Student loses lawsuit against Rice

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A student found guilty of plagiarism by the Honor Council did not graduate this year despite her lawsuit against Rice trying to force the institution to grant her a degree.

Baker College senior Anita Bangale's lawyer argued in court that the evidence gathered by the Honor Council was not clear and convincing, and that the judge should grant a temporary injunction allowing her to graduate May 12, according to an article in the Houston Chronicle that day.

The judge did not grant the injunction.

Bangale was accused and found in violation of plagiarizing a paper for Anthropology 314, a class about perspectives on genetics taught last fall.

The paper in question was copied from a Web site. She was suspended for two semesters and failed the course after her Honor Council case.

During the case, Bangale claimed that the plagiarized paper — which was submitted by e-mail to one of the professors in the class — was not the paper she turned in at all. She said she wrote an entirely different paper and submitted a paper copy to her anthropology professors. Neither professor received the hard copy of the paper.

Bangale said that someone else must have stolen the paper she turned in and submitted the clearly plagiarized paper via her e-mail account, which she often left open in her frequently unlocked room.

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A fond farewell to the departing Haydons

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All college masters are, by nature, both necessary and exceptional individuals. They are people who, in addition to caring for their own families, have room in their lives and hearts to help others. At Rice, such college students, some of whom will reciprocate and others who will simply take advantage of their generation. To be an effective college master, one has to genuinely care about the students, and I can’t think of anyone who has illustrated the characteristic better than John and Paula have.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were reported to the University Police for the period April 24-May 20. Items were omitted due to space constraints.

Residential Colleges
Sid Richardson College April 24
Debit card stolen from Sid Rich Commons.

Wessan College April 28
CDs stolen from student’s room.

Sid Richardson College May 3
Disturbance between two students on balcony reported. One student was banned from the residential area by the masters and was escorted to his vehicle.

Will Rice College May 4
Bicycle stolen.

Will Rice College May 6
Money and watches stolen from room.

Hanszen College May 8
Vehicle damaged while parked in residential lot.

Academic Buildings
Anderson Hall May 1
Vacuum cleaner stolen from closet.

Mudd Lab May 1
Officer stopped vehicle due to strong smell of marijuana. Student admitted to smoking marijuana and had 1 gram of marijuana cigarette.

Herman Brown May 3
Three books stolen from office.

Koeck Hall May 7
Money bag and money stolen from room 129.

Shepherd School May 10
Visitor’s daughter’s wallet stolen from her backpack in concert hall.

Other Buildings
Hanszen College May 3
Three books stolen from offices.

Laboratory Road May 20
Traffic stop for possible DWI. Subject was slightly intoxicated and passed a field sobriety test.

University Police May 10
Wallet stolen.

POLICE TOW CARS FROM RESERVED AREA

By Elizabeth Becker

Police towed more than 20 vehicles from the Allen Center/Cooper House Lot April 28 to parking in the restricted areas near Cooper House and the 24-hour reserved faculty spaces. The vehicles were moved to the stadium, rather than to an off-campus lot. Students were charged $55 for the towing and given a $15 ticket for parking in a restricted area.

Students are allowed to park in the Cohen House section of the lot from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, and from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on weekends. Six spaces in Lot M are reserved for faculty and staff 24 hours a day.

Warming notices were posted in residential college Friday afternoon and evening stating that cars would be towed if not moved from the Cohen House portion of the lot by 10 a.m. Saturday. Notices were also placed on vehicles in the north and south college lots and the Allen Center and Cohen House lots Saturday morning. At 10 a.m. appointed officers walked through the colleges warning students that cars were about to be towed, University Police Chief Bill Taylor said.

The police department had received many complaints that the Cohen House spaces were not being kept open for the special events held there, Taylor said.

Taylor said police were also receiving complaints from faculty and staff regarding the 24-hour reserved spaces. Faculty and staff said an area for permits, making Lot M the most expensive on campus.

“Our staff was already doing e-mailing and complaining, and would come in and they would somehow force them to park and were having to park out in the stadium lot,” Taylor said. “Here they are coming in on the weekends to do extra work, to make things work right, and they couldn’t even park in the lot they’re paying a fair amount of money to park in.”

Taylor said loose enforcement of the parking regulations regarding the 24-hour reserved spaces and the Cohen House spaces was a reason for the difficulties experienced by faculty and staff.

“Basically what had happened was during this semester we’d really been real strict about it. It was like a matter of fact, we’ve pretty much been not enforcing it," Taylor said. "Then we were going to be enforcement in those areas on Saturdays and Sundays to work or in the evenings to work that they couldn’t find parking spaces,” Taylor said.

Baker College freshman John Peek, whose car was towed, said lack of enforcement was a reason they were coming in on Saturdays and Sundays to work or in the evenings to work that they couldn’t find parking spaces,” Taylor said.

“While I thought it was illegal at the beginning of the year, but then after they left me park there rather than giving me a ticket for being on campus just, I was beginning to think maybe they changed the rule,” Peek said.

Brown College junior Simi Gupta, whose car was also towed, said it was too dramatic of a step to increase enforcement from no enforcement directly to towing.

“My thing is that it’s not that big of a deal if they ticket it, because if we’re not supposed to park there, then they should have ticketed,” Gupta said. “It’s the fact that they started towing without telling anyone, and that they’ve never ticketed before. They were trying to make it a point, but you can’t just go from no ticketing to towing.”

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Gupta said it was especially difficult for off-campus students to learn about the plans because warnings were only posted in the colleges, and no e-mails were sent.

Taylor said a copy of the parking regulations given to every student upon vehicle registration and that the regulations are posted online at http://rafq.rice.edu/Parkingreggs. jsp.

Taylor said next year the regulations will be more consistently enforced from the beginning to avoid this problem.

“I think it was the best timing,” Taylor said. “I think if we had gotten the message across sooner, we would probably have more communication on cross-year.”

Taylor said the root of the parking problem is the shortage of parking on campus, especially near the residential colleges. Because of overcrowdation, the Jones college lot and Herman Brown College lot have been eliminated, contributing to the parking problem on campus, Taylor said.

“Unfortunately it’s not going to change. It’s going to be tight from here on out, and people are all going to have to learn to live with the current situation,” Taylor said. “We just don’t have the same amount of parking that we used to have in that area.”

Taylor said parking illegally will exacerbate the parking shortage by displacing sensibly empty spots.

“If somebody parks their car in an area where they’re not permitted, it means that somebody else has a permit that parking can’t park there,” Taylor said. “There are no spots parking on the front of this campus. Every space is accounted for.”
Seniors recover from last-minute job offer changes

by Olivia Allison

The day before his graduation, Baker College senior Mike Cohen lost his job offer. Consulting firm Booz-Allen & Hamilton called Cohen the afternoon of May 11 to say it was cutting back on its new hires, effective May 15. By 5 p.m. that day, when he contacted the company to find out what was happening, he found the company was changing all of its newly hired employees’ start dates to September 2002 because the company didn’t guarantee the students a job. Basically, the consulting firm rescinded the offer. The company also rescinded the offer because “I guess the ironic thing is that we are leaving the company with a great group of very, very talented people doing great, great work,” said screwing up our sign-off—which were just a neat pen — were in the mail.” Cohen said he doesn’t have a job yet. “So, well, you'll be better off somewhere else because your. You're not going to work here.”

Booz-Allen offered Cohen two months’ salary as a conditional compensation package in lieu of severance or whatever it wanted to call it. Cohen had spent eight hours a day finding on the Internet for job openings and using contacts from previous jobs to help his chances.

