Six students face marijuana possession accusations
by Elizabeth Jardina and Brian Stoler
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Six students have been charged with possession of a con-
trolled substance after Campus Police investigated a strong
marijuana odor coming from the public third-floor balcony of
Baker College early Sunday morning.
The Campus Police referred the students' cases to the
student judicial programs instead of arresting and charging
the students with a criminal offense.

In discussions with interim Baker Master Arthur Few,
acting Assistant Dean for Student Judicial Programs Allen
Matsoew determined that he would handle the cases directly
instead of referring them to University Court.

Matsoew admitted he expected to have the cases resolved
by yesterday.

Because the students are being charged with a Class I
violation of the Code of Student Conduct— manufacture,
distribution, sale, offer for sale, possession, or use of con-
trolled substances—the cases could have either been brought
before U. Court or undertaken by Campus Police

Chief Bill Taylor said police confiscated a total of 4.3
ounces of marijuana from the subjects. According to the
incident report, several forms of narcotic paraphernalia were
also seized.

Officer Pete Martinez, who was at the scene, said all but one
of the students present had been using marijuana, but not all
the students were in possession of marijuana.

"Marijuana was found in common areas, which could lead
to one to believe that they were all in possession," Martinez said.
Two students were transported to the Campus Police sta-
tion, while the other three were turned over to Baker Resident
Assistant Surgeon Marshall Tylor said

Taylor said that although some of the officers considered
taking legal action against the subjects, the officers believed

Six students face marijuana possession accusations
Dean clarifies glitches in requirement

by Emily Venson

A new cash machine will be in
stalled in the convenience store
in the Student Center within three
months. The ATM will be the sec-
ond full-service Chase Manhattan
bank machine on campus.
The new machine will be located
near the convenience store's double
access door. Its installation will cause
minor changes in the layout of the
convenience store, including the
removal of some shelf space.

Cash Operations Manager Angel
Thomas said he hopes the store's
selection will not be affected by the
new machine. "We're going to try to
keep everything already in stock," she
said.

Student Center Director Floyd
Beckwith said he has been trying to get an
ATM in the Student Center since he
began working for Rice in 1998. Ini-
tially, he proposed moving the Fun-
dom ATM to the Student Center.
However, students did not show a
clear preference to warrant such

院 by Rachel Rustin

Chef begins Rice experience in Brown College kitchen

The line stretching out of the building isn't
for "Nsyc tickets or Cynthia Cooper's autog-
aph. It's for College Food Service food — but
with a twist.
The school year started off with an entirely
new kitchen staff at Brown College, all of
them with degrees in the culinary arts. Their
new ideas, such as made-to-order entrees and a
menu slightly different from that of the other
colleges, have already become popular on
campus.

Managing Chef Roger Elkhouri came to
Rice after working at the Omni Hotel in Hous-
ton. "It was a great opportunity — I wanted
to make a difference," Elkhouri said. "Every-
thing here is excellent. We've gotten excellent
feedback from students, [and] there is excel-
 lent food, and excellent service.

Associate Director for Food Operations
Matt Morgan placed an ad in the Houston
Press seeking someone with a culinary back-
ground.
"We decided that the person who is going
to be in charge of the new [Wuets Hansen] kitchen
had to be a culinarian," Morgan said. "We went
to a lot of meetings and bringing somebody
on board to learn the Rice way."
The new kitchen staff has tried to differ-
entiate itself from the positive affecting the
students who eat and live at Brown. One such addition
has been a table of chips, fruit and something
for people to eat while they're working.

People are actually coming from other

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Meet the people
Board of Trustees Chair Bill Barnett spoke at the Student Association
retreat Saturday. He explained the role and history of the board and
gave students a chance to ask questions. During the weekend-long
retreat, administrators from Barnett to Assistant Director of Student
Activities Heather Madsen spoke about their areas of expertise.

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And with a flourish, mess y returns
Welcome back to mess y.
So what if they're not as funny as
they used to be? So what if they've lost
that endearing misogyny? So what if
they're all from Uwett?
"Legends of the South,inski your friends," all over again.
(They're funnier when they're real.)

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Confusing the freshmen

As current plans have it, Martel College will hold its first Orientation Week in August 2001 and then open its doors to residents in January 2002. It makes sense for the college to want to add freshman members as soon as possible — however, is it worth the probable toll on freshmen and Martel’s first members? Martel Masters Arthur Few has said the new college’s first members will be like freshmen. But should we really force freshmen to take on that role? After all, there is really no argument for giving on-campus students a living on a campus that they were first announced, but since we had yet to see their results, was, or should, be reversed; commuting students should have the closest housing picture for next year. If Martel admits freshmen, there will be empty beds left in each of the other nine colleges second semester when the Martels move over to their new building. If instead those freshmen were distributed to the other colleges in the first place, there would be exactly the same number of beds left unoccupied next spring — only they’d all be at Martel.

Parking far away

We were skeptical about the stadium parking lot changes when they were first announced, but since we had yet to see their results, we gave them the benefit of the doubt.

Three weeks later, we still think that commuting students should have closer parking to the interior of campus than resident students. It’s true that with off-campus students bringing the most of parking on weekends, there will be more good spots available for Saturday football games. But does it make sense to give nonstudents who use the lot at least five times a week parking spaces that were first announced, but since we had yet to see their results, was, or should, be reversed; commuting students should have the closest stadium parking.

Dear Stokes clarifies language requirement

To the editor:

After consulting with the appropriate university officials, and with the approval of Provost Eugene Levy, I would like to clarify some of the issues raised in the Thresher editorial “Correcting the language requirement” last issue regarding the new language requirement for graduating seniors.

But first, I would like to correct some erroneous statements I made in the Thresher article on the same subject. I suggested that after selecting the language, the test was discovered that they were not proficiency tests, and that the RMC tests were written only last spring. This was not accurate. It was known from the beginning that the Stanford tests were not proficiency tests of the kind we eventually would need, but it was decided to modify them for the practical reason that the results (tests) could be delivered online from the Stanford server in time for use by the spring of the year’s entering freshmen.

Versions of the French, German and Spanish placement tests were completed essentially as planned, but in the second semester of last year, the Fall 2000 language exam (Fall 2000, Spanish) was not administered as planned.

Some erroneous statements in the Thresher article on the same subject. I suggested that after selecting the language, the test was discovered that they were not proficiency tests, and that the RMC tests were written only last spring. This was not accurate. It was known from the beginning that the Stanford tests were not proficiency tests of the kind we eventually would need, but it was decided to modify them for the practical reason that the results (tests) could be delivered online from the Stanford server in time for use by the spring of the year’s entering freshmen.

Sections 1 and 2 of the RMC tests provide a detailed explanation of the six options passed by the faculty for satisfying the language requirement. These points do not cover all aspects of the requirement, but are intended to clarify unclear aspects of the rules.

1) Passing a fourth semester language course, including courses in an SPAN 204 and CHIN 204, at Rice satisfies the requirement. As the language of the requirement is not specified, passing a fourth semester language course entails demonstrating proficiency in the language.

2) Achieving a score of 4 or 5 on an International Baccalaureate higher level language exam while still in secondary school satisfies the requirement.

3) If a student places at the 300 level or higher in a Language Placement Test, including the ones taken this semester, but that she opens up two ways of satisfying the requirement: at least one semester of a 300 or higher level language course that is taught in that language, or by scoring high enough on an Oral Proficiency Interview in that language that the student’s average skill level, when combined with the Language Placement Test, is intermediate and as determined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) scale ranks. This determination will be made by the appropriate department.

4) The “Rice-fourth semester proficiency examination” mentioned in sections 4 and 5 for satisfying the requirement is defined as achieving an average rating of intermediate and on the Language Placement Test and the Oral Proficiency Interview.

