**Students discovered with $10K of stolen property**

by Lora Danan and Elizabeth Jardina

Stolen property worth at least $10,750 was recovered when University Police arrested Wes's College seniors Francisco Padua and Scott Byer Sept. 28. The two were unloading items from a self-storage facility when police arrived on the scene.

Padua and Byer were arrested and booked into Harris County Jail on charges of theft the following day. They were released Tuesday after each posting $10,000 bond.

University Police Chief Bill Taylor said the suspects have stolen about $60,000 of property over the past three years.

The students had also been arrested in previous years.

The storage unit was rented under the name of Brown College senior Khalil “Charlie” Ghoulah on Sept. 19. The day after Padua and Byer were first arrested.

Ghoulah, who is on the track team along with Byer, said he was never party to any thefts but that he rented the storage unit because Padua and Byer are his housemates.

“They told me they’d put it in storage and take it back to wired, and that they’d pay me back for the unit,” Ghoulah said. “It was a mistake. It was wrong, but I helped them based on the fact that they were my friends and not really guilty. I didn’t know how serious it was, how long they’d been doing it.”

Ghoulah said he has not been contacted about any university charges and has not been

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**Hanszen private party cancelled**

by Rachel Rosset

The university cancelled a traditional, unofficial Hanszen College party last week. In a letter to all Hanszen students, Masters Klaus and Eugenia Weissenberger said "Tequila Night" could not happen this year.

In previous years, the party has been a shot-drinking contest for freshmen held the night after the first week of introductory chemistry, physics and mathematics tests.

The letter, dated Sept. 27, states: "...the University has asked the Masters of Hanszen College to inform you that 'Tequila Night' cannot take place any longer in its traditional form and nature. We thank you for your support and encourage you to establish an alternative tradition in its place."

Eugenia Weissenberger refused to comment about the letter. According to Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs John Hutchinson, the General Council’s Office initiated the discussion about the party earlier this fall.

"Tequila Night is sufficiently well-known on campus that it amounts to a public party," Hutchinson said. "It is also known to be dangerous to our students. Associate General Counsel Carlos Garcia said when the university learned about the nature of the party, it was forced to act. Last year a Hanszen freshman passed out and had his head after drinking 11 shots of tequila in less than two hours. He was taken to the hospital and got right stitches on his forehead. In 1991, a freshman was hospitalised after Tequila Night with a blood alcohol content of .25 after drinking 16 shots of tequila.

Hutchinson stressed that the cancellation of Tequila Night will not affect the current alcohol policy. "As long as we abide by the alcohol policy, and we do, everyone in the Rice community, then the alcohol policy will continue to be the rule that we follow," said Hutchinson, who is also a master at Wes's College. "The only thing that will hurt the alcohol policy is flaunting it."

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**Martel founding committee announced**

by Leslie Liu

The founders charged with the task of creating a brand-new college identity met for the first time last week to discuss the development of Martel College’s founding committee.

The committee, composed of two students each from each existing college and Martel Masters Arthur and Joan Few, met with Martel Foundation trustees at Cohen House.

"Member of the committee spoke Wednesday about making history, starting from scratch and building a university, for all for a college that won’t have a building to call home until January 2008," Venson said. "I think it’s one of the biggest opportunities any students have in to shape the campus," said committee member Emily Vernon, a Brown College sophomore. "It’s really neat opportunity for our side of campus to change in a really positive way."

James College sophomore Cynthia Liu, also on the committee, said it was exciting to know that the committee is starting out with "a clean slate." "All the colleges are pretty much set, but Martel, we can help make its personality," Liu said.

Although Martel will not have a home for its residents for more than a year, Liu said it will not affect the community. "A college is not necessarily the building, it’s just the people," she said.

Venson said the most important role of the founding committee is to build the Martel community by doing everything other colleges might do. "We need a good pep rally, we need to be competitive in EM sports, and we need to have a fund for parties and college nights and associate nights," Vernon said. "We need to be a social hub for the students of Martel, just like all the other colleges are for their students."

Baker College senior David Cerretti said that creating a college identity requires a balance of charisma, real organization, communication and legislation. "It’s a great opportunity to turn these pictures into reality."

Arthur and Joan Few, who are...
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**.Columnist vents anger at underserving party**

To the editor: Reading the column "One experience neglects transfer students" (Sept. 29), we take issue with the author's attempt to depict a negative impression of a new common community. We hope Shreffler will rethink his vocation or take a pill conclusion.

Persons, we have had good experiences with registrar employees, and even in cases where there have been clerical problems, we have believed that they were trying to help.

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New Home Ween seniors

**Criminal punishment warrants attention**

To the editor: I was a bit fluffed up by Garrett Morris’s column on capital punishment ("Controversy distorts capital punishment," Sept. 29), particularly the comment, "on the grand scale of things, it really doesn't make a difference."

In the grand scheme of things, most things can be seen to be inconsequential. But trivializing an issue just because you personally don’t care for it is in very dangerous. The fact that a large portion of the population sees the capital punishment issue as significant makes the reason for further discussion, not creation because it glosses you off.

I feel that capital punishment touches us all because the taking of a human life has repercussions beyond the immediate life in question. I will continue to make capital punishment a major issue because human life as a whole is important. With capital punishment, we are basically saying that there is some finite level of human dignity which can be lost by committing a crime. Perhaps this is a point to be argued, but it is certainly not a point to be trivialized. Life is the fundamental right of human civilization.

Additionally, the thing about living in prison is worse than dying misses the point. Even if prison is a life worse than death, which is a statement I would not in any way find myself — or anyone else — personally experienced the situation — qualified to make.

An alarming percentage of those convicted of capital crimes are eventually found wrongly convicted, and often innocent. When that happens, the prisoner is released. A prison sentence can be reversed while a death sentence cannot.

If capital punishment is not inherently immoral, it is at least inappropriate in a legal system which cannot with finality and without partially term who committed the wrong.

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**Pro-death penalty logic is flawed, dangerous**

To the editor: Mr. Merriam, you are by all accounts a philosophy graduate student. If none of the things we learn in philosophy is the coherence and valency of arguments and above all, coherent thinking in an area or the other, then perhaps you should rethink your vocation or take a few more courses.