He said he is looking for jobs in the coming months because of his degree, such as finance and engineering. “And people have contacted me and even come across major, and it's been a big challenge,” he said. “But we're still in the middle of May. Now you say don't be too hard on him. But he can't help it.”

While Cohen said he is disappointed that the offer was rescinded so soon, he is comfortable because he has many other offers. “There are many, many more companies,” he said. “I had gone to the point where I had worked on more work experience with Booz-Allen than I would have with more than eight or nine companies.” He said that more than eight companies are interested in him for these companies. “I'm contacting now — but not in terms of what they pay other employees, and I'll work really hard.”

Job locations, locations or start dates have changed for other Rice students.

Four students signed contracts with the management consulting division at Accenture, formerly Andersen Consulting. These were the same four weeks before graduation that they will have to be reoffered or division or strategy consulting. The four senior students will join the 22 Rice students hired in recent months.

Rice, Columbia University, Emory University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology were targeted for the reoffered because these are the four of the schools Accenture began recruiting with the most recently. Because Accenture does not anticipate any openings in the strategic division, it does not plan to reoffering of any of these campuses positions or new hires.

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“The most wartsome aspect of it is that there's really no guarantees that, given the general economic slowdown, there would be work for me in September,” Farrell said. “The two concerns are what to do first, what we're working on, and the second is what to do if we get work, if at all. The second is basically, what happens if things continue to go badly for the company?"

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- **Student shuttle fee**: from $31 to $30
- **Employee stadium parking fee**: from $125 to $120
- **Employee (i.e. Allen Center Cafeteria, House Lovett Hall) parking fee**: from $229 to $230
- **Illegally parked in college lot**: from $25 to $50
- **Illegally parked in non-parking area**: from $25 to $15
- **Illegally parked in faculty/staff lot**: from $25 to $10
- **Illegally parked in restricted space**: from $25 to $10
- **Illegally parked on grass or walkway**: from $25 to $20
- **Illegally parked overtime**: from $25 to $10
- **Illegally parked in fire zone**: from $50 to $20
- **Illegally parked in spaces designated for people with disabilities**: from $50 to $25
- **Operating vehicle in unsafe manner**: from $50 to $25
- **Speeding—up to 15 mph over speed limit**: from $50 to $20

**Unauthorized driving or riding motor vehicles (including motorcycles and cans) on walks, paths or other crosswalks**: from $50 to $25

**Vehicle boosts**: from $75 to $50

**Fines will be doubled instead of tripled for excessive parking citations, or more than 3 in a 12-month period, including warnings.**

Revenue from parking fines is used to help pay for student leadership service, including maintaining buses and parking lots, and the construction of the new Central Kitchen. The increased fees will also allow the university to purchase additional parking enforcement equipment, including license plate readers and automated ticketing machines.

"People also need to understand that we don't write tickets to generate revenue. The tickets are written to enforce the parking regulations to get people to comply." — Bill Taylor, University Police Chief
Researchers crack digital code

Computer science students, professor meet industry challenge

by Mark Brevorne

A group of Rice researchers in computer science and the psychology department on Friday won a lawsuit against Napster, a start-up company offering a software program enabling users to download music off the Internet.

The computer science researchers were part of a group that made national news last month when they witnessed a written agreement on the recording of Napster's servers at a convention on the recording industry.

A couple of months later, with the aid of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the researchers went public in a letter to the Recording Industry Association of America claiming it illegal to study certain technologies and techniques used to prevent unauthorized copying of digital music.

The letter, which was written by Will Rice College sophomore Adam Stubblefield and computer science graduate student Benjamin Swartzlander took part in a public challenge sponsored by the Secure Digital Music Initiative (SDMI), a umbrella organization representing the copyrights to music, companies with proprietary digital watermarking techniques and other technology firms.

The group decided not to accept the money and publish their findings. However, the group was satisfied with the new venue for their findings.

"It's worth $500 to be enjoined from discussing what you did... In our interpretation, the thing for us to do was screw the money and publish our findings," Wallach said.

"We were skeptical about the wisdom of going forward and presenting that paper while there were so many unexamined open questions. There wasn't time to come to a reasonable conclusion about whether or not there were serious legal impediments," Eugene Levy, assistant professor in computer science, said.

However, Wallach said the conclusion of the lawsuit and the paper's release led to it being relabeled as "well informed." No, that is not a good thing for us to do, Wallach said. No, that is not a good thing for us to do, Wallach said.

"I'm not real happy with the outcome," Wallach said. "So I'm not real happy with the outcome."
Holly Hall plans cause confusion

by Rachel Rustin

The Martel College plan in Holly Hall calls for the removal of three-bedroom/bathroom apartments, not three-bedroom/three-bathroom apartments. A series of misunderstandings between Holly Hall and Martel led to the confusion.

Martel President Alice Hill, a Will Rice College junior, said they could have done things differently, "what's done is done." She said some people have complained about the arrangement, but many students have been happy about it, which is exactly how it was put to its first test when the Foundation Committee said it was happy about the new pieces of KTRU's programming, which was established after the shut down of KTRU in December.

It was good that the KFC was there because it allowed us to be able to work something out in a very non-confrontational way, "Funny said. Station management was also thankful the new pieces of KTRU's organizational structure were used to decide on a policy. The real thing that I was happy about was that I could come out in a peace- ful manner," Horn said. "We sat down and discussed it, which is exactly how any change should take place."
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Six students win government-sponsored Fulbright scholarships

by Rachel Rust

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During the fall semester, Sew Hoy said he plans to take both Chinese and comparative politics classes at the National University of Singapore. During his second semester, which he had hoped for, he will be at the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies.

Hicks also knew she wanted to take a year off, so she will be studying skin bioengineering, specifically skin grafts, in Germany.

"It is almost what I had hoped for." Sew Hoy wrote in an e-mail late Tuesday night from his home in Germany. "Even though I have not yet fully analyzed the results, I believe that the verdict was approximately what I had hoped for.

"In May, I asked my girlfriend if she had demanded Hicks be excused from the party and the police had talked to him about some things."

"We never arrested him or anything, " Taylor said. "He was a known person, but there's nothing negative about him. I know some of our officers had contacts with him in the college environment and he was acting a little immaturely."

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"I'm a little bit scared because I don't speak German, but the Fulbright scholars are a very strong, international language course in Frankfurt, " Hulsey said.

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Honor Council investigates plagiarism case, suspends accused

Professor Susan McIntosh, who taught Bangale in Anth 314 last fall, told the Rice Thresher that he believed an enemy had framed her for the plagiarism.

"She's an intrepid, independent-minded student, and people who make mistakes are not very likely to frame other people," said McIntosh.

"That would be an extraordinarily difficult task," she added.

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Dees challenges seniors to bring justice to the world

The following is the text of the speech Morris Dees, civil rights leader and Co-Founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, gave at the 88th Commencement Ceremony May 12. Dees, a civil rights leader, spoke about Martin Luther King Jr.'s positive impact on his generation, and said King was the most important figure in this generation.

"[These] degrees that you'll walk away from here today with will be the keys that will open many doors. But also remember that you, as the brightest among us, hold the keys to the gates of justice. And therein lies a grave responsibility."

— Morris Dees
Co-Founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center

But the greatest person to raise our consciousness in this generation was the prophet Martin Luther King Jr. He, in his way, set about to make us better citizens. And, yes, Ralph Nader who has tried to make us better public citizens. And, yes, Richard Nixon who reached across those big gates to open them. And they were very successful. And they were very successful.