5) One can satisfy the language requirement in Latin or classical Greek by demonstrating intermediate proficiency in reading by the fourth semester of study in either Latin or classical Greek.

6) Foreign Language Across the Curriculum trailer sections carrying one or two hours of academic credit are being offered in computer science in conjunction with four courses this semester.

7) Normally, the languages accepted for satisfying the requirement are those offered at Rice through the fourth semester of study in French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Latin, classical Greek, Arabic and Hebrew. An intensive effort is underway to perfect the Language Placement Test in all of those languages and the Oral Proficiency Interview in all except Latin and Greek.

8) Students who have acquired proficiency in a language not offered at Rice through the fourth semester of study may satisfy the language requirement by successful results on the Committee on Examinations and Studies may petition the Committee on Examinations and Studies.

9) For questions of interpretation of these rules and of the language requirement in general, students or others should consult the dean of Humanities; for questions regarding one of the languages we teach, interested parties should consult the appropriate department; for unusual circumstances, students may petition the Committee on Examinations and Studies.

10) These guidelines are posted on the Web page of the Office of Academic Advising.

Dean Stokes clarifies language requirement

To the editor:

Letters to the editor should be sent to the Thresher by mail, fax, e-mail or hand-delivered in person. We reserve the right to edit letters for both content and length. Letters must be received by 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to a Friday publication date.

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The emperor wears no clothes
Labor Day falls short of expectations
According to custom, Labor Day marks the end of the summer and the beginning of the fall political season campaign. Until then, the election might be considered the primary election season. But as the Supreme Court decision in the Bush v. Gore case demonstrates, the political process has already entered a new phase: the national campaign. While the Republicans have been moving aggressively on the campaign front, the Democrats have been more passive. This has allowed the Republicans to gain an advantage in the early stages of the campaign. The Democrats have not yet fully embraced the concept of the campaign as a means of communicating their message to the public. Instead, they have focused on a series of events and speeches designed to build support for their candidates. While these efforts are important, they may not be enough to secure victory in the November election. The Republicans, on the other hand, have been more strategic in their approach. They have used TV ads and other forms of media to reach voters directly. This has allowed them to reach a wider audience and to reinforce their message more effectively. The Democrats, in contrast, have relied more on traditional campaign methods, such as door-to-door canvassing and rallies. While these efforts are important, they may not be enough to secure victory in the November election. The Republicans have been more successful in communicating their message to voters, and they have a clear advantage in the early stages of the campaign. The Democrats will need to find a way to level the playing field and to communicate their message more effectively if they hope to secure victory in the November election.
Baker conference fails to identify real solutions

Last week's Baker conference failed to identify real solutions to climate change, population and related issues. President Richard C. Levin, however, believes Rice modestly enhanced its traditional academic strengths, providing more opportunities for international study, bolstering financial aid, and increasing scholarships.

Non-hip critics stifle KTRU creativity

To the editor:

I agree that KTRU should do a better job of serving its audience, but I cannot agree that they are failing to do so. KTRU is by all means Rice University's station in the sense that it serves as a medium of expression for the student body for exercising their rights to free speech. For the most part, they do a good job of serving the student body.

Non-hip critics stifle KTRU creativity

To the editor:

KTRU maintained its unique character during dinner on Thursday, September 21. The station was unlistenable. You should have listened to our target audience to be both the student body and the programmer by playing the artists you suggest, in addition to the music that can be heard on KTRU. The variety and independence of the music that can be heard on KTRU is a reflection of the musical diversity of Rice University's station in that Rice students, like any other Rice student, have intentionally made it what it is. KTRU is, by all means, Rice University's station in the sense that it serves as a medium of expression for the student body for exercising their rights to free speech. For the most part, they do a good job of serving the student body.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were reported by the Campus Police for the period Sept. 4 – 13.

Residential Colleges
Baker College
- Sept. 4: Student reported suspicious person. Police arrested Airon Blum for criminal trespass and booked him into Harris County Jail.

Wiess College
- Sept. 8: Report of burglary of a vending machine at the new Wiess College construction site.

Lovett College
- Sept. 10: Intoxicated student caused disturbance. Officers apprehended subject and notified EMS. Subject refused to return to college housing.

Baker College
- Sept. 10: Eight students caught smoking marijuana. Marijuana and paraphernalia confiscated from subjects and from room. Case referred to assistant dean for Student Judicial Programs.

Academic Buildings
Humanities Building
- Sept. 5: Contractor reported attempted theft of tools. The subject dropped the tool box and ran when confronted.

Duncan Hall
- Sept. 6: Laptop computer stolen.

Fondren Library
- Sept. 6: Student reported wallet stolen. Item later returned to a librarian without cash.

Auxry Court
- Sept. 7: Suspected person arrested for criminal trespass and possession of cocaine. Subject transported to Harris County Jail.

Duncan Hall
- Sept. 8: Visiting professor reports stolen briefcase. Item later recovered in a trash can near Wees Colleges with Palm Pilot missing.

Herman Brown Hall

Other Buildings
Student Center
- Sept. 9: Door to the convenience store vandalized. Facilities and Engineering repaired door.

Parking Lots
South Stadium Lot
- Sept. 6: Bus driver passed out while the bus was in reverse. Runaway bus hit a house across University Boulevard, causing minor damage to bus and residence. Driver taken to Hermann Hospital.

East Stadium Lot
- Sept. 11: Student reported passenger side mirror damaged her car.

Other Areas
Laboratory Road
- Sept. 9: Student reported a car swerving on the Inner Loop. Officer stopped the vehicle in front of Alice Pratt Brown Hall. Driver arrested for driving while intoxicated and released to the Houston Police Department DWI Task Force.

Drunk student creates disturbance

Police remove student from outside Lovett College, but no charges filed

A student was taken to the Campus Police station from the Lovett College quad Saturday after he threatened students and police officers, police said. He was not arrested.

The student began yelling at a student, said onlooker Emily Gray, a Sid Richardson College sophomore.

"He has several other things personally going on right now, and doing our best to get him the help he needs, so he is not playing at this time."

- Ken Hatfield
Head football coach

Officer Alex Trevino arrived on the scene first but called for more officers when the student seemed to be threatening him. Police Chief Bill Taylor said. More officers, including Officer Marcus King and Cpl. Ken Jackson, arrived shortly.

Taylor said officers described the student as having bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and the strong smell of alcohol on his breath.

The officers became concerned that he would become a hazard to himself or to others, and decided to take the student to the police station.

Taylor said four officers were required to handcuff the individual. King contacted the student's masters, who rode with the student from Lovett to the station.

A formal arrest was not made, and the student was then transported to Hermann Hospital because he complained of an injured shoulder, Taylor said.

Taylor added that the student was not injured in police officers' attempts to handcuff him. He said no unnecessary physical force was used, but officers at the scene were concerned that students at the scene would worry that the officers had used excessive force.

"The officers came to me and said there was a concern when we have to physically control a subject," Taylor said. "The officers want people to know that they did only what they absolutely had to do to get him under control."

Some onlooking students said they thought the officers acted appropriately.

"I think the [police] handled it well after not using inappropriate force," Liskow said.

Gray agreed. "It was a monumental thing to get him to the ground," she said. "I don't see what else they could have done."

The student was later released to his masters.

The officers want people to know that they did only what they absolutely had to do to get him under control.

- Bill Taylor
Campus Police chief

Head football coach Ken Hatfield said the student had not been playing in games for a while because of personal problems.

"We are trying to take whatever measures are necessary to get him the help he needs and to enforce the rules," Hatfield said. "I do not discuss disciplinary procedures with anyone, but if he has violated the team rules, we will deal with this in a way that is best for him.”