Here's why: While you think that we should all just take a “chill pill,” it is obvious that you are uninformed, one direction and one direction only ("Controversy distorts capital punishment," Sept. 29). That is, that the death penalty is something that should neither be thought about nor debated.

Not understanding our country's long tradition of debating issues such as these, you proceed to make what can only be seen as an argument by analogy.

You point out that prisoners are far worse than death, and therefore, we are to assume that death is the preferable option. In the same line, you then point out that although there are, admittedly, innocent people's lives at stake, these people will remain in prison anyway, getting whipped by seven foot tall "Neanderthals."

Continuing in your incredibly sensitive vein, you then point out that either way one rolls the dice, components and death penalty system will find what ever "evidence" "that comes your way" to their side's favor, concluding that the penal system sucks.

I would agree that people will interpret what they want to interpret, but that does not mean that one can therefore jump to the conclusion that since they will do this, it is useless to try. However, in the interests of a philosophical analytic, we see a few flaws in your line of reasoning and your "chill pill" conclusion.

Even if it is true that "either way" people will get what's coming to them, this is not an ethical justification to continue to give people what shouldn't have been coming to them.

The question here: centers instead DEATH, Page 9

**CONTACTING THE THRESHER**

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As you feel about these issues, the lack of clear and consistent messaging is disheartening. Even the last Russian election had at least 20 candidates, and most CAPP members are seemingly unapproachable—perfect people with no problems. That is why I was surprised when someone suggested that I stop thinking about it and begin to learn more about it, I quickly listed my self-CAPP membership, and began to learn more about it. I realize now that there are SO million or so people who think like I do, and that is why I was surprised. I decided to stop thinking about it, but I was still interested in learning more about it. I then wrote something for the Review, and it was published in the next issue. The Review is a student newspaper, and it is a great place to publish your work. When you write for the Review, you get to express your ideas and reach a large audience. The Review is published every week, and it is available online as well as in print. I encourage you to submit your work to the Review, and I look forward to reading your articles.

At the beginning of each academic year, the newly elected Honor Council meets to establish a penalty structure for the year. This is done to give a basis for consistency and to give the students and faculty an idea of how the council acts in a given year.

A unanimous vote is required to find any student in violation of the Rice Honor Code. If that occurs, then an appropriate penalty is decided upon by majority vote.

The penalty structure is a three tiered system based on the violation's proportion of the course grade:

- 0 - 10%: F in the course
- 10 - 20%: F in the course and 1 semester suspension
- 20% and greater: F in the course and 2 semester suspension

These are the maximum penalties the Honor Council allows, to be reduced whenever the council feels mitigating circumstances apply. These include the following:

- Unintentionality of the violation
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- Cooperation with the council through a plea of In Violation made in good faith and full disclosure of the facts of the case.

The Council may cite these mitigating circumstances to lower a penalty as much as they feel necessary given the unique facts of each case.

The council specifically cannot consider the following as mitigating circumstances:

- New student status
- Ignorance of the Honor Code or gross negligence
- Stress
- Non-academic effects of the penalty
- Remorse or signs of rehabilitation.

The Honor Council may only go beyond these penalties in the case of a "heinous violation." This distinction can only be made by an unanimous vote, and has not been invoked in recent memory. A violation may be considered "heinous" whenever it is considerably damaging to the academic atmosphere of Rice University or directly harmful to an individual's education. In fact of this include, but are not limited to, destruction or theft of another's work or involvement in a large-scale conspiracy. Repeat violations automatically allow the council to go beyond the penalty structure, though they need not necessarily do so.

Students with any questions or concerns should contact their college representative or any other Honor Council member. Their names and addresses, along with other information, are available at http://honor.rice.edu.

-Aaron Martz, Honor Council Secretary
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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

- The senate approved the Rice Society of Automotive Engineers. Members will attend racing events around town and have weekly meetings at colleges on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. For more information, contact James Eubanks (jse@rice.edu).
- SA Internal Vice President Diane Mack reported that 668 students registered at the voting registration drive last week. Students can vote in the Rice precinct by registering in a mailing form by Oct. 8.
- 500 Homecoming T-shirts for the Rice vs. Southern Methodist University game will be made.
- The Graduate Student Association will hold a free first aid/CPR certification class Nov. 12. Participants must pre-register by Oct. 23 by sending e-mail to gspa@rice.edu.
- The Rice Student Volunteer Program Project Pumpkin, the annual Halloween carnival for children ages 1-12. It will be held in the Hanszen College quad Oct. 28 at 1-4 p.m. Suggestions for the SA booth can be sent via e-mail to Jamie Stackler (jacastle@rice.edu).
- Elections for SA treasurer and Homecoming royalty will be held Oct. 20. Nominations will be available Friday and will be due Oct. 13.
- The Academics Committee will discuss a minor program, mid-semester evaluations and UPAP courses. Contact Colin Vandell (cvandell@rice.edu) for more information or to comment on these or other academic issues.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Monday in Farnsworth Pavilion, Ley Student Center.

POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were reported by the University Police for the week of Sept. 24:

Residential Colleges

Lowell College

Oct. 1 Theft of radio from secured area.

Other Areas

7701 Main St.

Sept. 26 Report of stolen Rice property being moved to off-campus location. Property named and suspects arrested. Two students transported to Harris County Jail.

Rice University

Sept. 29 Recovery of a bad check issued by student.

College Way

Sept. 30 Subject driving wrong way on one-way street and driving while intoxicated. Subject arrested and transported to Harris County Jail.

Rice University

Sept. 30 W audi stolen. W audi was last seen around extramural playing field.

Graduate Apartments

Oct. 1 Student's vehicle struck, no notice left by striking vehicle. Report of failure to stop and give information.

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Campanile

by Rebecca Vigen

This is the cover of the 1999-'00 Campanile, which arrived yesterday and will be distributed to students beginning Tuesday evening at the Coffeehouse.

"Campanile" to arrive next week

The Campanile is in time again. The 1999-'00 Campanile, the undergraduate yearbook, arrived yesterday, and the books will be available at the Coffeehouse beginning Tuesday evening.

This is the second consecutive year the book has been on time after being thrown off by a history of late books that culminated with last fall's simultaneous arrival of the 1998 and 1999 books.