From far and wide people brought goods to sell in the marketplace, and there was a farmer who came there to bring his goods through those big gates as they opened early in the morning to be placed in his stall in the marketplace. And he saw things that bothered him. He saw able-bodied men with women sitting at those gates begging for food. And upon inquiry he learned that they wanted to work, but because they weren't with the right people or didn't know the right people, they didn't get a good job or a job at all.

Then as he went into the marketplace, he heard grumbling from the people and he inquired and found that they didn't believe the court system was fair, that sometimes some people got arrested and put in jail when other people belonged to a different group didn't get arrested and didn't get put in jail.

And this bothered this farmer. He wanted these people to succeed. He was a man of some means and some reputation and so he asked for an audience before the leaders of the town.

You know this farmer. He was the prophet Amos. And he went before these leaders and he said, "You know, you people have a good thing here, but unless you're fair to everybody in this country, unless you give everybody an equal opportunity, you're not going to be able to keep the good things you have and pass them down to future generations."

And so he spoke to them the words that the Reverend Dr. King spoke to us at a time when our country also had wandered from its principles. He said, "Don't be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and rightousness like a mighty stream."

It's so important that when you're also working to build our gross national product, to make sure that finally they settled and built a great city near the present site of Jerusalem. And they found they were very successful. Those among them who were successful got nice building lots, and they built beautiful homes overlooking fertile valleys. And they had a good education system, a good law enforcement system, a court system. And in the marketplace, people prospered.

By the year 2050, the population of this nation will be drastically different than it is today in its racial and ethnic makeup. This state and California are leading the way. And we are to have a participatory democracy where justice prevails, it is incumbent upon each one of us to do our part on all Americans will have a place at America's table."

Baptist Church, because shortly thereafter in 1963, he went to Washington to present that faith and hope and love one another."

And to show us return to you and your children and your grandchildren."

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88th Commencement of Rice University

Left: Brown College graduate Krystal Zell walks down from the stage, diploma in hand.

Right: Sid Richardson College graduate Kenny Baugh exuberantly descends from the platform.

Right: Wiess College graduates Winna Chiranand (left) and Lei Chu talk as the Wiess line approaches the stage.

Below: Karim Sulayman, graduating with a Masters of Music, meets up with Leah Heard after walking through the Sallyport.

Sid Richardson College graduates stand and cheer behind the seated graduates from Jones and Lovett Colleges.
Above: The graduating members of Jones College listen attentively (and not so attentively) to Morris Dees' commencement address.

Left: Lovett College graduate Delia Wendel takes time to think for a moment during the commencement ceremony.

Below: Wiess College graduate Alexis Pouchet triumphantly receives his diploma and lets out a joyous cheer.
Growing up inside the hedges

by Mariel Tam

Rice is home to about a dozen kids, the children of college masters and resident associates. What’s it like to raise kids on a university campus?

One student has been at Rice so long that she can hardly remember what her life was like before coming to college.

But although she’s been at Rice for almost seven years, she’s not on her way to a university studies degree just yet.

Emma Hutchinson is 13 and has lived on campus with her parents, Wiess College Masters John and Paula Hutchinson, for more than half her life.

"I really don’t remember a different life because I was 6 when we moved — I was just turning 6," said Emma, now a seventh-grader. Her life at Rice, on the other hand, has included acting in college musicals, participating in intramural sports and biking in Beer-Bike.

Classmates of Matthew Sawyer, 14, think it’s cool that he gets to hang out with "older kids" on campus.

The only drawback is, ‘I’ve been running the same food for four and a half years now, and it does get kind of old," he joked.

Matthew, who lives in the Will Rice House with his parents, has built sets and performed in college theater, been a ball boy for the football team and been kidnapped by rival Sid Richardson College ‘s Beer-Bike.

Emma and Matthew are among the dozens of children of college masters and resident associates living in Rice. The number of kids living on campus varies slightly each year due to the changes in RAs and masters — the Hutchinsons term as masters, for example, ends June 30, and the new Wiess masters have two girls. And of course there’s the occasional birth.

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Emma, citing her friendships with students over the years, likened her neighborhood at Wiess to siblings.

"You get to do stuff, you get to be with [students] a lot, and even if you do have home-work you can still go over and talk to them and do [play] rehearsals and stuff," Emma said. "It’s a really fun life growing up with a lot of different big brothers and sisters.

Students take an interest in how Matthew is growing up, said his mother, Will Rice Master Else Sawyer.

"It’s a regular joke amongst the students about, ‘Oh my God, will you look at how Matthew’s grown!’" she said. "They came back after this past summer when he’d grown 4 or 5 inches — Matthew, what happened?! He now stands 6-foot-4."" Masters are also aware, however, that sometimes college students don’t need to feel like they have siblings around. The Sawyers’ rule for their children is that they should stay out of students’ rooms, which is their private space.

"We’ve felt that the students in the college didn’t need our two pests being pests. And it was more an antiquity on our part that the kids would be pests, or could occasionally be," Sawyer said.

Sawyer imagined that the way an 18-year-old could feel about having a sibling like 14-year-old around might be, "Frankly don’t need that...I’d rather just leave me alone, I feel like I get one of you at home.

Having children in the masters’ house makes it seem more welcoming to students, said Paula Hutchinson, Emma’s mother.

"We hear all the time from them that we have a family in a home close by is like a safe house, a place they can go, that they knew they can go at any time," Hutchinson said. "And if things are crazy for them personally or something’s wrong, or they just need a quiet corner or whatever, they know they can come here. And the fact that it’s not just John and me makes it for them a home."" Masters say they don’t need to worry about the children of college masters and resident associates living in Rice. The number of kids living on campus varies slightly each year due to the changes in RAs and masters — the Hutchinsons term as masters, for example, ends June 30, and the new Wiess masters have two girls. And of course there’s the occasional birth.

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"I think it’s really great when you have families of all types on campus because it gives the campus as a whole the chance to sort of be a part of that family," said Enrique Barrera, Jones College master and father of two.

"It just extends that family unit to a broader sense," he added.

"Family time can get severely curtailed and interrupted, and sometimes they can get resentful of that," she said. And sometimes the parents need a little reminding.

"But Emma’s always been really good to say, ‘You know, we’ve had a master’s meeting this week, and then we had to go to this awards thing, and then you had to go to the cabinet, and I haven’t spent an evening with you all week and I really need you,’" Hutchinson said.

Will Rice Master Dale Sawyer, the father of two teenagers, said there are some similarities between being a college master and being a parent.

"You accept, in both cases, ‘I can’t do everything,’" he said. "Because there’s so much that could be done, you’d just drive yourself crazy if you did everything.

While it’s important to maintain some family time in privacy, masters also find that they can make family time in the midst of activities with the college.

The Barreras’ biggest issue is "our desire to do everything we can with the college, and then as parents to do the same thing with our children," Enrique Barrera said.

"And if you realize you can’t do both, so you try to put your family life with the college life. So everything that you would typically do as a part of a family, you do in an audience of tens and twenties and fifties and hundreds," Barbarina told her husband, Maribel Barerra, taught the youngest, Tommy, 4, to chant "JIBA," the Jones cheer that stands for "Jones is bad ass." Monica Barerra learned to clap when she was 2 at Jones Awards Night, mimicking the applause of everyone around her.

Children on campus get an additional education in college traditions.

"It’s like, ‘What do you teach your children?’" Barrera said. "We teach them good manners and we teach them to say ‘yes sir,’ ‘yes ma’am,’ but we also teach them to say JIBA, ‘Jones wins again.’"