"He has several other things personally going on right now, and we're doing our best to get him the help he needs, so he is not playing at this time," he said.

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Shuttle bus driver recovering after wreck

The Rice Transportation Department employee involved in the shuttle bus accident Sept. 6 is at home recovering, Campus Police Sgt. Diana Marshall said.

The driver passed out while attempting to move a Rice shuttle bus that was blocking her night escort in the stadium parking lot. She regained consciousness and reinformed help from the bus after it had backed up over the curb and across University Boulevard. She was able to drive the bus back into the stadium parking lot before police arrived.

Marshall, who was first on the scene of the accident, said the driver was conscious upon the police's arrival.

However, the driver was unable to recall what had happened. The driver was treated by Rice Emergency Medical Services and then taken to Hermann Hospital, from which she was released on Saturday. It is unclear how long the employee will be unable to drive the bus.

Director of Risk Management Rosemary Block said the cost of repairs will be covered by Rice's insurance policy. The accident caused only minimal scratches on the bus, and a claim has been filed with Rice's auto insurance company.

—Christina Tran

Baker College begins masters search

Baker College is forming a search committee this week to find masters to replace Jim and Chris Copeland, who resigned this summer because of illness. The committee hopes to find masters by January.

Interim masters Arthur and Joan Few, who were Baker masters for 1996-97, are also masters of the new Maritell College. Their responsibilities as the founding masters will increase this spring, so their interim mastership is limited to the fall semester.

The search committee, chaired by Baker junior Kevin Askew and Baker President Melissa Boddie, will consist of 10 to 12 Baker students.

Most masters searches take at least a full academic year, so the committee's work will be accelerated because there is a lot of work to do. However, Askew does not believe the shorter time period will be a problem.

"In the contrary, actually, with that time constraint, I think we are going to be really motivated to find someone really quickly," he said.

Baker's process to recruit and select masters will be an abbreviated version of the masters search conducted in spring 1998. Askew said Vice President for Student Affairs Arnoldo Cattarch will send out the opening to all faculty who have tenure, a requirement for being a master.

Then, the search committee will contact some faculty members. All interested faculty members and their spouses will be invited to a dinner at Baker House, followed by an interview.

The committee will make its final decision with the input of the college.

"We want masters that embody the spirit of Baker College," Boddie said.

Boddie said the committee will reach a decision "within a few weeks after completing interviews." The committee's work will be accelerated because there is a lot of work to do.

The committee will make its final decision "as soon as possible" with the input of the college's masters committee this week to find masters by January.

The deadline for submitting proposals is Sept. 29. The committee will begin a masters search this semester. The first round of interviews will be held on November 29.

—Jess H. Jones Graduate School of Management

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Dr. Bill Wilson Student Initiative Grant

The $5,500 grant will be awarded for the first time this fall.

Named after Bill Wilson, a resident associate at Wiess College and an electrical engineering professor, the grant will be distributed annually each fall.

The grant was created about two years ago when Wilson's friend, Keith Meehan (Wiess '81), and another Wiess alumnus proposed creating a fund in Wilson's name for the use of his choice.

After careful deliberation, Wilson decided that a fund to help students improve student life would be most beneficial.

Applications for the award are found, Wilson said, "limited only by a person's imagination." In addition, the award doesn't have to be used only on campus.

The grant money could be used elsewhere if it were to benefit a current Rice student program or help start a new one.

The grant committee is chaired by Wiess Master Paula Hutchinson, and the committee also includes Wilson, several Wiess alumni and other members.

The decision process will parallel that of many scholarships.

Committee members will review proposals and interview finalists, and then decide on the award recipient within a few weeks after completing interviews.

Although Wiess College is also beginning a masters search this semester, the committee's work will be accelerated because Siess is not as urgent as it was for Baker.

Wilson said that if more than one worthy proposal were submitted, it's possible that more than one student could receive the award.

The deadline for submitting proposals is Sept. 29.

Proposals should be sent through campus mail to Dr. Bill Wilson Grant, c/o Paula Hutchinson, Master, Wiess College. —Matt Caddick
Committee to explore the future of the campus store

by Esther Sung

The Campus Store shrank this year, but its makeover may not be over just yet.

President Malcolm Gillis created an all-hands committee on the Rice Campus Store last spring, chaired by Psychology Professor Jim Pomerantz, to examine some of the issues the store faces. "We have been asked ... to look into all aspects of the Campus Store and present him with our thoughts," Pomerantz said.

The committee, which includes faculty, administrators, graduate students and undergraduate students, will investigate four areas concerning the store: organization, location, outside contracting, and finance.

Some students have grumbled about the current situation at the store, saying books for many fall classes are not available. "They don't have any books," Sid Richardson College senior Brooke Wheeler said. "I think it's ridiculous that you can't get books when you need them for your classes. I'm in a huge class — Immunobiology — and at least a third of the people don't have their books yet.

Several options the committee is considering to improve the bookstore include creating an online bookstore, outsourcing to a commercial bookstore, expanding the current space or moving to another location.

"We have had four or five proposals [in past years] from people who do bookstores for campuses," committee member Neil Rudof, associate vice president for finance and administration, said. "We are considering outsourcing to Barnes & Noble or Follett like so many campuses have done."

The committee will also consider how to integrate purchasing textbooks with Web-based class registration, which will be implemented in the next couple of years, for students in the future. "The college book market is a volatile business these days, with further changes coming as electronic technologies develop," Pomerantz said.

"Although the location of the Campus Store is also an important issue, the committee will most likely outline the necessary features of a potential site rather than suggest a definite location, the size of the Campus Store was reduced when the convenience store was built over the summer. The convenience store occupies the space where the Campus Store cashiers were last year. Also, Kinks moved into a space in the basement of the bookstore.

In order to gauge better understanding of what issues are important for the Campus Store, the committee will consult the university community. Pomerantz said. "We plan over the next several weeks to conduct surveys that would include students, staff and faculty as respondents," he said.

Pomerantz added that course materials are not the only consideration for the committee.

"Textbooks and related scholarly materials comprise only a portion of the Campus Store's products and services provided to the campus, so we must address the other portions as well in our recommendations," he said.

Pomerantz said he hopes the committee will improve the store as much as possible.

"The members of our committee believe that the Campus Store provides a vital function to Rice University," he said. "We hope to capitalize on new developments that can make the store serve us better while preserving those traditional qualities that have served us well over the years."

The members of the committee are Psychology Professor Jim Pomerantz, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration Neil Rudof, Economics Professor John Bryant, French Studies Professor Deborah Hunter, University Librarian and Interim Chief Information Officer Chuck Henry, Jones School Professor David Ikenberry, Director of Athletics Bobby Mac, Hamser College junior Merritt McAlister, Mathematics Professor John Polking and Graduate Student Association President Télie Marie Scholtenberger.

I could have danced all night

University of Texas Medical School student Meg Griffith and Chuck Kennedy (Vanderbilt University '05) dance with the Rice Social Dance Society in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center Wednesday night. During this year's RSDS orientation. Fall dance classes will begin Wednesday.

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KIRBY & NOTTINGHAM
Packaged food returns to colleges

by Meredith Jenkins
The Student News
After a brief absence, packaged foods such as chips and novelty ice cream treats are returning to college kitchens in response to student requests.

This year's meal plan changes originally called for the removal of most packaged items to make meal plans more cost-effective.

"The students asked for ice cream. It's student demand — you asked for it, you got it."
— Matt Morgan, Assistant director, Food Operations

"When we changed the food plan to all-you-care-to-eat, we couldn't support the demand for packaged foods," Food and Housing Director Mark Ditman said. "If we didn't have limits on the amount people could take, the budget for food would explode." he said.

Packaged food returns to colleges, plans more cost-effective.