Jamie Bartling, coordinator in chief of the 1999-'00 Campanile, said she was glad the book will arrive on time.

"I'm really excited about seeing it and seeing people's reactions to it and am just glad that the Campanile's finally on track again and we can start establishing a good reputation for the book," Bartling, a Lovett College junior, said. "I would love it if some of the bad reputation could be part of the history and we could just move on from here."

Student Media Adviser Jen Cooper said delayed Campaniles go back to 1995, caused by lack of student participation, computer errors and the fact that the media adviser position had not yet been created.

These problems helped create a cycle of late yearbooks because editors had to complete the previous year's book before they could concentrate on their own.

Sarah Clark (Jones '98), editor in chief of the 1998 Campanile, ended the cycle of late books by finishing the 1997 book and then continuing to work on the 1998 book until its completion, which was after her graduation from Rice.

While Clark was finishing the 1998 book, 1999 Editor in Chief Lauren Reed Li (Bowdoin '99) was able to start work on her book at the beginning of the 1999 school year.

Cooper said the Campanile's main goal in producing the 1998 and 1999 yearbooks simultaneously was to get production back on schedule.

"The '98 book was in some ways a sacrifice, because it's unusual that we gave it to a student who left the university to finish up, but that way it meant that the next book could start fresh," Cooper said.

Cooper said one significant problem in the production of the yearbook is the lack of cohesiveness in the student sections.

"It's something that doesn't have to be all done at the same time, by everyone in the same office," Cooper said.

"The college sections can work from their colleges, so you don't have the same kind of staff cohesiveness as the Thresher or the SA end up with."

Another problem has been that the college section editors are chosen by the colleges and not by the editor in chief, Cooper said.

"Every year, there's usually a couple of college section editors that just have to be hounded and nagged and coerced into producing their sections," she said.

Cooper said the production of the yearbook went smoothly this year because the two editors in chief, Bartling and Rosamary Castler, a Lovett junior, were dedicated to improving the book.

Hanszen College senior Jen Frazer, 2000-'01 Campanile editor, said it was also helpful that neither Bartling nor Castler were seniors because they were able to work over the summer and complete the distribution themselves without hindering the production of this year's book.

Each undergraduate student pays $24 for the Campanile as part of the annual student fees. Any student who said her fees last year can pick up a yearbook next week.

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Student proposes Swahili classes

One of the things that interests me is that there seems to be significant student support, and even some faculty support," Shokes said.

"I don't think that continuing Swahili as a college course is adequate,'" — Mtagiizi Jost-Nkinyangi, Will Rice senior

He submitted a proposal to In- tions of Humanities Col- Stokes two weeks ago asking for Swahili classes to be instituted.

Stokes expressed enthusiasm for expanding the language program at Rice, which was supported in class by students in Hindi, which have not been offered consistently in the past few years.

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Firefighters free students from elevator

Almost half an hour after they were called, Houston Fire Depart- ment firefighters freed five students trapped in a Sid Richardson College elevator Saturday. The students were in the elevator for a total of one hour.

When the technicians did not ar-ive after about 25 minutes, police called HFD to release the students from the elevator. Police told the firefighters to enter the campus at Entrance 3, but three fire trucks came in through Entrance 8. Be-cause too many cars blocked the fire engines' route from Entrance 8 to Sid, the trucks were forced to exit the campus and re-enter at Entrance 3.

HFD firefighter Doug Switch, who works at one of the stations responsible for covering the Rice campus, said firefighters are better able to locate buildings on campus when Rice police officers meet them at a gate.

A man who gave his gate number, and usually if security is there, they angiels is in Switch said.

Also, because fire engines were not in emergency mode, it took them longer to maneuver through traffic than it would have if their sirens had been on, University Police Chief Bill Taylor said.

Over the summer, Sid elevators were renovated at a cost of about $220,000. The elevator's cables and software were replaced, Mechanical Repair Supervisor Connie Cox said.

Technicians found that the eleva- tor stalled because the governor, a safety device that shuts down the elevator if the mechanism produces an unsafe, tripped from an over-clock speed.

Conn said jumping up and down on a moving elevator is a common cause of stalled elevators because it can produce a force up to 16 times a person's weight.

"The technician was under the impression that someone had been jumping up and down," Cox said.

The five students at Sid said they were not jumping in the elevator. Cox said the elevator's governor could possibly be recalibrated to be less sensitive.

Three of the students stuck in the elevator — Brown College juniors James Kreft, and Jared Thwing and Sid senior Christian Lockwood — had been stuck in a Brown elevator for an hour and 40 minutes the previous Wednesday night.

The students sang songs to pass the time.

"I wish there had been hot, na- ked girls stick on the elevator with me, but instead it was my worthless friends," Lockwood said.

The five students were on their way to Willy's Pub when they be- came trapped in the elevator. De- spite the hour delay, they continued to the Pub after firefighters released them.

"We were worried that we wouldn't get one of the hot, naked girls stick on the elevator, but instead it was my worthless friends," Lockwood said.

"I don't think that continuing Swahili as a college course is ade- quate," he said.

"It's a question of going beyond the Northern hemisphere, which is often equated with the Western world." — Maria-Regina Kecht, Director, Center for the Study of Languages

College courses, sponsored by residential colleges, are intended to be interdisciplinary in nature and they count for course credit. However, they are not part of any academic department and require a student to propose the course every year. Jost-Nkinyangi said he thought the Will Rice Swahili class was suc- cessful. Thirteen students enrolled in the course last spring.

Will Rice College, in collabora- tion with another college, will offer Swahili again this spring, Jost- Nkinyangi said.

Last spring, history graduate stu- dent Michaelson Outreach taught the course.

"If it is decided this year, it will not be decided until the budgeting process is complete," Stokes said.

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Hutchinson: Rice alcohol policy will not be affected

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grant violation of it.

Garcia said he thinks the al-
cohol policy puts responsibility on students.

"I think it treats the students as fully responsible for this whole debate on the rules on alcohol," he said. "By 'and larger, the students respond quite posi-
tively. But in the situations where students have been hurt by this, we feel that they themselves have helped us draw the university is compelled to do something about it. I think this was just one of those situa-
tions.