Tommy moved into the Jones House when he was 6-months old, and Monica has lived on campus for most of her 8 years, except for a two-year break between the Barreras’ term as RAs and their mastership. In fact, she was born at St. Joseph’s Hospital in the Mary Gibbs Jones ward, also named for the Jones College namesake. The Barreras brought her home to their RA apartment the next day.

Yet even with such young children around, masters say they don’t need to worry about Rice students being anything but helpful, even on this campus notorious for Beer-Bike and foulmouthed cheers.

"The obvious question that most people asked us [was], "How could you possibly consider raising a teenage daughter amongst all those men?""

— Elise Sawyer

Will Rice master
"We've never seen much of a problem with any students trying to count them into saying bad things or doing bad things," Barrera said of Monica and Tommy.

Monica, for one, learned on her own what the bad words were and not to say them. "She didn't think that what the students do is silly," her father said.

Silly or not, the students are careful around the younger children. "The students have always been very conscious of different being young and small," perhaps remembering their own siblings, Barrera said.

In fact, parents say students and other people on campus always keep an eye on the college's children.

When Tommy recently wandered into the new Jones wing construction site next to his house to play with rocks, Maribel Barrera said, it was students who found him and brought him home.

All of the University Police officers know Emma by sight if not by name, Hutchinson said. "When she takes off riding her bicycle on campus, I know that there are any number of people who know her and recognize her and keep an eye out for her," she said. "It is so close as you can get these days to living in a small town where everybody knows each other."

By its very nature of being a university campus, Rice is an educational environment. Emma decided she wanted to see the latest movie by sight if not by name, Hutchinson said. "The fact remains that only living on a college campus can provide that kind of opportunity.

"If you're not living on campus, how else are you going to have that kind of experience?" Hutchinson said. "They are opened up to possibilities that just don't exist in the red world out there."

Raising older children at Rice presents a slightly different challenge, however — especially with teenagers who are closer in age to the students.

"One of the things that we looked at four and five years ago when we were considering mastership was the obvious question that most people asked us. 'How could you possibly consider raising a teenage daughter amongst those men?'" Elise Sawyer said.

"And we sort of said, 'Well, it's a giant leap of faith.'"

Laura, the Sawyers' older child, is now graduating from high school and entering Rice as a student in the fall. In their decision to bring their children on campus, the Sawyers focused on the positive aspects of college life.

"We looked at it as, 'to be having them in the midst of incredibly talented, capable students who did more than go to school, who have in amazing ways managed to balance service and fun and work with going to school,'" Elise Sawyer said. "And that's a pretty mighty example to put before teenagers when they see that those things can be done."

Living in the college system also teaches teenagers about the less wholesome aspects of college, such as alcohol.

"They've been around when students got in trouble — in trouble with alcohol, in trouble with excesses," Sawyer said. "They're there when the phone rings at 1 in the morning."

Matthew echoes the sentiment. Some of his friends think college is all about getting drunk, but he tells them it's not as cool as they think it is.

"I get to learn about a lot of things that a lot of kids don't learn about until they're in college, so I take a different outlook on a lot of different things," Matthew said.

And of course there's always the coolness factor of being on a university campus. The Sawyers remember a time not long after they first moved on campus when Laura brought her friends over to visit.

"They were driving along the campus loop, and they were doing what I guess teenagers do because I've actually seen them happen," Matthew said.

And I'm up there and talking and acting like they're our age — they're my age."
The nominees were made by Thresher staff critics, and they were voted on by about 80 members of the Rice community — college theater coordinators, Rice Players coordinators, Thresher critics, and other students familiar with campus theater (as chosen by college theater coordinators). The text about the winners comes from reviews by Thresher editors.

**one-acts**

**best one-act play**
- "Unpredictable" (Martel)
- "Heavenly Child" (Martel)
- "Praying at a Bus Stop" (Martel)

**best director**
- Brad Demarest, "Mariner's Last Death and Tale" (Martel)
- Travis Gleason, "Spike Heels" (Players)

**plays**

**best play**
- Mariner's Last Death and Tale (Lovejoy)
- Baby with the Bathtub (Will Rice)
- Spike Heels (Players)
- The Vagina Monologues (Lovejoy)

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**best actor**
- Matt Frost, "Spike Heels" (Players)
- Mary Margaret Miller, "The Complete History of America, Abridged" (Wiess)

**best actress**
- Amanda Blankenship, "The Complete History of America, Abridged" (Wiess)
- Sheila — she uses body language to hold herself like a timid, nervous woman, clenching nervously at a purse that's too large for her

**musicals**

**best musical**
- Blood Brothers (Baker)
- The Rattle Bag (Will Rice)
nominations

Best actor

• Amy Krivohlavek, Blood Broken Bros.
• Jonathan Ichikawa, The Butter Battle (Will Rice)

Best actress

• West Gunter, Young Joe Hardy, Dirty Hands (Loyola)

Best supporting actor

• Uda Mayer, Sister Mary Regina, Nunsense (Loyola)

Best supporting actress

• Ben Graf, Applegate, Darce Yveekeet (Loyota)

Best technical

Best musical

accomplishment

• Arwen Johnson, Annie, Yanks (Loyola)

Best choreography

• Marcie Quigley, Mary, Blood Broken Bros.

Best student-written play

• Eileen O'Brien, Sweet Charity, Winners (Viess)

Best costuming

• Michelle Precourt, Linda, Nunsense (Loyola)

Best lighting

• Alex Fay, "Unpredictable," Marlowe's Last Death and Tale (Loyola)

Best set design

• Leslie Sage, The Butter Battle (Will Rice)

Best sound design

• Tim Lott and Elisabeth Silva, a Hoot (Maida)

Best student music composition

• Leslie Sage, The Butter Battle (Will Rice)

Best sound design, Best music composition

• Joe White, Sylvester McMonkey and His Magic Bean Machine, The Butter Battle (Will Rice)

Best music composition (write-in)

• Dane Christensen, Judge Turpin, Spike Heels (Players)

Best music composition (write-in)

• Joe Patrick, The Butter Battle (Will Rice)

Best costume design

• Leslie Meyer, Devil in Her Vivace (Wiess)

Best director

• Amy Krivohlavek, Blood Broken Bros.
• Jonathan Ichikawa, The Butter Battle (Will Rice)


Mrs. Lovett (Sid senior Amy Krivohlavek, Best Actress in a Musical), the worst pie maker in London, learns that the best way to Sweeney Todd's (Will Rice sophomore Ben Westbrock, Best Actor in a Musical) is through other people's stvmches in Baker College's production of Sweeney Todd.
‘On the Verge’ of greatness

Students, faculty and visitors alike convened in the Rice Art Gallery at Sewall Hall and in the Rice Media Center April 26 to see the accumulation of a year’s worth of student artwork, a joint presentation entitled “On the Verge.”

The reception at the gallery featured works by seniors, a fashion show by Sid Richardson College senior Mandy Gor and performances by both Rice Dance Theatre and the Rice Players. Later in the evening, the Media Center hosted other students’ art that was selected by faculty and showed a couple of hours of film and video projects. The art exhibits are still open for viewing.

The Rice Dance Theatre troupe performs a piece outside Sewall Hall.

Media Center

While graduating studio art majors took over the Rice Art Gallery to showcase their work, the Rice Media Center became home to works selected by faculty from all undergraduate arts classes.

Various media and influences converged to create an eclectic assortment of pieces in the Media Center exhibit.