Food and Housing Director Ditman said that packaged chips and yogurt, couldn't feasibly be offered in bulk. Those are still available in individual packages.

"In the case of yogurt and chips, we couldn't serve them in bulk and provide the variety and sanitary conditions students expect, so we brought back individual packages," Assistant Director for Food Operations Matt Morgan said.

Novelty ice creams will return in response to student requests, Morgan said. "The students asked for ice cream. It's student demand — you asked for it, you got it."

Ditman said that packaged chip returns were an obvious thing. However, at the beginning of this week, some students said they had not seen chips in their college kitchen.

Baker College freshman Anisha Cooke said, "I think if they're going to bring back packaged foods, it should be done at all colleges at the same time."

"If we didn't have limits on the amount people could take, the budget for food would explode."
— Mark Ditman Food and Housing Director

Cooke said Baker did not have chips as of Wednesday but that she had received an email saying that chips would be offered soon.

On Wednesday, Sid Richardson College food and Housing Director Susan Cooke said, "I think if they're going to bring back packaged foods, it should be done at all colleges at the same time."

Future plans for the Brown kitchen include a training center, where members of the staff would be able to receive additional degrees in the culinary arts.

Training Chef Mark Fernandez worked at Sammy's and Rice Catering before being transferred to Brown for this academic year.

"I love it," Fernandez said. "I can communicate with the students. Like their smiling faces — they know we're here to serve them."

Fernandez said he is well aware that food at Brown has grown in popularity on campus, despite Brown's distance from many of the other colleges.

"They like what they see and we appreciate it," Fernandez said. "We're beyond Brown now. The number of people coming in is increasing."

The positive changes in the food and food service are evident to many Brown students.

"We're not perfect, but we're getting better every time we come to dinner," Brown junior Julie Elhouri said.

Fernandez said that "it's an ongoing thing," and that "it's an ongoing process and it's going to get better."

Brown wasn't the only college to get a catering upgrade over the summer. Both Lovett and Will Rice Colleges have undergone some major changes since last year.

"We've done some different things at Lovett and Will Rice Colleges have undergone some major changes since last year."

"We've done some different things at Lovett and Will Rice, as well, to make them completely self-serve," Morgan said. "The new facilities will all be self-serve. We want it to feel like it's home."

Improvements to the system don't necessarily mean that it was flawed.

"It's not to say that anything is wrong, it's just to say that it's improving," Morgan said. "It's not to say that anything is wrong, it's just to say that it's improving."

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"We appreciate all the students and their feedback," Fernandez said. "It's an ongoing process and it's going to get better."

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CAAM, STAT departments organize blood drive for staff member

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When Michael Pearlman was diagnosed with leukemia in December 1996, he dealt with it privately, his coworkers in the Computational and Applied Mathematics and Statistics Departments said. Some were aware of his diagnosis for years. But when doctors diagnosed Pearlman with viral pneumonia, a complication of his leukemia, and he needed platelet and white blood cell donations, department coordinators organized to help him in a more public way.

Dara Lawrence, CAAM Department coordinator, and Diane Brown, Statistics Department coordinator, began a blood drive to meet his needs.

Lawrence and Brown first sent e-mail messages to the CAAM and Statistics Departments, encouraging employees to donate platelets and white blood cells.

Three days was forwarded to the Computer Science and Information Technology Services departments and later to other university employees.

"He will go to enormous lengths to help a student who is having trouble ... Here is a guy who is the best in the world at what he does, and everybody loves him."

— John Dennis
CAAM Department chair

CAAM employees then created a Web site to publicize the need for platelets and white blood cells. Dara Lawrence, senior systems administrator for New Media and Student Computing, created a calendar online at http://www.caam.rice.edu/course/pearlman/pearlman.html. There volunteers can schedule a day to donate, because platelets collected each day will be given to another patient if Pearlman has not used them by 6 p.m.

Although Pearlman does not currently need platelets since he is recovering well, university employees and some student organizations will be alerted if a need arises, Brown said.

However, Lawrence said, Houston blood banks all require donations.

"She encouraged students and employees to donate as much as possible," Moore said. "Pearlman is in check right now — his platelet count is acceptable, but Houston is give a low for white blood platelets," she said.

Brown said about 40 people have donated platelets, and about four people gave white blood cells.

An equal number had volunteered to give platelets but were rejected — the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Blood Bank restricts certain donations, such as those from people who have recently traveled abroad.

Platepheresis, the process for donating platelets, takes about two and a half hours.

A donor's blood is drawn from one arm, the platelets are separated from the blood and the blood is then pumped back into the donor's other arm.

"A donor's blood does not have to be the same type as the patient's, and a person can donate platelets every 48 hours," Moore said.

White blood cell donation takes more planning than platelet donation. First, potential donors must be tested to see if their white blood cell type matches the recipient.

When the recipient needs white blood cells, the blood bank will contact a matching donor and give her an injection to boost her own white blood cells. The actual donation process is the same as for platelets.

Donald Williams, a CAAM graduate student and a former student of Pearlman, has given white blood cells.

"He really is very nervous. It's not bad, though — it's not painful," Williams said. "It's something that I can do to help Mike. I'm telling my white blood cells. You guys got to go in there and help him fight off infection," he said.

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Experts discuss global warming at conference

by Rebecca Vigen

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

- The Senate approved a new student organization, the Biomedical Engineering Student Association.
- Candidates for new student representative positions are currently being interviewed. The representatives will be introduced to the SA Senate at next week’s meeting.
- The possibility of converting the Wiess College land to an intramural field once the college is torn down was discussed at length. The importance of greenspace on campus was also stressed by students. Several students are currently working on a general statement voicing student concern about greenspace, focusing on the future of the Wiess plot of land.
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- Senators considered a proposal for a T-shirt reading, "Rice: A great place to live in eight years." Proceeds from the T-shirt sales could be used for a campus beautification project.
- The University Standing Committee on Public Lectures is seeking student input on which speakers to have in order to increase attendance for the President’s Lecture Series. The lecturer should speak on a subject of interest to more than one segment of the Rice population. E-mail Scott Berger (berger@rice.edu) with ideas.
- A majority of students present voted in a straw poll to support making uniforms optional at Autry Court. Most LPAP instructors have already made the uniforms optional in their classes. Students discussed the safety aspect of keeping those who aren’t members of the Rice community out of Autry Court.

The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 18 in Farnsworth Pavilion, Ley Student Center.

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Safety Committee improves lighting

by Rachel Shiffrin

A number of improvements are in store to help improve campus safety, following recommendations by the ad hoc campus security committee. Due to concerns about improper lighting in the stadium parking lot, new lights were added and existing lighting was redistributed this summer.

This includes lighting underneath the stands, Campus Police Chief Bill Taylor said. Additional lights were also added at Entrance 1 and at the track stadium, which is also the future site of the new soccer field.

The committee also recommended changes to the lock systems on campus. Equipment for Rice's keycard access system is no longer manufactured and soon will no longer be serviced, Taylor said, so plans are in place to upgrade to a new system.

As for inside the buildings, Food and Housing Director Mark Ditman said emphasis was put on bathroom access in response to several bathroom trespassing incidents last year. After testing keypad locks at Will Rice College, the site of the incidents, F&H added the keypads were to all communal bathrooms in the colleges.

Each resident student has been issued a security code number to access his bathroom. The committee also addressed the university's blue-light emergency telephone system. Seven new phones will be added this year to increase accessibility to the emergency phones from all spots on campus, Taylor said.

The new phones have no handsets. They have a button to call the police and a microphone and speaker to talk and listen.

Within five years, every blue-light phone on campus will be upgraded to this newer model.

The committee also discussed surrounding the campus by a wall, but decided that the inconvenience outweighed the safety value. Taylor said he is not ready to go to that extreme.