The letter to Hanszen students also said the cancellation of the party was "in response to the ar-
ticle in last year's Thresher, and the subsequent discussions.

Garcia said the party came into question because of its nature and history, not because of last year's Thresher article about the Hanszen freshman being injured.

Hanszen students have vary-
ing views on the party.

"It's advocating underage drinking," Hanszen freshman Elena Chan said. "It's another opportunity for people to act re-
elass and drunk.

Hanszen senior Tom Miller said the event was a good introduction to alcohol, es-
pecially since freshmen are going to be drinking at parties anyway.

"Freshman Tequila Night pro-
vided a relatively controlled, though competitive, environment for experiences to occur while surrounded by advisers and friends that were ready to take care of drinkers," Miller said.

The controversy surrounding Tequila Night remained some Hanszen students at the discus-
sion in the past two years about Night of Decadence. NOID is an official Rice University party that has been criticized for its sexual nature and for the student drinking surrounding the event. Hutchinson emphasized that the situation surrounding NOID is not comparable to that surrounding Tequila Night.

"Tequila Night is sufficiently well-known on campus that it amounts to a public party,"—John Hutchinson

Assistant vice president for Student Affairs

"NOID is different because NOID is in fact a registered uni-
versity event," Hutchinson said. "The university take-responsibility for making sure that the stu-
dents are safe, that our policies are followed, that underage drink-
ing doesn't take place, that students are not endangered, and that if students wind up in a sit-
uation where their health is at risk, we are in a position where we can take care of them."

"Tequila Night didn't turn out be the outcome because it's an uninformed party," he said.

Hutchinson stressed that the decision to cancel the event was made to protect students. "The university cares about its students, cares about their health and safety, and takes in every way that students treat one another responsibly," Hutchinson said. "We're con-
cerned that this would have been an irresponsible event for the health and safety of our students, and that's our biggest concern.

Fews welcome new Martel members

Fews, from Page 1

also interim Baker College master for the rest of this semester, said all applicants for the committee talked about starting Martel traditions.

"Arthur Few said many applicants talked about Martel's ties to other colleges. They think that's very important and they would like to see (Martel) and the college that doesn't become introverted or closed off," he said. "I like the idea of having cross-campus connec-
tions."

The founding committee will decide how to select other members of Martel, write the constitution, and will brainstorm ideas for the creation of a college identity this semester.

Committee member Garin Parks, a Hanszen College junior, said some of the main reasons he decided to apply for the committee was because he knew students would be able to make many of the decisions. "If you know what you're going to do, that means you're not going to be able to look at others."

"From what I know, this is the first time students have been included in the process, so I think that's going to bring a whole new voice to it," Parks said. "We can come in with all our previous experiences, to figure out the best solution to some problems we're going to, of course, have to deal with."

Arthur Few said although he couldn't say for certain until the founding committee meets, the tentative goal is to have 150-160 Martel members by the end of this semester.

The Fews said another of the founding committee's as to be select several associates to serve on the committee. Later, the college's associates will be se-
lected from associates currently at the other colleges.

Current Martel community associates include the Treasures of the Martel Foundation and one Interim Associate. An interim associate is a new faculty member assigned to a college for a year to learn about the college system.

The Committee of Masters approved the members

of the Founding Committee Tuesday, and students were notified of their selection Tuesday evening. The Fews formally announced the list of committee members to the public Wednesday.

"We're very pleased with the quality of applications," Arthur Few said. "We wanted these 16 people to repre-
seent as much as possible everyone on campus.

Jean Few said the students selected are like ambush-
saders from their colleges. "For them to want to do this, they've got to be the type of person that would really want to work hard and be enthusiastic and have vision and we see that can be done — innovative ideas about doing new things at new colleges," she said.

The Fews will move into Martel House when it is completed next summer, and the scheduled move-in date for students is January 2002.

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Students cooperate with university police to recover stolen property

ARRESTS, from Page 1
charged with any crime—
police searched Padua and Byer’s
apartment, with their permission,
property.

Taylor said there are eight re-
ports of stolen property with serial
numbers that match recovered prop-
erty. There are also 11 cases in which
police think the property matches
reports but don’t have serial num-
bers. About $300,000 worth of
property has been recovered so far,
Taylor said.

Taylor said the earliest report that
matches recovered property is from
January of 1998, during the winter
break of Padua and Byer’s freshman
year.

Padua and Byer have offered to
help retrieve items not recovered
during the arrests.

“They have admitted to some
things that we have not yet recon-
ciled,” Taylor said. “In fact they have
offered to assist us in trying to re-
cover those.”

Included in this group are a num-
ber of projections taken from Sewall
Hall over the past two years.

“I suspect that these guys are
responsible for doing 50 percent of
the property losses we’ve experi-
enced on this campus in the last
three years,” Taylor said.

Padua and Byer are not allowed
on campus as a condition of their
release on bail. They are also no
longer enrolled at Rice.

The date for the presentation of
the case before the grand jury has
not yet been set, but Byer, Padua
and Christian “Ash” Martinez (Sr.
’00) will appear in court Oct. 17 un-
less their case is presented for the
grand jury before that date.

Martinez was arrested in the Sept.
18 incident with Padua and Byer,
but he was not present at the storage
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The place was a dust bowl," recalls freshman that has arrived at the college help from the university, the dent and senior Curt Petersen.

As legend has it, some Will Rice members decided to have a sand volley ball themed college night a few years back and imported several hundred pounds of sand into the quad.

Sadly, the cleaning of the quad following college night was poor and a muddy mess in the rain. Now, though, it seems all that is changing.

Every college has an unofficial meeting ground, a place for college members to congregate informally, usually outside. Jones College has the Orchard and Will Rice has the patio. In both activities, students often hang out on the picnic tables in nice weather; congregate to talk or play cards after a night of partying or just enjoy a break between classes on the tree swing.

These ideas are embodied in the phrase, "QPT," or "Quality Patio Time.

"The last time I went out on the patio, some freshmen were hanging out there and one of them asked me, "Dibs, aren't you proud of our QPT?" I said, 'Yes, I'm proud!'" Will Rice President Eden King said. The phrase QPT has been around for as long as anyone can remember.