“The diversity of the work, in concept and in media, created an interesting show that represented all the students involved in art classes,” said Jones College freshman Leslie Nane, whose work was included in the exhibit.

For the first time, the show featured three awards sponsored by the ArtsTrice club. “The awards were initiated to have Arts@rice do something to support the arts at Rice, and also to open the lines of communication between the club and the art students,” Will Rice College freshman Holly Hinson, whose work was included in the exhibit, said.

Awards were given in three categories: sculpture, two-dimensional media and photographs. They were awarded to Hanszen College junior David Chin, Brown College junior David Groten and Baker College senior Celia Fang.

“It was really cool to have work in the show, partially because it was the first time I’ve had a chance to print as large a size,” Fang said.

Each of the winners received a Rice Media Center pass. “My only idea is for the future of these awards is to perhaps increase the awards, but it’s not something I’m too concerned about now,” Garrett said. “After all, as a group of arts advocates, we don’t care if you win or not, but there are some trends behind the starving artist stereotype.”

— Carly Kocurek

Sewall Hall

Once again, the Sewall Hall portion of the Student Art Show featured works by graduating seniors. Not surprisingly, the pieces were full of variety and originality.

The most noticable group is a series titled “Construction Posters” by Jones College senior Meda Herman. The posters were based on photos of the construction around the North Colleges and were digitally altered. All have “Jones Beautification Committee” printed on them.

In a small room in the back corner of the Rice Art Gallery, Will Rice College senior Jason Hardy has a series of photographs, a few of which depict the construction around the Astrodome, as well as a video he made with Will Rice junior Rebecca Torres, “Coffee: A Portrait of No Tux Oh.”

Wiess College senior Layla Fry’s installation, “Life in My Older Days,” is in the same room. It depicts a corner of a child’s room with pictures on the wall and pictures behind shattered glass.

Nearby is one of the floor displays, “Stained Glass Window Costume,” a dress designed by Sid Richardson College senior Mandy Gor. Several fashion designs and photos cover the wall next to it.

Hanszen College senior Emily Kirkland exhibits a series of pop-art-style prints with titles one would expect to find in magazines like Cosmo—“She’s a backstabber,” “the color that makes everyone look good,” and so on—as well as several printed aprons.

— Dalton Tomile

Lina Conley models a model of Hypnosirus in a film edited four different ways: Hypnosirus by Will Rice senior Hally Wynn; The Hunt by Will Rice junior Matt Boles; Hunters by Sid sophomore Julia Buergler and I’m Your Man by Lovett sophomore Tariq Tapa.

Wiess College freshman Brittany Boulding examines Brown senior Will Vasquez’s painting “Evolution” at the Rice Art Gallery in Sewall Hall.

Rebellious schoolgirl Agatha Wylie (Brown sophomore Christin Davis, top) and socialist Sidney Trebuls (Hanszen junior Mark Barrett) act out a scene from the Rice Players’ Smash outside Sewall Hall.

Hanszen sophomore Sarah Cloots models one of the dresses designed by Sid senior Mandy Gor.

Wiess College freshman Brittany Boulding examines Brown senior Will Vasquez’s painting “Evolution” at the Rice Art Gallery in Sewall Hall.

Janie Hoang prepares to end her life while dancing with Lovett sophomore Taila Tapas in last Night, directed by Jones senior Derek Crabb, Jones senior Sam Davis and Lovett junior Matt Connolly.
With a film like 'Harry,' who needs a Hitchcock wannabe?

Melissa Bailey

With a Friend Like Harry

Rating: ++ 1/2

With a Friend Like Harry is the story of Michel (Gérard Depardieu), a laid-back French dinner guest to the countryside for the summer with his wife Claire (Mathilde Seigner) and their three children. Michel seems content enough with his life, but his seemingly unimportant money is limited, his parents are a constant presence, his children are perpetually ill, his wife is exasperating and his son is a brat he's bought is continually falling apart. At a rest stop run across an old high school friend. Harry (Benicio Del Toro), whose existence is as rich and vivid as Michel's is blurred. Harry remembers Michel with sympathy, clear, driving purpose and story, word for word, that Michel once had but has forgotten completely.

Harry has a surprisingly am- bitious offbeat on life, a refresh- ing and sensual appreciation for all that is beautiful and enjoyable. He determined to help Michel and to see him write again. These desires at first seem innocent enough, until it gradually becomes clear that Harry's little lack of concern masks a real instability, that his longing for freedom includes no conception of its cost. Harry progresses from an increasingly amorous friend to a murderer who threatens Michel's sanity and family. But while Michel struggles to find balance between personal freedom, reception and the possible sacrificial of all he loves. Make no mistake: this film will make you care. The characters are well-developed, the settings are captivating, and the pacing is well done. Harry is a film that will stick with you long after the credits roll.
DreamWorks gets into fairy tale game with low-brow ‘Shrek’

Elisa Gabriert
FOR THE THRESHER

DreamWorks is the proverbial new kid on the big block of Hollywood studios. It's tried to make a name for itself as an "artist-friendly" think tank, though it's hard to get past the mega-consolidation initials tagged onto their logo — SKG for Spielberg, Katzenberg and Geffen — and see them as "people persons."

In terms of animation, they have a history, however brief, of not quite measuring up to Disney. Yeah, Ana was pretty good, but I'm sorry. A Bug's Life was better. The Prince of Egypt was visually stunning but otherwise forgettable. And you know Mike Myers (who is actually as untitle character, voiced Scottishly by Katzenberg) is much more popular than the diminutive lord is obviously too little for a PG rating, this ain't your typical FAIRY TALE movie.

For all its unevenness, though it's hard to get past the mega-consolidation initials tagged onto their logo — SKG for Spielberg, Katzenberg and Geffen — and see them as "people persons.

But Shrek's brand of humor is definitely more scatological. There's much earwax and flatulence, which are very much off the ground in a beam of light, a painfully clear reference to the transformation scene in Beauty and the Beast. But in the end it's still only imitation Disney.

While some of this material was more scatological, Shrek and Fiona are able to get on the grass is greener on the other side. They're shipped off to, what do you know, to Shrek's humble home, and he gets pissed. But in the end it's still only imitation Disney.

The message, which seems to have been lost in the shuffle of the comedy, is sometimes plastic, occasionally awesome — especially when Shrek and Donkey cross a rickety rope bridge over a pit of flaming lava.

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Rating: 3.5
(out of five)

A thoughtful and affectionate movie, which for all its unevenness manages to linger in your mind after you leave the theater. It has the feel of a throwback to an earlier, Hitchcock era with its sly, unexplainable scenes, edge characters, stark images of violence and startling bursts oftrainer music at unexpected moments.

It is Sergei Lopez who, in his PERFORMANCE as Harry, poses the most problems.

With a Friend Like Harry conveys the persistent sense of the un
real lurking within the real and everyday, always around us, behind us, we never quite see it in the end is still only imitation Hitchcock, and like most imitations leaves you family bored and longing for the original.
Chatting with the witty, forgiving Janeane Garofalo

Maricel Tam and Dalton Tomlin
THE THRESHER ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2002

This is Janeane Garofalo, 27, at 1:18 p.m. York time, that is. Maybe you don't know you're supposed to be talking to me at 2 o'clock. Maybe nobody told you. Uh, 2 o'clock New York time, that is. Maybe you thought it was 1 o'clock. Maybe you thought it was 2 o'clock your time. That's the story of how we inad-
thought it was 2 o'clock your time. I

Hello, Dalton, it's Janeane again. Hi, this is a message for Dalton Thresher. I sent you a message at 3:13 p.m. I have now called Machine. I have now called

That's the story of how we inad-

There's nothing funny about a

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Radiohead's "Amnesiac" disappoints but better than most

Dalten Tomlin
Assistant Regional Staff

There were certainly fans and critics that were dissatisfied with Radiohead's release last year, Kid A, which was heavy on computers and synthesisers, and somewhat directionless and tedious. Some felt the band had drifted too far away from its traditional rock base, which had been evident in its previous albums, the masterpiece OK Computer.