"We don't want to isolate ourselves," he said. "Part of the value of being a part of Rice is being exposed to the surrounding community."

Plans are underway to set up police workstations in Lovett College and in the new common kitchen/servitory to be shared by Winslow and Hanszen Colleges.

The idea is to create more recognizable areas where students can find officers," Taylor said.

Five years ago, a similar committee evaluated safety on campus after four students were abducted from the Brown College parking lot.

In light of the incident, the Campus Police added eight new officer positions, assigned officers to specific colleges and started locking campus gates at night.

Taylor said President Malcolm Gillis decided another committee was necessary to revisit those safety concerns and devise a series of recommended improvements to campus safety.

"Rice has a history of being safe. There have just been a few isolated incidents," Taylor said.

Will Rice College Master Dale Sawyer, chair of the standing Committee on Security that was created to continue the ad hoc committee's work, said although students feel safe at Rice, they must be more aware of their surroundings.

"We have to acknowledge that we live in the fourth-largest city in the United States, and crime can touch us," Sawyer said. Sawyer said students are encouraged to come forward and discuss their own ideas regarding campus safety.

Bar codes added to permits

by Elizabeth Decker

The Rice Police have added bar codes to vehicle registration stickers this year in an effort to simplify the process of giving parking tickets.

Previously, officers carried handheld ticket dispensers that contained a database of vehicles registered on campus. To pull up a vehicle's file for a ticket, officers would have to type in the registration number.

Now, officers can simply scan the sticker to retrieve information from the database.

This change was made in the interest of both convenience and accuracy, Police Chief Bill Taylor said.

"It's both an efficiency and an effectiveness issue — we're trying to be more accurate in the information we're getting and also trying to do it quicker," he said.

"Because it will take less time to issue a citation," Taylor warned that the number of parking tickets given will most likely increase.

"The one thing that it does mean is that ticket writers can cover more area faster," Taylor said.

Taylor estimates that police currently issue between 50 and 100 citations a day. But once another officer is hired and the bar code system is fully implemented, up to 300 citations a day may be issued.

The switch to bar codes will also allow faculty members to register their vehicles once every three years instead of every year. Faculty parking permits will be issued for a three-year period, as long as the permit owner does not switch either her vehicle or the lot in which she wishes to park.

An additional convenience for faculty is that parking fees can be deducted annually from their paychecks. If the new system works as well with faculty, graduate students may soon be able to register for a three-year period as well.

Undergraduates must register every year because they switch vehicles and lots often.

In addition to new bar codes, the Campus Police are also working toward offering registration services online to decrease traffic at the police station.

Vehicle registration is now available online on the police department's Web page at http://police.rice.edu.

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Margaret Cho does the 'Asian thing' in 'I'm the One That I Want'.

If you are a follower of Cho's stand-up career, 'I'm the One That I Want' stands as an amplification of her best work with a few moments revealing the efforts of a new, strong comedian. With this film, Cho can finally rest comfortably on a revered pedestal with the likes of John Leguizamo (Spic'to'rama), Sandra Bernhard (Without You I'm Nothing) and others. These boundary-shattering comics, with their intelligent and entertaining one-person shows, have paved the way for their often marginalized existence to be embraced by the American consciousness.

Margaret Cho does the 'Asian thing' in 'I'm the One That I Want'.

Stages celebrates the joy of theater with Anton'

A play within a play within a play, 'Anton in Show Business' examines the surprising existence of late 20th-century American theater, as well as the roles of everyone involved: actors, directors, critics, the audience — no one escapes judgment. But the play does not limit its commentary and plot strictly to the world of theater. It also examines and satirizes the real world, with race, politics, sex, tobacco companies and career-oriented daytime soap stars holding their stakes in the plot.

'Anton in Show Business' is performed in Stages' Arena theater, and the small space allows for an intimate and level of interaction with the actors that's vital to the success of the show. Working within tiny stage dimensions, scenic designer Jodi Indoos creates a set that is minimal yet efficient, leaving much to the audience's imagination.

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This 'Woman on Top' comes out on bottom

Angelo Zanola
FOR THE THRESHER

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'woman on top'
Rating: **
Opens Sept. 22.

Makes for a good film, right? Something went very wrong in Woman on Top. Ingredients were left out or watered down. The result is a stale, incoherent mess of a film. Penelope Cruz (in the role of Tobinol) is a sweet, young Brazilian chef who is blessed with amazing culinary talents and cursed with a delectible form of melancholy that requires her to be in complete control of her movements (hint: the title). She cooks in her husband Tobinol’s (Mark Biedzinski) restaurant while he charms the customers. Feeling ре移到 what is the recipe for a successful romantic comedy? Apparently the mood of the movie is Top think that you start with a fairy tale as your base, add attractive stars, mix in charm, wit and a light, spritely Brazilian musical mix, let it simmer for 90 minutes and then serve it as a spicy cross-culture love triangle.

The film also lacks deep characters and insight into relationships. Most of the characters remain static throughout the film. The supporting cast is especially one-dimensional and uses every imaginable stereotype about Latino and San Franciscans. Apparently, every male in San Francisco is either gay or enraptured by Isabella. The depth of the film's insights into relationships in that Latin men are fiery lovers and headstrong, while Americans are more sensitive and giving. Deep. The ludicrous ending does not help, but apparently the writer does not think that fairy tales need plausibility.

Other flaws in the film abound: hackneyed dialogue, characters who drift in and out of accounts, bad special effects and the most ridiculous-looking and emotionally detached black goddess in the history of film. A Brazilian songs of love and mourning. 'Woman on Top' is an unsalvageable film.

If you want to see a "spicy, funny, introspective romance," go see Woman on Top. If you just want to see Penelope Cruz in a good film, go rent something by Pedro Almodovar.

Handcrafted Wedding Bands


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'Love and Sex' monotonous filler

Kevin Cochrane
FOR THE THRESHER

CHI-POAT-LAY. YOOL-LUV-IT.

'love and sex'
Rating: * 1/2
In theater.

The movie opens with Kate Wells (Famke Janssen of X-Men, Celebrity), a magazine columnist in her early 30s, faced with the daunting task of rewriting her article by that evening's deadline. It's not that Kate is a bad writer — more that she misconstrues the purpose of her assignment. In place of a true-to-life, "how to make a relationship work" editorial, she submits a definitive guide to the secret of the secret is in the hands. Astonishingly enough, this is the platform from which the movie bristles to life. Kate recounts all the terrible mistakes she's made, the secrets she's discovered and the monotonous filler

In theaters.

Chili-POT-LAY. YOOL-LUV-IT.
‘Love and Sex’ as bland as an old cheese sandwich

LOVE, from Page 17 of her past relationships, focusing upon the more transient, her first love, the schoolyard flirt with a tender, sensitive side, her high school French teacher; the requisite S, is going to tell her divined guy, and the oblivious, over-dribbling basketball player.

Hollywood offers 90 minutes of TRED stand-up beneath the FACADE of an independent film.

Amidst these tragedies (believe me, they almost made me cry), Kate is able to resurrect one true "gem": Adam Levy (Jon Favreau of Swing, Very Bad Things, a post-modernistic painter with a penchant for basketball. It’s apparent, even to the audience, that there’s something “special” about Adam. Not only is Favreau’s character particularly charismatic, sympathetic and insightful, but he’s also a very specific kind of movie: a movie that I want to shove in my mouth but can’t because my lips are sewn shut.

Hollywood stockrooms are filled with small, intertextual scripts. Usually, the seeds that surface either display some kind of gimmick or are filled with extraordinary dialogue, allowing the manuscript to stand apart from its myriad of siblings. However, very little — if any — discourse in Love and Sex is actually worth remembering. The characters speak in perpetual fervor, desperately trying to best their partners before the next inspired and witty quip. As a result, Breiman never opens the door to anything that might resemble a sincere interchange or honest expression of emotion.