The importance of the patio to the culture of Will Rice is understated by the governing body of students at the college, the Dist. "Will Rice has been really big on supporting the [patio] through physical improvements, money [and] hoping to be a great piece of the puzzle," King said. "And we really wanted to do a full-scale revamping of the space.

The patio is especially important for giving off-campus students a feeling of belonging to college. It hope that the improvements to the Will Rice quad and patio will give O/C students a nicer place to hang out at its hub of activity. Students eat lunch usually outside. Jones College has the closest to the current patio location, Vice President for Administration Dean Currie and former head of F&H Bob Truscott came up with a plan to refurbish the tree swing. These ideas are embodied in the phrase, "QPT," or "Quality Patio Time.

"The ideas to reclaim the Will Rice Patio and quad from the growing wasteland has been batted around by both the Diet and individual students for years. Last year, the timing was perfect when Petersen and Will Rice Physical Improvements Coordinators senior Patrick Quayle and junior Jesse Dickerman went to F&H Director Mark Ditman several times to express their desire for improvements to the quad and the patio. "Ditman has been really supportive of our efforts to improve the college, from supporting our mural project, WHC garden, basement renovations, bike room improvements and now the quad project," Petersen said.

Will Rice's request matched the thoughts of the administration as well. With all of the new construction on campus, Vice President for Finance and Administration Dean Currie and former head of F&H Bob Truscott came up with a plan to upgrade the landscaping of the south colleges. The two took their idea to Rice's master landscapers for an estimate.

"When the cost proved to be too great for one project, they began to look at it stages," Ditman said. He estimated that out of the Will Rice project alone to be $120,000. The Will Rice quad was chosen to be among the first areas tackled in the project, Ditman said, because "tried for an improved and aesthetically pleasing place that we can grow turf, and if we're successful, we will move on to the rest of the south colleges.

Finding for the project comes from the housing fees students pay to live on campus every year. "This project competes with all the other things we could do with the money," Ditman said. "It is the first aesthetic project we have done recently.

The first part of the project was to trim the branches of the trees surrounding the patio to allow more sunlight to reach the ground and support the turf. "The trees are more important than the landscape, but you bet they were a design constraint," Ditman said. Tree care and irrigation were also a problem because of the complex root systems of the old trees in the quad.

"That made the next part of the project to improve the drainage - you have to have sunlight, irrigation and drainage to make the turf work, so that infrastructure is what students see being put in now," Ditman said.

Concrete surfaces already outline the new patio, which features a semi-circular bench by college members in the center. Concrete slabs outline the new patio, which features a semi-circular bench by college members in the center.

Workers from Rice's contractor HouScape install the new irrigation system.

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**Dancer in the Dark**

Dancer in the Dark is the best movie of this year. It won't be another one like it this year, nor for many to come. It is brilliant, original, magical and timeless, and enough people see it and recognize its genius, it might become an instant classic.

Missy Bailey
FOR THE THRESHER

These days, movie theaters are brimming with stories of love and sex that are frighteningly melodramatic and cloyingly sweet. Those circumstances make a film like The French-made Girl on the Bridge all the more refreshing — trust the French to produce a love story both perfect and slightly bizarre. In this film, director Patrice Leconte, known for his clever and provocative films, has truly outdone himself.

Nothing is as it seems in this bright, laughing, whimsical film. The story is as air, mucking, all-sky and witty. It dares you to scoff, to find it shocking or unrealistic. It cheerfully ignores logic and flags convention.

Filmed in black and white, with dizzy images and sharp, suddenly shifting camera angles, it has the feel of a silent 1920s film — half-surreal and essentially timeless, with a dark, hypnotic, undercurrent that somewhere...
Fresh talent lights up One-Acts

Maria Stafford
FOR THE THRESHER

In casting only first-year Wiess College students, the Wiess Freshman One-Acts draws upon less than "freshmen one-acts" — Wiess College
Rating: **2 1/2 (out of five)

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I present all the total potential acting talent available at Rice. Nevertheless, this year's show turns out to be pretty good — not only in light of this handicap, but also by any standard of college plays. Whether the surprisingly high quality of the show is due to a rich crop of talent in Wiess' class of 2000 or to that famed "From Wiess" cocktail of brains and teamwork, the production is a lot of fun and even hilarious at times.

I Shouldn't Be Here is the show's lineup of five short plays, "The Whole Shabang" takes on heavyweight ontological questions in a way that is inescapably contrived and trite, not to mention slow-paced. The actors can hardly be blamed for Rich Ort's (vapid) script and, in fact, they make competent attempts to breathe some life into it.

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‘Smash’ delivers schoolgirls and socialists

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After the aftermath of Sidney and Henrietta’s ‘Smash’ delivers schoolgirls and socialists. Ships abound. For starters, Agatha is attracted to Sidney, but she has no idea Sidney is Henrietta’s husband. In fact, Henrietta told her that her husband was kidnapped by anarchists.

Jane Carpenter (Wiese College sophomore April Stevenson) pursues Sidney with a tenacity that almost outshines his wife’s. But Agatha’s heart is not as strong as Henrietta’s. For starters, Agatha is attracted to Sidney, but she has no idea Sidney is Henrietta’s husband. In fact, Henrietta told her that her husband was kidnapped by anarchists.

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Henrietta (Rachael Tolbert Kimbro) pouts at Sidney (Mark Barrett) in Smash.
Gabor offers Adele a job as his assistant, a target for his knives. He has a history of haunting women who have nothing to lose and are consequently more open to this particular line of work.

Adele indeed proves lucky, alluring and a wry sarcasm that masks real intensity. Both he and Adele are desperate, at least in the beginning, and their desperation finds an outlet in their risky profession. Both seem ready to shatter at any moment. It is this careful balancing on the edge of despair, this manic, neo-voyeurism, that ties these two together and forms the foundation of their story.

Girl on the Bridge is a fair tale, albeit an utterly modern one. The black and white filming gives the film a timeless aspect, a sense that it could have happened yesterday or 50 years ago. The soundtrack contributes to the mood, veering from dreamy love songs to swing music to jazzy numbers. The plot sometimes seems absurd, but that's part of the charm. It's a story that questions, the meaning of the ordinary, of life and death, of luck and fate, offering an impossible happiness for two people who have nothing to lose. Adele's "luck" hinges on self-realization; Gabor's is an unshakeable faith in the miraculous.