"Amnesiac"

Radiohead Capital Records Rating: **3 1/2 out of five**

Rumor had it those people would be pleased with Kid A's follow-up, "Amnesiac," since it was alleged to sound more like the rock style on the band's second album, The Bends. But it was just not meant to be.

The fact that most of these songs were recorded at the same time as Kid A's should have been a sign that a title like Kid B would have been applicable. Several of the songs feel a little undeveloped and would be more fitting on an EP.

In fact, Radiohead has a long history of this kind of release: Soon after each of the first three albums came out (White Honey, Bends, Computer), the band distributed tons of B-sides (either on singles or EPs). Some of those songs were quite good, while others... well, it was obvious why they weren't on a regular album.

American's tracks are mellower and don't vary much — many of them just don't stand out. A lot of this music is something you could play in the background, whereas with its previous work the band forced you to sit up and listen. Each of the last three albums was so innovative and varied that you had no choice but to be intrigued.

That said, don't say that "Amnesiac" is a waste of time and money. While a lot of it is unremarkable, the few gifted songs are some of Radiohead's best ever, and they save the album from being completely experimental.

The first of these is "Pyramid Song," the second track. It seems simple enough, with a good but not-too-original melody and a sad-sounding, almost monotonous piano. But Thom Yorke's woeing vocals and Grained Chicken Scenting at first, build to a triumphant ending. The final minute is filled with Radiohead's signature sadness and paranoia. After a few lines, it will without a doubt get stuck in your head.

"You and Whose Army?" also has an outstanding piano accompaniment that suddenly builds up to the grand finale. It begins slow, dreamy and almost haunting, emphasizing the loneliness of being outnumbered. The song demonstrates the way Radiohead can begin depressingly, yet end on a high note. It's one of the most enjoyable tracks, but also one of the shortest — maybe there's a correlation.

For those desperately looking for a return to The Bends, "I Might Be Wrong" should suffice. It has a fuller, more dynamic sense of space than the previous album, and the barely intelligible vocals are fitting. "Wrong" exemplifies the great union of vocals and instruments, those perfect little moments when the notes change just right, that the band is so familiar with.

Then there's the album's final track, "Life in a Glasshouse," which, like Kid A's "The National Anthem," shows some jazz influence with a small horn section. Again, it begins small with a piano leadin, and the band interjects more as the song goes on.

The lyrics of "Glasshouse" are an attack on the upper class, especially politicians: "Think of all the starving millions Don't talk politics Don't throw stones/Your royal highnesses." Despite the social commentary, it's a great, jazzy song with a

A lot of "Amnesiac" is UNREMARKABLE, but the few great songs are some of Radiohead's best.

The vocals sound painful and at times have the rambling style of recent Bob Dylan. It could have potentially been a great song, but it just doesn't sound like all the pieces are coming together. Amnesiac is not brilliant, but in today's market, it's still a worthwhile album. It shouldn't alienate Radiohead's many die-hard fans — it's just not enough to keep them annoyed with the next one.

On the first stop of their North American tour, Radiohead will be performing at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion in the Woodlands June 18. The band's five show following OK Computer was simply outstanding. It'll be especially interesting this time around to see how the programmed songs of the two most recent albums will be played for a live audience.

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Strengthening the connection between Kid A and "Amnesiac" is "The Morning Bell Amnesiac," a remix of "Morning Bell" from the earlier CD. It sounds like a Christmas card, but it's not much variation.

The main sound of "Like Spinning Plates" in what you would expect, a mechanized whirring that comes from "normal" music played

I got yer package right here

Rock eddy Atten and His Package (aka Adam Gore, above, and his synthesizer) got the award bopping to pop songs such as "(Let's) Be Happy When You're Not) Using the Metric System." KTRU sponsored the show, which also included the Mr. Superstar, Attack Formations, Filthy McNasty and a lot of hummus, in Sammy's on May 6.

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How to keep from making an ass of yourself abroad

American tourists have a reputation for being jerks when they’re abroad. We didn’t think it was true until we went outside the country ourselves and met the Tourist From Hell, who acted like she didn’t want to be overseas.

She demanded to know why her German hotel clerk didn’t speak English, and when five Deutsch immer disappeared from her room, she yelled at the management. The housekeeping staff found it was simply because she left it on the dresser. It was required to be about 90 degrees.

If you’re going abroad this summer, take heed of these warnings—until you’ve been abroad, you may not recognize some of the stupid things tourists do.

In the airport, you’re going to encounter immigration and customs. These instructors are usually the source of the American traveler’s fear of immigration, have your passport ready and for its entry and exit stamps. Immigration forms are filled out completely and accurately. It’s all, until you return the designated area. Nothing makes an immigration officer more perturbed than a traveler that can’t stand behind the yellow line.

A friend of ours swears that an innocent grin will get you through every time—apparently, my innocent grin isn’t innocent enough. Basically, you should try to do everything in your power to make the customs agent’s job easy. Follow their instructions, and don’t act like you’re annoyed by their or- ders. Most of the time, you’ll be let through if your immigration forms are filled out correctly and you seem “normal” enough.

If you’re asked to step to the side, comply (without huffing or puffing). If you seem eager to help them out, they’ll be much less likely to completely unpack everything in your luggage. If you’re nervous, they can unpack your bags if they see fit, but when we’ve been pulled to the side, we’ve found that following directions makes the agents happy—they open our bags, glance inside, and send us on our merry way.

Don’t assume that everyone speaks English. Sure, depending on where you’re traveling, it may be the rule. Our parents taught us how to travel across Western Europe. A helpful look and word: “English?”

If you see other Americans being less than proper ambassadors, keep your sense of humor and pretend that you’re Canadian.

We wouldn’t recommend it, though. Learn a few key phrases and how to pronounce them at least accurately. Even if you’re not a good speaker, you can do it. The pronunciation, you’re showing that you care enough to take the trouble to learn it. We’re not saying that the girls we heard looking for a job in Paris: "Pouvez-vous et la Tee-Vee, s'il vous plaît?"

Hotel rooms are different in other countries. You might have a communal bathroom or no telephone in your room. The Tourist From Hell complained because she didn’t have a TV.

Be careful with your passport and your money. Keep them on you at all times. Apologetic bags may be safe enough in most areas, but bags can be sliced and pockets can be slit. A money belt may be less com- fortable, but it’s safer. Secure bag that you wear under your clothes. This is especially useful in an exotic area. Nothing makes an immigration officer more peturbed than a traveler that can’t stand behind the yellow line.

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Roadtrip: Go West

Kristin Stacheck

Finals are over and school's out for summer. At last, you're finished with your last exam and the beginning of your summer internship or job. If you're one of the lucky students who actually has a little time on your hands, consider taking a road trip.

Even if you're only traveling cross-country to get home or to your summer job, there are a couple places you might consider stopping at. Look for Road Trip 2001. My advice: Go west this year.

So you're headed to the West Coast. There are several must-see destinations in this half of the United States. Whether you're going north or south, you can always include New Mexico as a possible road trip destination. If so stop off in one of the coolest towns on this side of the Mississippi—Albuquerque.