You spend so much time around a person saying “I LOVE YOU,” it’s like saying “CHEESE SANDWHICH.”

Given the continual stream of one-liners and the barrage of orally related references, it’s apparent that Breiman is holding fast to her bread and butter. Adam Sandler movie reviews. Breiman eagerly calls her self an “equal opportunity exploiter,” and that’s not necessarily fair.

When not involving the characters in some display of public affection, jokes move from the principal characters toward the clichés that are inevitable. And of course, the singing and dancing message-delivering midget called muzak.

All the while, Breiman never seems to lose her affinity for something truly fresh and remotely inventive. She approaches relationships from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male — everything from the vantage point of a terminally ill pansy, a true but not terrible adolescent male.

The final message appears to be that love is second; sex is love. But more than that, there is an longing for the desperation of the absence of sex will be a person realize her true feelings.

Adam replies, “Come on, who looks better? SEAN CONNERY or Shelley Winters?”

In the end, Love and Sex plays like a combination of bad spiced-up sketch comedy and an after-school special.

On contemporary relationships, Breiman asserts, “We have so many choices these days, and no obligation to stick with one job, one lifestyle or one person. With all of this choice comes the feeling that there’s always something better...”

In fact, there is — and it’s called Magnolia and it just came out on video. Rent that instead.

This record’s failures, for the most part, are not in the individual instrumentation but in the whole that results, failing to gel without the power of a creative collaboration.

Drummer Abe Laboriel, Jr. is talented and withdrawn throughout the album, but there is a fine line between understated and lack of emotion; he can’t decide between the two.

Bramhall’s vocals are bad. His voice is too forced and unnatural for the bluesy melodies he usually works from, and his ambiguous, backhanded lyrics don’t help. I know lyrics are not the focus of good blues, but I’m not sure that Bramhall does.

The opening lines of the album are telling: “I wonder helplessly day by day/So much easier to leave.”

Any Guthrie-era kid could have written that lyric.

The guitar solos and lead lines also reflect his influences but lack innovation and any unusual technical ability. At worst, these solos sound like Minkus versions of the same song.

The album’s cover, along with the fact that five of the 13 song titles include some variant of the word “I,” reflect Bramhall’s self-absorption.

Jellycream’s third track, “Merry You,” is a good example of the resulting confusion. It begins with an住院的, Princes Parkful of guitar groove, but the chorus re- verses into a bland sound lacking emotion and a fresh touch.

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The highly popular Honda Civic is a smooth, economical, reliable small car that comes in a variety of body styles and into levels. The latest Civic is the hot red Si coupe — by far the most popular model. Civic is pegged small cars because, as with all small engine cars, they work best with the standard 4-speed manual transmission and smooth clutch instead of the 4-speed automatic. The Civic provides a supple ride and nimble handling. But all Civics except the Si could use bigger, wider tires. The brakes are adequate, but not every model is available with anti-lock brakes.

There are tons of options for the Civic. You can cut out all the bells and whistles and get a pretty good deal, or you can add great stuff like a spoiler, CD player and fog lights. The coupe and hatchback models have rather tight rear-seat areas for tall occupants, and getting in and out of the back-seat of those models can be a chore. The front seats are pretty good, though, and the dashboard is a picture of efficiency. But a fair amount of road noise infiltrates the interior. Moreover, cargo space is limited, especially with rear seats flipped forward.

The $17,445 Si is the ultimate Civic, in a class by itself. It's sporty and luxurious — especially for college students.

The Escort has been Ford's bread-and-butter car for over 15 years. Its low price, decent reliability and above-average crash-test scores consistently offer recent college grads and young families an attractive set of American wheels. Much of the optional equipment offered on the 1999 models is no longer available. This includes the power, comfort and sport groups. An AM/FM stereo cassette is now standard, however, as is a rear window defroster and a remote trunk release. Like many other Ford products this year, the Escort has Ford's Belt Minder system (to remind you to buckle up) and a glow-in-the-dark trunk release lever (for those all-too-frequent times when you trap yourself in the trunk).

In addition to the equipment listed above, the ZX2 also has standard power mirrors and the ability to be fitted with the optional power and comfort groups. The Escort sedan has a 2.0-liter, SOHC four-cylinder engine as standard equipment. It generates 114 horsepower and 126 foot-pounds of torque. These are certainly decent numbers, but the ZX2 offers much more for getting around campus.

It's too bad the ZX2 package doesn't upgrade the rest of the Escort's interior as well. I'm not particularly fond of the regular seats or the overall ergonomic design. The radio is mounted too low and the cupholders are too small. However, there's plenty of room in the back seat for your passengers.

If you're looking for an inexpensive and competent vehicle, the Escort could be your car. Just don't let your expectations too high. The other three cars in this comparison eclipse the Escort in refinement.

The Jetta comes standard with a height-adjustable driver seat, which operates via a lever that you just crank to the desired height. A steering wheel that not only adjusts up and down, but also telescopes out and back is standard as well. The instrument cluster's lighting at night is the eye-catchy, cool blue that's in the VW New Beetle.

Sole airs are standard in all Jetta.

One negative for the Jetta is that it doesn't come cheaply. Its starting manufacturer's suggested retail price of nearly $17,000 is still more than that of many small car competitors.

The key to finding your perfect car for you is to be patient. I rushed in to buying my first car so quickly that I didn't know exactly what I was getting. Go for a test drive, then test drive other cars in the same class. If you fall in love with one, wait a week, and go for another test drive. I know all of this sounds tedious, and you just want a mode of transportation. You'll be happier in the end. Also, make sure you check and recheck what is and isn't covered under your warranty. Find out about roadside assistance plans — they're a lifesaver when you have a flat on a dark, deserted road. The best advice is to be informed.
BEER + SPORTS = FUN:
It's math that even an academ can do. As the dog days of summer come to a close, what can be better than sitting back and watching someone else sweat while yelling at the ref and putting back a frothy libation? Sure, you have problem sets to do. Sure, you could be washing laundry. But hey, it's still way too hot for anything like that.

Food on foot
elizabeth jardina

Food on Foot is a weekly feature on restaurants within walking distance from Rice. Restaurants are rated on quality and overall value to the average college student.

JASON'S DELI
2530 University Blvd.
(713) 527-09-40

Sshna acceptable
Veggie friendly
Alcohol: beers

Jason’s Deli is a chain restaurant, and the one in the Village doesn’t differ much from the other Jason’s Delis in the world. However, for a restaurant chain that started in Beaumont (of all places), it serves some pretty good food.

From massive baked potatoes ($4.50-$4.95) that are definitely not a side dish (if you’re not ravenous, order half) to good soups and a crisp salad bar, Jason’s fare is solid if un-spectacular.

You can get traditional deli sandwiches (the ubiquitous Rueben — $4.95) and some Texas-flavored specialties that you can’t find in New York delis (chipped BBQ sandwich, anyone? — $4.25).

Don’t overlook some of the less traditional menu offerings. The chicken parmesan sandwich — though odd sounding — is really very good. Just make sure to eat it while it’s still hot.

One other thing you can find here — the muffaleta. It’s an Italian sandwich made with various meats and cheeses then topped off with a special dressing and olives.

The menu is large enough to satisfy a diverse group, the prices are moderate, and with every order, you get free frozen yogurt. What’s not to like?
We invite Rice University students to join us

Tuesday, September 19, 2000
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Rice Student Center, Meyer Conference Room

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Over the past few weeks, I've noticed a couple of problems. One is that the Rice experience that deserves our attention. First off, it seems upperclassmen are having a really hard time letting go of the HPER acronyms. Now, granted, LPAP sounds more like something you'd find in a Mexican gynecologist's office than at a respectable university's athletic department, but I don't think we have much of a choice in the matter.