Their act becomes more and more dangerous and their risks more drastic as they move on, drunk with their own success. Their lives center around their performance: It becomes, for them both, an addictive mix of pleasure and fear, tension and triumph, as they lose themselves in the strange bond between them. A suicide Lurks in these knife-throwing scenes, but it remains always understated and complex, like the relationship as a whole.

As they both lie in the hospital undergoing treatment for hypothermia, he at last convinces her to accompany him.

The acting is excellent, especially Auteil's. If you've seen Jean de Florette or Manon of the Spring, you may remember him as the dark and troubled Ugolin; if not, you're in for a treat.

Edloe Street, next signal

In what was the first Edloe Street gig since spring 1999, the Hanson College band, consisting of freshman Rolf Straubhaar (left), juniors Eric Vanderlip and Jared Singer and senior Kurt Smith, played atop 180 on Sept. 29. The tuxedoed djqx (Hanssen junior Taylor Cavanah) spun dance songs before the Edloe Street set.

Dancer in the Dark is a tragic drama first and an uplifting musical second. On another level, it implies how unnatural other musicals are. Created, their songs convey some sort of message about the story or characters, but it's even odd to see a bunch of people randomly expounding into song simultaneously. Here, the songs perform the same function, but are easier to accept because the audience knows they're not based in reality. Von Trier even goes a step beyond for these songs. For the dramatic scenes, he used a simple handheld digital video camera, employing dark, washed-out colors and choppy editing. On the other hand, 100 stationary UV cameras rolled simultaneously capturing the musical scenes, which are more vibrant and smoothly edited. His style is amazingly complex. One moment is delicately executed, another soon after is incredibly graphic and brutal.

Dancer in the Dark is reminiscent of Life is Beautiful in its emotional highs and lows and sense of escapism, and of The Shawshank Redemption for its ability to make us connect emotionally with oppressed characters. It's rare for a film to have a special kind of "moment" when it's almost too great and true to life and overwhelming to watch. Dancer in the Dark has too many to count.

Critics' opinions have varied widely over this film thus far. I think it's obvious how I feel, but I'm also sure that I'll love it even more as I see it again and again. You'll either love Dancer in the Dark or hate it, simple as that. Open yourself up, give it a chance, and you will love it.

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Attack of the little-wheeled scooters

Corey E. Devine

Quick — what's the hottest kid in campus transportation? It's made with magellene high-tech, aerospace-grade aluminum; but even your grandfather would give a kick out of it. It's narrow enough to hold 150 pounds, but it's small enough to carry around in your backpack. On top of all that, it's so trendy that movie stars like Kevin Spacey are jumping on the bandwagon.... err... the scooter. That's right; scooters are making a comeback — a big comeback.

Scooters were originally used in Germany during the 1950s as a mode of transportation. They became popular in the United States during the ’60s, experienced a resurgence in the ’90s, and are currently on the upswing once again.

Two years ago, a small company in Tokyo, Japan came up with the idea for a revamped scooter while trying to design a mode of transportation both fast and effective in the overcrowded streets of the small island.

It devised the light, fold-up scooter as an alternative to cumber-some bicycles. The new scooters are designed to be small. Razor, currently leading the market in sales, makes a model that folds to a little scooter as an alternative to cumbersome bicycles.

They're constructed of super-light aluminum that keeps the total weight under six pounds. The brake control has been taken off the handlebars — the rear wheel. The most pricey scooter in the Razor line, the JD Razor 2000, is $200, but if you're looking to buy one riding a scooter at night much more visible.

Scooters were originally used in America during the 1800s as a mode with ruggedly high-tech aircraft-grade aluminum, but even your parents might have made their way back to the United States. The majority of scooters for kids are made from recycled plastic. Whether they're cool or not, there certainly is a market for scooters. Whether they're cool or not, there certainly is a market for scooters.

Whether you're looking for something that can hold up to 200 lbs or something that can hold up to 250 lbs, there are scooters for every budget. The most popular scooters are the Razor V-1200 and the JD Razor 2000, both of which are made from recycled plastic. Whether you're looking for something that can hold up to 200 lbs or something that can hold up to 250 lbs, there are scooters for every budget.

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Screw Yer Roommate: Pub Party

Last Saturday hoards of Rice students donned silly costumes while emulating the sounds of farm animals, but the normal Saturday night festivities in the Five Man weren't the most important event on campus. After the always-awkward blind dates, Screw Yer Roommate participants made their way down to the Pub for "refreshments" and fun. It's amazing what the Pub can do for an unattractive screw.

Top left: Screwing is fun. (Andrew Humphrey and Ann Marie Lobe)
Top Right: Awww, aren't we just so cute? (Sarah Baxter and Jeff White)
Bottom: We got stuck in an elevator. We lost our screw dates. Now, we're out of beer — not such a great night for us. (Christian Lockwood, Marc Zubick, Jared Thigpen and Chris Fortas)

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Pampered eggs, omelets, breakfast with your parents when they come into town. The food is fine, but nothing spectacular. The omelets ($5.39-$9.50) are a solid choice, served with parsley-flaked potatoes (that are some-tacular. The omelets ($5.50-$6.95) are in skillets — they're all eggs and potatoes. The pancakes ($4.10-$8.75) are uncommonly good, especially the banana nut ones, that feature copious chunks of fresh banana and pecans. Their lunch selection (which we didn't try) primarily includes sandwiches, salads and pastas. Go for lunch. This is a good place for brunch and delivers free to campus.

Hungry's has lots of things going for it, though. It has a large menu and a beautiful patio. It accommodates all levels of health-conscious people (leaving anything from a mixed fried basket as a grilled chicken breast burger) and delivers free to campus. False food.

I really want to like Hungry's. They're so wholesome. They serve lots of food that's good for you, and their outdoor perch is one of the most pleasant places in Houston to sit outside and have a meal. But food that's good for you doesn't really taste that good.

The first time I went, I had a black bean burger ($6.25), which was lovingly prepared and served with exciting garnishes. But black bean burgers generally taste pretty bad, and this one was no exception. On my second visit, I steered away from health in favor of taste. My eggplant pita ($6.25), served with provolone cheese, roasted red peppers and Aioli dressing, was quite tasty.