Albuquerque is growing fast on the underground scene. It offers unique cultural experiences a great musical variety and clean, fun living. (It's sometimes called the next Seattle) and a plethora of outdoor activities.

Wherever you go, make sure you take road trip essentials like sleeping bags and sunscreen.

Making smoothies is easy

Mariel Tam

So now you're addicted to Jamba Juice smoothies but your summer job isn't paying enough to feed your addiction. How can you whip up your own smoothies at home? It's easier than you think. Here are some easy recipes you can try:

**BASIC SMOOTHIE RECIPE**

- 1 cup of frozen berries
- 1 ripe banana, sliced
- Orange or apple juice
- Ice cubes

You can buy frozen berries from a freezer, like strawberries, blackberries or a mix in the supermarket. You can also round out your揽筑, or choose from fresh berries, out of season, they're cheaper.

In the summer, you can buy fresh berries and throw them in the blender as well. Don't let your smoothie down, or you can freeze the fruit yourself. You can also freeze banana slices for later use to make smoothies convenient.

Blend the fruit staff first—crush the ice if you're using it or

And don't forget your camera: This is a trip you'll want to remember.

Check out Waue Brain, a store that rents and sells info-underground video. Maybe you can find a red rental for the night. Also visit Mind Over Matter records, an average indie record store where you can buy, sell or trade your records.

**NEW ENGLAND**

If you're continuing north from Albuquerque, hit Seattle, the home of grunge music. Seattle is the greatest city on this continent to visit—check out the city from above in the Space Needle. You can always head over to Microsoft for a tour and some technical fun. Be prepared to stay for a while in Seattle—the city is always buzzing.

If you're planning on going a little farther south, stop in San Jose. The city of San Jose California is the most densely populated state—check out the Bay Area. Why not learn how to surf while in California? It's easier than it looks. With a lesson and a couple of days of practice you'll be catching all sorts of waves. Some instructors even guarantee that you'll catch a wave in your first lesson. Try a longer board at first for added stability.

Don't stop surfing, but try another extreme water sport, like windsurfing. This is more dangerous than it looks, though, so take caution not to hit the dry sand. Windsurfing is cheap and gaining popularity. You can purchase a board for around $100. If you can't make it to Galveston Bay, try one of these extreme sport parks right here in Galveston Bay. There's a little brown, but what doesn't kill you makes you stronger.

**THE RICE THRESHER**

Music Project. This museum hosts concerts.

**NEW YORK CITY**

Touristy types might enjoy viewing the first Starbucks Palace. Be sure to check out a local concert. New York City offers a vast array of entertainment, visit the Experience Music Project, make sure you get to Pike's Place Market. You can pick up a meal here. Try the fresh fish, buy a basketball from one of the vendors. You can also pick up any kind of knickknacks like rings and beany bags.

For more corporate experience, visit the first Starbucks and REI. At REI take a climb or a grapefruit planetarium, which offers fascinating rock artifacts from bands such as Nirvana, the Experience Music Project, and is a must for any Northwest punk, funk and grunge or visit an entire room dedicated to Jimi Hendrix.

In addition to visiting the Experience Music Project, make sure you get to Pike's Place Market. You can pick up a meal here. Try the fresh fish, but you can pretend it's good for you. If you're trying to drink smoothies for healthy snacks, sherbert or honey will add calories and fat. However, you should make sure that you are not sweetening your smoothies with honey or brown sugar. It will make your smoothie taste better.

The following is taken from a public service announcement from the U.S. Department of State, reprinted verbatim for your traveling information. Krismann Big Brother is watching and Starcontrol isn't.

**GOING ABROAD?**

Thinking about making some quick money? Think again!

If someone offers you a free vacation and a big chunk of cash just for bringing back a suitcase or package no questions asked—Remember:

- Drug laws abroad are strict.
- The police are waiting for you.
- The police are watching for American tourists carrying drugs.
- You will not be released on bail.
- You will be thrown in a crowded jail cell.
- You will not have access to a modern shower or toilet.
- You will be fined thousands of dollars.
- You will stay in jail for years and years.
- You will be blamed for anything in your suitcase, no matter who put it there. Ignorance is no excuse. If it's in your suitcase, it's your crime, and you will do the time.

The words wisdom brought to you by the U.S. Department of State.

Head to the West Coast this summer vacation and see what it's all about. Don't limit your self to Seattle and San Jose. Either.

Check out Northern California, Portland or the Desert. There are plenty of ski areas, too. You've got a lot of gas anyway, you can drive over to Vancouver or British Columbia. It's great but don't drink every night.

Whether you'll be taking time to take road trip essentials like sleeping bags and sunscreen. And don't forget your camera. This is a trip you'll want to remember.
Next year’s WAC may be the best we’ve seen

The latest edition of the Western Athletic Conference, its third incarnation since Rice joined the conference in 1996, is officially more.

The passing hardly deserves a moment of silence. Pardon me for not shedding a tear for what seems like the 37th different version of the WAC, but at this point I’ve grown quite used to all the comings and goings.

Two years ago, the Matrix super-WAC lost eight teams to the upstart Mountain West Conference, of which none exactly joined the ranks of the elite. A year ago, the league welcomed the University of Nevada, a solid if unexceptional addition.

And now, with the end of the 2000-01 academic year, it’s once again time for change. Texas Christian University has bolted for Conference USA, a defection no Rice fan is losing any sleep over. Meanwhile Boise State University and Louisiana Tech University have joined the WAC fray.

According to those in charge, the latest moves should mark the end of the WAC’s volatile history. I hope they’re right, if only for the sake of stability. Of course, if you believe all the rumors about a coming wave of nationwide conference realignment, this is only the beginning. But to paraphrase a certain Rice president, we only worry about things we can control. And that means Rice’s immediate future in the WAC.

The passing of the past two years was quite as successful in 2000-01 as it was the year before, in that Rice has been better than any other WAC school. But it was still a good year because Rice ended the year with three conference championships. The total was second in the WAC, behind only TCU’s impressive haul of eight league titles. If Rice is a school that always has and always will suck at sports finished in the top two in WAC championships for the second consecutive year. Maybe we’re not as bad as everyone says.

But hold on, because next year stands to be even better. First, by getting rid of TCU and adding Boise State and Louisiana Tech, a number of sports will be up for grabs. It’s a good deal — we get rid of the Horns, Toads and their eight titles and replace them with two schools that aren’t quite so sports powerhouses.

Sure, they have their strengths. With apologies to Cristy Pellett and her Lady Owls, the Lady Techsters will likely dominate WAC women’s basketball for the foreseeable future. But don’t expect Louisiana Tech to straggle away championships in any other sports. As for the Boise State Broncos, they may challenge for titles in football and women’s tennis, but their real strengths are wrestling and gymnastics, two sports that the WAC does not currently sponsor.

In other words, the gainers will be no more than Rice is without at least a handful of WAC championships next year. You can go ahead and label us as the four-buck-a-year, women’s cross country and women’s indoor and outdoor track and field. That’s already more than any WAC school has won since Rice at TCU has won in the last couple of years.

But that’s not it. All three new tracks, Jeanie should be able to have your league meaning that with such luck, first place will be within reach. The same goes for men’s teams and women’s swimming.

The women’s basketball team won’t win the regular season title, but the Lady Owls will be entitled the same magical run through the conference as Rice’s basketball team was in 1999. And then there’s women’s soccer. It’s not every day that you get to be the only team in your program, and the fact that Rice women’s soccer looks very bright. Surely, it’ll take a couple of years before head coach Chris Hudson can take the team to respectability. But sure, it happens, watch out.