I suppose HPER was too '90s, or the new department head felt he had to make waves. Either way, we may as well embrace another Rice quirk to join the esteemed ranks of blimp uniforms, the MOB and the option offense.

Speaking of football, I am beginning to feel bad for our team even more than I normally had. My bit goes out to those poor guys. Those poor boys are told to fly thousands of miles to be offered up as some sort of AP poll sacrifice to Michigan State, or whoever else will pay enough money to treat us like a big blue and gray vector nor thermodynamics will save your frail, pasty body from inevitable defeat. You must simply accept that you are, do not plan on winning any of your games. No amount of practice, will or planning will allow you to even think about possibly competing with the top 50 of scholarship athletes.

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Homan takes over golf program

Experienced squad hopes to continue progress from last season

by John C. Cho

The Stonebridge Shootout in McKinney Monday and Tuesday marks the initiation of Clay Homan into the ranks of Division I head golf coaches.

Homan replaces former coach Greg Martin, who recently left the team to coach at Mississippi State University.

"Obviously, I'm excited about the opportunity," said Homan, who will take over on an interim basis. "I feel that the program is headed in the right direction and we are trying to get to the point where winning is an expectation rather than a desire."

Especially important due to Martin's abrupt departure shortly before the beginning of the season, Homan has the support of his players.

"Freddy like coach Homan," Freshman Ryan Morgan said. "He seems like a very good guy and student of the game."

Homan certainly has the talent required to lead. He was a member of the Golden Bear Professional Golf Tour, in which he ranked as high as 30th in earnings and in the top 20 in stroke average. He also has limited PGA experience, having played in the Southern Farm Bureau Classic and the FedEx St. Jude Classic.

While lack of experience as a head coach seems to be Homan's biggest weakness, his tutelage under Martin has familiarized him with the responsibilities of a head coach.

And his youth — Homan graduated from Mississippi State in 1995 — helps to make him a figure the players can relate to and identify with.

"Clay Homan brings youth and enthusiasm to our men's golf program," Athletics Director Bobby May said. "He is a skilled player, an accomplished teacher and is very excited about the opportunity to lead our program."

Another factor working in Homan's favor is the quality and potential of his players. He has a very talented class of freshmen, consisting of Morgan, Smith and Scott Phillips.

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— Clay Homan

Interim head coach

The freshmen will be following the lead of already seasoned seniors Fred Deutschpøwe and Chris Connolly. Connolly led the Owls at last year's Western Athletic Conference tournament, placing 30th with a three-round score of 228.

Knocking to this very full cake is found in the sophomores, Bradley Lane and Lyall Rowan, who have returned from their summers physically and mentally ready. But things are expected from Rowan, who occasionally wins the St. Andrews Lyen Eden Tournament in Scotland, which features a field of 250 amateur competitors.

Cougled with his win last year, the win makes Rowan only the second golfer in 60 years to win back-to-back there. This victory is proud of the fact that his hand injury, which kept him out of several competitions, has healed.

Rowan is looking forward to getting back on the course with a vengeance.

"I worked really hard — worked as hard as anyone — to get myself in shape," Rowan said. "I want to make a good season, firstly for Rice golf and next for Lyall Rowan."

Whatever success the team achieves this year, part of it should be attributed to Martin, who resurrected Rice golf from the wastelands of the abyss to its present respectable standing.

Two years ago, Martin inherited a team finishing near the bottom of every tournament during the season. Last year, the Owls posted second and third place tournament finishes, and former Owl Drew Conrad captured the individual title at the Border Olympics.

"The success is attributed to Clay," Martin said. "We have always had the talent in the program, just needed the coach to guide us."

Martin, who explained his departure by saying his wife wanted to get closer to home and family, looks back with pride at the development of his players at Rice.

"These guys are Division I players," Martin said. "Look at where the team was when I came here and where it is now. There's a big difference.""I hope [Clay and the athletic department] can keep up what's going on. I hope they continue improving the team's performance with a great potential and not bring in somebody who will only make money."

The Owl's plan to continue the upward trend in performance and have their sights set high.

"Our guys and our program are to make nationals because we have the potential," Rowan said. "We can put it together, we will win a couple times this season."

Freshman Barker grabs Continental Cup crown

by Eric Rau

Last weekend marked important wins for the men's tennis team but also saw some early-season injuries.

Rice made its season debut last weekend, hosting the Continental Cup against the University of North Carolina, Texas A&M University, Lamar University and Louisiana State University at Jule Hens Tennis Stadium.

After the three days of competition, the big winner for Rice was sophomore Barker grabbing his first singles match before falling in the semifinals. The Owls also had four doubles teams advance to the semifinals.

"Overall, we played very well for our first competition," head coach Ron Smarr said. "We competed well and put a lot of effort into it. Harrier beat the third-ranked junior in the country."

Sophomores Ramer Qamar and Junior Alexis Pouschet compiled a 20-18 singles record last year, spending most of the season playing at the No. 2 singles spot for the Owls. Pouschet began the weekend with a 4,7-5 victory over Texas A&M's Ryan Newport.

Fellow freshman Vuk Rajevac notched wins in singles play for the Owls in their flight backdrops.

LSU, a traditional tennis powerhouse, had players win two of the four singles flights.

The Tigers claimed another championship in doubles, when the last day of doubles matches was canceled due to travel schedules and the finals were named no contest.

"Ramer and Qamar did pretty well last year," Smarr said. "LSU was at one-time last year ranked as high as third in the country, and we had a strong showing against them."

Win what flight and what bracket was the biggest story of the weekend, but almost as important during the weekend was who didn't show up on the court.

Sophomores Cody Jackson and Otmane Bentoumi suffered injuries, Jackson's quad injury strain eliminated the possibility of an all-Owls doubles semi-finals match-up. Bentoumi suffered his elbow. Neither injury, however, is expected to keep the players out of competition.

"A lot of people got injured because it's the beginning of the season," junior Alexis Pouschet said. "A lot of people haven't really been practicing over the summer, and that leads to early injuries."

Not only Rice's players suffered injuries. All told, five of the 32 players who were supposed to compete during the weekend were unable to stay on the court. This caused a lot of problems because of defaults on semifinals and doubles matches.

Besides injuries, the biggest threat the players faced during the tournament was not their fellow collegiate athletes but Houston's heat, which took its toll on everyone.

"It was really hot," Smarr said. "It was a tough tournament to play, but thankfully we didn't have people leaving the court with TVs in them this time. It happened before."

The Owls feel they have a lot of depth this year with both experienced returnees and a class of promising newcomers. They hope to forge a team strong enough to challenge for the Western Athletic Conference Championship.

"They pretty excited about the year to come," Pouschet said. "We have some great recruits. They recruit great people for the team and we have a new atmosphere and new energy. Everyone's excited."

For now, however, the Owls have to focus on recovering from last weekend and getting ready for the River Oaks Intercollegiate Clay Court Institutional, which starts today and runs through Sunday.

College is an art and a science. Soon enough, you’ll discover the proper course of study is figuring out the brave new world while extending as little effort as possible. Which brings us to the subject of CompBank.

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Michigan dominant in 38-7 victory

Owls proud of full-game effort, 68-yard 4th quarter touchdown pass

by José Luis Cubrias

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2000

On its first play from scrimmage Saturday, Rice finished the snap and turned the ball over.

Then, things got worse. So much worse, in fact, that the storied University of Michigan football program did something it had never done before.