I'm not used to my second problem with Hungry's. The waitstaff seems extremely friendly yet inexcusibly spacey. Our waiter gave me a small Greek salad ($5.15) instead of my black bean orzo salad.

In addition to this, he assumed that my dining companion also wanted a Greek salad instead of a pasta salad, and he charged us for a couple of incidental items (soup, and Ira that never arrived). Hungry's has lots of things going for it, though. It has a large menu and a beautiful patio. It accommodates all levels of health-conscious people (leaving anything from a mixed fried basket as a grilled chicken breast burger). If you're too lazy to leave campus, the menu's available online at http://www.hungrygroup.com.

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**Volleyball faces crucial weekend**

by Chris Larson

This is the most important weekend thus far for Rice's volleyball team. The reason is simple: The Owls have a goal, and San Jose State University's weekend tournament in the Western Athletic Conference is the last event at which they can do something about it.

San Jose State and Fresno State finished second and third, respectively, in last year's Western Athletic Conference standings behind nationally ranked California State University at Los Angeles (CSU-La). The coaches forecast a repeat top-three finish for the California schools in this year's WAC preseason poll.

The Owls, however, are not ready to concede those spots in the conference race. They believe they have the necessary talent to defeat both San Jose State and Fresno State.

"These are the most important games of the season," head coach Julie Morales said. "These are the games we need in order to be in the mix for the WAC.t"

"Anything's possible, but Hawaii's in a class by itself. But we're working on our team, and we can come out of this fog between us. We need to be honest with ourselves, both in terms of this year's entering the tournament." The Owls lost to San Jose State at 7 a.m. at Aunty Court Saturday in a match against University of Nevada Las Vegas. Las Vegas is in three games to Hawaii.

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Women's soccer held scoreless in defeat
Texas Tech defense holds off Owl attack to hand Rice its first loss

by Paul Aronson
FOR THE THRESHER

It was a disappointing weekend for the women's club soccer team. A lucky goal for the visitors and missed opportunities for the Owls marked a 1-0 home defeat at the hands of Texas Tech University Saturday.

The loss dropped the Owls into second-place tie in the Texas Collegiate Soccer League's Lone Star Division — Rice and Texas Tech now have identical 4-1 records.

Despite controlling the flow of the game, the Owls were unable to break through with a score against Tech's defense.

"We controlled the ball most of the game," senior defender Clara Filice said. "We had a lot of shots but struggled to finish.

Rice dominated early on but the game remained scoreless until Texas Tech hailed a shot in from a goal halfway through the first half. This would be the lone goal of the game, and the Red Raiders did not threaten again.

They never had anything going offensively," senior midfielder Tanya Hanway said.

Rice tried to turn up the offense pressure and maintained control of the game but was still unable to score.

After taking the lead, Tech took a defensive approach for the rest of the game, stacking as many as nine defenders in the penalty box when the Owls had the ball.

Ultimately, the tactic succeeded, as the Owls were not able to get on the scoreboard. After scoring two goals in their first two games, Rice's opponents have held the Owls to a total of three goals in their last two matches.

"We played a better game, but they just got lucky," Hanway said. "We ended up taking ourselves out of the game more than Tech did. We tried to force the ball down the middle instead of playing on the outside.

Rice was scheduled to play the University of Texas at Arlington on Sunday, but UT Arlington failed to show up and the Owls won by forfeit.

The Owls now turn their attention to Sam Houston State University, which they will host on Sunday at 3 p.m. Rice scored a 7-0 victory over Sam Houston State in Huntsville Sept. 17.

Every game is now critical for Rice, especially with a pivotal matchup against Texas A&M University looming later this month. The Aggies lead the league with a 5-0 record and have already posted a 3-1 win over the same Texas Tech squad that defeated Rice on Saturday.

The Owls will have to finish the season strong and perform well in the regional tournament to earn a return trip to November's national championships.

Only 16 teams are invited to the national tournament; a year ago, Rice and Texas A&M were the only TCSL teams to receive invitations.
Freshman Chao wins Rice Classic

by Eric Raub

Freshman Karen Chao won the flight C singles title at last weekend's Rice Tennis Classic by winning all four of her matches in the round robin tournament.

Sophomore Jeri Gonzales and junior Natalie Hagedorn teamed to win the flight C doubles title.


Chao has continued to step up at every tournament. But just as she and her teammates have improved, Chao said she has seen the people across the net a little tougher as well.

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Men’s soccer scores first win of season

The men’s club soccer team posted its first win of the year with a 2-0 victory over Sam Houston State University Sunday. The Lads jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead behind two goals from freshman attacker Jerry Roicki and held on for the victory.

Roicki completed his hat trick when he scored off a Bearkat defender to open the second half.

“We really played well in the first half,” junior goalkeeper Wally Upp said. “The first half showed what kind of team this is and how we can play.”

The win couldn’t have come at a better time for the Lads, who have struggled through a season of several close defeats, including a 3-1 loss Saturday at Baylor University. Rice currently stands at 1-6-1 in the Texas Premier League with one match remaining.

“We lost quite a few people from last year. It took a while for the team to come together,” Upp said. “We’re still working on that.

“We’ve had a lot of injuries this season and we’re playing in a league where all the schools are bigger than us. I never felt like we were badlly outplayed — we just have had a little trouble scoring and have made a few defensive mistakes.”

Relays eliminated in qualifying at Sydney

None of the Olympic track and field relay teams with Rice ties were able to make it out of the qualifying round last week in Sydney.

Victor Lopez, Rice’s head men’s track and field coach, was the head coach for Puerto Rico’s track and field delegation.

The men’s 400-meter relay team placed seventh of eight in its heat and 33rd of 40 teams overall with a time of 40.12 seconds, well off the 39.26 mark needed to advance to the semifinals.

Puerto Rico also fielded a squad in the women’s 1,500-meter relay. Their time of 3 minutes, 33.30 seconds placed them sixth of seven in their heat and 18th of 23 overall. The team needed to beat 3:26.05 to rank in the top eight and advance to the finals.

