heidi Glantzberg at (713) 348-4055 for more information.

**the week ahead**

- **today**
  - **MONDAY**
  - **TUESDAY**
  - **WEDNESDAY**
  - **THURSDAY**
  - **FRIDAY**
  - **SATURDAY**
  - **SUNDAY**

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Wet-nosed pup or overblown pop photography training camp for Rice Thresher staff and students! Not for you? Just go by and you can take that level 50% off and make up your own program. Thresher or no Thresher.

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3:15 - 4:00 Special Effects
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- By 2003, 50% of JETs will have an advanced degree.
- Representatives will be available at the Houston Area Career Fair in the Rice Student Center on Rice University Campus, Thursday, Sept. 14, 12-5 pm.

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**Art and Design**

One of the major events of the 2000-2001 academic year is a three-day event in his lecture, “Behind the Scenes of the 1990 Economic Summit at Rice,” from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Kyle Morrow Room of Fondren Library. For more information, contact Kathy Crownhurst at (713) 348-4022.

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MISCELLANEOUS

DON'T FORGET JESUS CHRIST.

The BPEs devised some alternate ways to spend the money, ones that might be more popular with the Rice community. The above amount could buy any of the following:

- 3,546 full four-year scholarships (what a silly idea!)
- 21 Rice buildings named after you (est. $15 million donation)
- 3,091,316 legs of Shiner ($102.78 each)
- 1 Presidency of the United States
- 3 theme parks ($105 million each)
- 135,202,340 dozen tortillas and 8.45 million gallons of queso from Taco Cabana
- $3,840 worth of food (i.e., 5 CK dinners) for every person in Somalia
- 64 Puff Daddy music videos ($5 million each)
- 6,818 Habitat for Humanity homes
- 4,539 topnotch choreographers for building openings ($70,000 each)
- 529,542,500 Snickers (take note, your ad)

S&M

Naughty, naughty! This symbol indicates the BPEs for this week: Sarah & Mark.

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4th and 5th graders... 4th and 5th graders... 4th and 5th graders...
...you know, for the finals study break!...you know, for the finals study break!...you know, for the finals study break!

ebay, here we come!

Although they might not be listed under the Rice Strategic Plan, the BPEs feel that the following eBay items are just as useful as a hole in Fondren Library:

- 186,897 Siegfried & Roy tiger paintings ($650 each)
- 2,145,982 Backstreet Boys autographs ($255 for the signatures of all five recording “artists”) is
- 6,354,510 Independence Day inflatable mothershulls ($50 each)

Tips for the administration

1) While you’re at it, why not raze the entire campus and build an exact replica of Harvard University to lure Ivy-bound prospectives?
2) Change “one tree on campus for every student” to “100 square feet of concrete on campus for every student.”
3) If you’re trying to gain back the cost of the Humanities Building by charging us $5 to watch the opening ceremony, either enroll another 4,191,300 students, raise the ticket price to $8,387.60 for each undergraduate.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2000

GREAT FLEXIBLE PART-TIME JOB!

The Rice Development Office is hiring Ambassador positions. Students will be required to work two nights a week (Mon.-Thurs.) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and will be paid $7.50/hr. starting salary. If you are interested, pick up an application at the receptionist’s desk on the third floor of Allen Center or check out the Web site at http://www.rd.rice.edu/ambassador. Applications are due on Friday, October 13. Ambassadors will be expected to work the Rice–Texas Tech football game on Saturday, October 14.

GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR those who love topiel! The Rice Development Office is also hiring assistant home for two Rice alumni. Monica McClayton—(713) 528-1133

PART-TIME CHILDCARE needed. Must be strong in math and have references ready. Send your application to mclayton1@houston.rr.com. $11-17/hr. Call Score Prep (713) 871-0913. Approx. 3 hours, 3-4 days per week. Also take to school two mornings and occasional afternoons. Must have own car. References. (713) 789-2089 (evenings).

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