The third-ranked Wolverines scored a school-record 28 first-quarter points Saturday en route to a 38-7 blowout win over the Owls. It didn't take long for Michigan's Stadium's 109,778 fans to find something to cheer about. Rice botched the exchange from center on its very first play, giving Michigan a first-and-10 from the 37-yard line. Two plays later, Wolverine running back Anthony Thomas rumbled through the Owls and into the end zone to give his team a 7-0 lead.

At that point, a whole 19 seconds had gone off the clock.

Rice's next possession was slightly more successful, and every snap went off without a hitch. But the Owls managed just 17 yards on slightly more successful, and every five plays and were forced to punt from their own 37-yard line. Sophomore Travis Hale unleashed a solid 47-yard kick, but Michigan's Ronald Bellamy had gone off the clock.

Thomas scampered 27 yards to make it 21-0, and another Navarre-to-Sadler connection made it 28-0 with 2:39 left in the opening frame. At this point, for all intents and purposes, the game was over. But the Owls, despite the impossible position in which they found themselves, didn't give up.

From the second quarter on, Michigan still was the scoring machine, but by a mere 10-7. In terms of yardage, the two teams were also close, as the Wolverines gained 214 and the Owls 186.

Granted, with a 28-0 lead, the Wolverines likely let off the accelerator at least a bit. And, despite the appeal of running up the score and impressing the pollsters, Michigan was playing primarily with backups by the fourth quarter.

But the Owls still held their own. And Hatfield said that shows a lot about his team.

"It's important that, as a champion, you get up every time you get knocked down," Hatfield said. "And we got knocked down a bunch. But the great thing is that we kept getting up."

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Head coach

Tulsa's high-octane passing attack a concern for Owls

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Battling from behind the whole way.

Rice had intended to start the game.

"We didn't have good game-plan enforcement," head coach Ken Hatfield said. "We wanted to try to make them go the length of the field, but the fumble and the punt return gave them some quick points."

Things didn't go a whole lot better on Rice's next two possessions. Both resulted in punts, and Michigan again found the end zone on each ensuing possession.

"It was great," Sadler said. "It was just internal happiness. But it felt good to it. It was my first catch and touchdown."

The play was especially important because Sadler was making his first start of the year. The senior, who was a three-year starter at cornerback before moving to halfback this season, raised the team's opener against the University of Houston with an injury.

"Simply getting into the game was the most important thing for Sadler, who is expected to play a key role in Rice's Spread option attack."

"It was great," Sadler said. "I got up. I looked at the fumble, and I thought it was a go."

"They have seen some pretty good quarterbacks and some pretty good
times in Houston and in Michigan," head coach Ken Hatfield said. "But we didn't want to see one equally as good in Blankenship. He's an outstanding quarterback. It will be a tough matchup."

But Hatfield's not buying the talk of an emotional letdown following last week's marquee matchup.

"We've been focused on our conference," Hatfield said. "When you start a season, you love to play well against non-conference people, but all of it is trying to prepare for your conference run. That's why I like playing two or three non-conference games early, so you get a chance to experience college football before you play a game that really has an impact on your goals."

"We know how important this game is, and I think we'll be ready to play."

There is a God who wants, and there is a God who is—

The turning point of our lives is when we stop seeking the God we want and start seeking...

the GOD
who is.

—Patrick Morley

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Seawall 301
7:00 PM
Every Friday

For more information, contact Ed Cotrell at erac@rice.edu.
Friday, September 15

The Men’s Tennis team will be at the River Oaks Country Club for the River Oaks Intercollegiate Invitational. This clay court tournament lasts all day today through Sunday.

The masses of tapered stonewashed jeans gathering at Sid Richardson College could mean only one thing—EASY ’80s Tシャツ in the Sid Commons. Better brush up the Boy George costume and buy a lot of hairspray.

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The Shepherd School of Music sponsors 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.

By the time Baker College reads this, their COLLEGE NIGHT should be well under way. Translation: I could talk all the trash I want ... inebriates don’t read well!

Saturday, September 16

The Football season continues as the Owls host the University of Tulsa at 2:30 p.m. at Rice Stadium. On a related note: Tulsa does not have a No. 3 ranking.

Sunday, September 17

The Houston Seminar presents a concert featuring artists from Rice University’s SHEPHERD SCHOOL OF MUSIC. The concert is at 4 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall. There will be a limited number of complimentary tickets for faculty, staff and students. Call (713) 666-9000 for additional information.

Monday, September 18

In lieu of providing each residential college with its own Tommie Precision Home Haircutting System, the Rice Program Council has instituted this event called BARBER DAY. Highly skilled hair technicians will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of Rice Memorial Center’s Grand Hall to give discounted $5 cuts.

Wednesday, September 20

Now’s a good time to reinvigorate those friendships with people from Brown College and head over to their PUB NIGHT tonight at Willy’s Pub in the Student Center.

Thursday, September 21

The Rice University Art Gallery sponsors the opening celebration of KASTENHAUS from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Artists Wolfgang Winter and Berthold Horbelt will give remarks around 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to this free event in the Rice Art Gallery in Sewall Hall. Ice cream and beverages will be served. For more information, visit http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~rasg.

Friday, September 22

Will Rice Will Drink — tonight at Pub Night. WILL RICE COLLEGE will be at Willy’s Pub in the Student Center for some liquid refreshment.

If the toaster’s a-rockin’, don’t come a-knockin’! College Night is upon thee, LOVETT COLLEGE:

OK ... if you haven’t set your course schedule in concrete by now, you might as well pick everything up and join procrastinator’s anonymous. Today is the LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE, meaning the registrar shows no mercy after 5 p.m.

The Houston Chapter of the United Nations Association sponsors a lecture for its Adopt-a-Minefield Initiative by AMBASSADOR DONALD STEINBERG—special representative of President Clinton and the secretary of state for global humanitarian de-mining, at Baker Hall at 3 p.m. Call (215) 493-4626 for more information.

Jones College hosts its second FUTURA PARTY tonight from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. in the Jones Commons. This really just boils down to a bunch of drunk kids wearing foil.
HELP WANTED
ON CAMPUS WORK: 8.30-10 a.m., Game business experience a plus. Write to spicy, 217 West Gray, Rice University. Executive Education is seeking exceptionally bright, ambitious students to assist in various office duties. Responsibilities include making copies, answering phones, computer work (MSWord, Excel), and organizing programming functions, including re-scheduling informational events, greeting executive clients and handling miscellaneous requests. Requirements: good organizational skills, able to work independently, problem solve, and learn quickly. Hours available: most Monday and Tuesday 9-3:00 p.m. or 10 hours per week between Monday and Friday. For an interview, please contact Dave Altemus (713) 914-0014.

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Top 10 Reasons Britney Spears should be the 2001 Commencement speaker
1) She has one slimmin' brain. Word is she has an exorbitant IQ of 165. I feel the Rice community would benefit by taking that brain for a test drive.
2) Anecdotes: You love them and she's got tons. Wanna know what it was like to be on "The Mickey Mouse Club?" How's Justin Timberlake in bed? How you develop so voluputously in such a short period of time?
3) She's worldly. Britney has performed live benefit concerts for starving kids in Somalia, shamrockets in Harlem, Rinsenat Hindum markets and crackheads in Harlem.
4) Britney's people told us she could work out a Diva-discount. Her boyfriend, the backpage editor, told her to do it and she totally sweats him so she'll say yes because he's got her on a tight leash. That bitch.
5) She sings worse than Christina Aguilera, Jessica Simpson and Mandy Moore.
6) She promised she'd donate a new building if she got the job. Just think — a new building!
7) She'll probably sing her newest smash single "Satisfaction." You're welcome.
8) She's got new abs. Period. Camacho whipped her fatass into shape.
9) She doesn't have some cheeky son running for president.
10) Some misclass fo' dat ass.

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