Finally, 2000 graduate Margot Fox of the Canadian squad was eliminated in the qualifying heat of the 1,600-meter relay as well. Fox, an alternate on the team, did not run in the meet. Canada finished in 3:37.90, a little more than one second off the qualifying standard.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Will Rice senior earns spot on WPFL team

Will Rice senior Liz Jackson was selected last week to be one of the 43 women on the Houston Energy, a new team in the Women’s Professional Football League.

Four hundred women tried out for the team. Tryouts began in early August.

“We’ve been having practices Monday and Wednesday nights for about five weeks now,” Jackson said. “We’re still working on that.

“The team roster was officially announced Sept. 27. The women’s professional football league players under National Football League rules but uses a smaller ball because women’s hands tend to be smaller. There are 11 teams in the WPFL.

Jackson, who plays center, said she will make 500 a game.

The season starts Oct. 14 with a game against the Austin Rage in Austin.

The Energy’s first home game is Oct. 21 at U.S. 1 Stadium, also against the Rage.

Player of the week

Leman leads Rice over UTEP

The volleyball team used quick starts in each game to post a convincing four-game victory Sept. 29 against the University of Texas at El Paso.

With the win, the Owls moved to 2-1 in Western Athletic Conference play and second place in the conference standings.

The Owls jumped out to leads of 6-0, 7-0, 8-2 and 13-2 in games one through four, respectively, on their way to the victory. The leads represent a welcome reversal from last season, when the Owls found themselves playing catch-up in virtually every game.

“Serving is what does it,” head coach Jills Morales said. “We are aware that our problem has always been falling behind, and we’ve been pretty good lately about waking up and doing the things we need to do.”

Another key to the Owls’ victory was the fact that Rice in general played a much cleaner game than UTEP did. Minor errors including missed serves, miscommunications and net violations prevented the Owls from putting together a run in several instances.

Finishing each game, however, proved to be more difficult for the Owls. In the first game, the Miners rallied to the game at 13-13 before a kill by junior outside hitter Leigh Leman followed by a service violation by UTEP gave the Owls the game.

“It was a mental breakdown,” senior outside hitter Karolina Zelinka said. “We had a problem when we were winning and playing a team that’s not as good as us. We tend to play up to their level.”

In game three, UTEP finished with a 12-1 run to force a fourth game.

“Throughout the match, we let it up in the end,” Leman said. “We got big leads, but we had problems finishing the game.”

The Owls resolved to not let it happen again in the fourth and final game, however. Leman led an explosive hitting attack that gave the Owls a 278 hitting percentage for the game as they posted a dominating 15-4 win.

For the match, Leman recorded 27 kills and just two errors on 60 attempts for a .471 hitting percentage.

Rice’s attack was also led by senior outside hitter Karolina Zelinka, who posted 24 kills and a team-high 22 digs.

“They’re both very stable, very strong hitters,” Morales said. “Against teams like this, they should be able to get the advantage.”

Leman’s effort against UTEP, combined with her team-high 14 kills last week in a win at McNeese State, earned her the honor of being named the WAC Player of the Week.

IN FOCUS: VOLLEYBALL

Records: 12-4

WAC Record: 2-1 (tied)

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What made the difference: Jumping out to quick leads in each game allowed the Owls to take control of the match, and Rice committed fewer hitting, blocking and ball-handling errors than the Miners.

Up next: Rice hosts San Jose State University Friday at 7 p.m. and Fresno State University Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

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Reeling Owls already looking towards Hawaii game

FOOTBALL

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"If we just sit up here and don't care and give up, it won't do anything for us," Hurd said. "Maybe our bowl chances have been eliminated, but so what? That's not the mind frame of a championship team. We're not going to roll over." Instead, Rice is already looking ahead. Way ahead. The Owls will take next weekend off, meaning they won't play again until Oct. 21 when they host the University of Hawaii at Rice Stadium. That's more than two weeks away, but the Owls are glad to have the opportunity to take some time off before their next game.

"It's a good time for a break, no doubt about it," head coach Ken Hatfield said. "We have a chance to get some people rested and healed up. The main thing is to get ready for Hawaii, and we're ready to go. That's our goal right now. It's all we're focusing on. We'll beat Hawaii, and we'll go from there."

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Wiess College Tabletop Theater puts on the production of THE PHYSICISTS in the Will Rice College Private Dining Room. Shows are tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. Although no tickets are required, donations will be accepted.

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OWLS VOLLEYBALL takes on Fresno State University at 7 p.m. at Autry Court.

Jimmy Buffet inspires Brown College with tonight’s MARGARITAVILLE party from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Brown Commons. On a related note, I might add that Mr. Buffet also sings such lyrics as “Why don’t we get drunk and screw?”

The Rice Water Polo Club sponsors today’s co-ed (not naked) WATER POLO game against Stephen F. Austin State University today at 12:45 p.m. at the Rice Pool in Autry Court.

sunday OCT 8

Today’s WOMEN’S SOCCER game is against Sam Houston State University. The ladies take on the … ahem … Bearkats at 3 p.m. on the intramural fields near Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

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References — a need to save $$ for tuition.

FIFTY wallets, 34 backpacks, 20 pairs ofjes. 12 personal computers, eight vehicles, seven monitors of mid-wage, five golden rings, three leather couches and one Rice Metro chartreuse have been reported stolen since Sept. 18. But instead of inflaming crime warnings, University Police are reaching along with students at the rebirth of college spirit. "These alleged thefts are clearly jokes committed in a jovial spirit of intercollege rivalry," Police Chief Bill Taylor said.

The renewal of college spirit is attributed by the University Police to a recent act of larceny that has revolutionized the concept of a jack.

On the night of Sept. 18, two Enterprise Rice seniors and a former Rice track star decided to antagonize members of Hansen College by temporarily moving a flat-screen computer monitor from the Humanities Building to a pawn shop on South Main Street. In a brilliant finishing touch, the three merry pranksters tossed over a female custodian to symbolize their anger at the impostor knocking "down" of Wiess College.

Little did they know that their simple tomfoolery would send waves of admiration and emulation throughout the Rice community. The University Police, upon discovering the theft, tried to jump me, but I quickly gave them the smack down with my massive physique. Since I don't like making grown men cry, I hope在未来人们将使用这个标志来区分不属于BPEs的标志。