So what’s a long-suffering Rice fan to do with so much change? Just sit back and enjoy.

— Jose Luis Cubria

Assistant coach

THE RICE THRESHER
Friday, May 25, 2001

Owls fall to Auburn in first round

by Eric Ruis and Chris Larson

The men’s tennis team’s first trip to the NCAA tournament in seven years was a short one.

The Owls, ranked 35th in the nation entering the tournament, fell in the first round to Arkansas University 4-1 in the first round May 13.

After finishing the regular season with a 21-8 record, a mark that included seven wins over ranked opponents, Rice was awarded an at-large bid to the tournament and given the third seed in the Durham regional, one of 16 four-team regional tournaments.

The winner of each regional advanced to Athens, Ga., for a 16-team tournament to determine the national champion.

There was no complacency, but a little bit of hesitation. Maybe some tension that crept in.

— Shaeen Ladhani

Assistant coach

Host Duke University was named the region's top seed, and the Dawgs faced the region's second seed, No. 21 Auburn University, in the first round.

Things looked promising for the 35th-ranked Owls as doubles play began. Freshmen Richard and William Barker led Auburn’s George Magaletic and Thiago Rufino, the nation’s sixth-ranked team, 5-4, while junior Fabien Giraud and freshman Vol Rapaec jumped out to a 6-5 lead at No. 2 doubles.

Both Rice teams soon surrendered their leads, however, and a 6-7 loss by Giraud and Rapaec clinched the doubles point for Auburn.

In singles play, sophomore Cody Jackson’s match was the first to end as he dropped a 64-62 decision at the No. 4 spot.

Junior Fabien Giraud hits a backhand in 35th-ranked Rice's 4-1 loss to No. 21 Auburn University May 12. The defeat, which came in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, ended the season for the Owls, who finished 25-0.

But Rapaec took a 62-64 win over Auburn's Andre Bos at the No. 6 spot, closing Auburn's lead to 5-1.

Lightning and hard rain caused a 15-minute delay, and the match was moved indoors. After dropping the first set in 4:00, the Owls were unable to overcome their deficit.

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Warren has been anything but perfect as he steps into a program where pressure will be mounting each day. While he may not bring much with him as a head coach, he has a great deal to offer as a head coach.

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by Chris Larson

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Some more classifieds fun

MISCELLANEOUS
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NOTES AND NOTICES
JONES, JONES, JONES: Green Umbrellas: Rock the House! Congratulations to the Rice basketball lady Rice, Vicki Mitchell, Brian O'Malley, Nate Richards and Sarah Williams for making it through four years of Rice. First wishes to each of you in your respective futures and don't forget the great times you had at Rice and most importantly, Jones. From your 0.3-week advisors: Neema, Jen and Gezelle. Here's hoping that you will follow your dreams and not Parkey's. . .

Sargent Ralph Stafford, front, finished second in the 110-meter hurdles at the Western Athletic Conference Championships May 16-19. Rice finished fifth in the six-team conference with 82 points.

There's a little myth that Rice is too small, too academic...But it's true that we could repeat over and over again.

— Victor Lopez
Women's track and field coach

Lopez said he was in awe watching Moseley.

"There was such exuberance," he said. "She warmed up for the 4x1, went to get a drink in the high jump, ran the final for the RX1, cleared a height in the high jump, reported without warming up in the 100-meter hurdles, lined up and finished, and went to report to the high jump at what ever height they were on, ran the 200-meter, came back in the high jump and almost won."

"We knew we'd have the depth to win," Lopez said. "We had the feel that we could do it. The girls competed with a lot of heart."

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Moseley paces Owls to WAC title

Moseley leads the way for the Owls with a performance that can't be described as anything short of amazing. Davis led Moseley to a second place finish in 11 events. She won the heptathlon on Wednesday and Thursday and competed in four events Friday and Saturday.

Drackel was an individual and helped the Owls compete in 11 events in the 400-meter relay. Her efforts earned her the meet's high-point athlete award.

"I was so tired," Moseley said. "It was most hectic on the last day running from the high jump to all my different events and going back to the high jump, but I'm used to trying to juggle stuff for the team. I'd do about every event so we can win or at least get our best. I'm happy it turned out the way it did."

Lopez said he expects the Owls' 120th-ranked 4x100-meter relay team to do well.

"We've been working on the 4x100-meter relay squad," Lopez said. "We're committed to having 350 athletes compete, and a selection committee determines how to spread out the invitations."

"It's the track and field competition in three events at nationals — the 400-meter run, the 400-meter hurdles and the 100-meter hurdles. Lopez said.

"The scheduling for this is better than it ever has been because it's going to be the first time ever that Rice has already sold out the track and field championships, and the event was moved around him too early. Eliminated from contention, Davis finished a distant second."

"There was nothing flagrant or malicious about it," Warren said. "But at worst, it was a jump that he probably would have won, so that hurt him a lot."

Several other athletes, however, upgraded with the performances that helped Rice amass 82 points. Bill Konhauser, who earned 10 points by winning the decathlon, had a score that put him in his sights. He quit the event to get a new school record and places him in the NCAA Championships.

Harlan overwhelmed his competition, winning by more than 500 points, and the team's two freshmen for nationals spurred him to a personal-best by about 20 seconds in the 1,500-meter run, the final event of the meet.

"I was pretty happy with that score," Harlan said. "I could have gone higher in the high jump, and I scratched a javelin throw at 190 feet by five inches. So there were a few things together, I can go well over 200."
Freshman infielder Jose Baugh, five others among six Rice players named all-West.
Early at WAC tourney ends tennis season

by Eric Rauh

The women’s tennis team has a lot of work to do over the summer—and the results could determine whether Rice University will return to the national stage.

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**Owl Rewards incentive program eliminated**

Gonzalez watches the program has decreased fans for attending Rice sporting events with prices including free food, free souvenirs, free parking passes and season tickets for all of coach staffing members, has been eliminated, as has the “FanCard”.

AIM Technologies, the parent company of AIM Southwestern, the FBS Russell program, went bankrupt. A new AIM Southwestern, called AIM Rewards program, went bankrupt in late January. The company had expected to meet its budget requirements with proceeds from advertising on coupons that came out of the mail, but was left stranded with 150 organizations involved in the program, including Rice.AIM has been paying these organizations, as well as minor and major league professional teams.

“We weren’t the only ones dropped in the grease,” Pedal said. “The system was also dropped for the San Antonio Express News, midseason and the Oakland A’s, who had seen their AIM disappear.

Pedal said he saw benefits to the program and hopes something of this kind will emerge in the near future.

“We enjoyed the program very much, but at the same time we felt that it was not fiscally responsible,” he said. “We are trying to come up with a similar system to have in place for students in time for next football season.”

**Men’s, women’s ultimate fall in regional finals**

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Despite NCAA loss, year a success

Unbeaten start, Barker twins among highlights for men's tennis team

by Eric Rush

The next tennis team has come a long way.

The Owls started the year unranked, but they've improved, coming off an unconvincing 16-13 campaign and fielding a team that relied on three freshmen and just one upperclassman.

But when Rice reeled off 14 straight wins — five over ranked teams — last fall during the men's tennis season, the Owls knew they had something special.

The competition grew longer as the season progressed, but Rice, for the most part, held strong, finishing ranked 36th with a 24-7 record.

Such a season would have counted as a good year for many of the nation's experienced, upper-echelon teams. For a young team relatively unknown on the national scene in the recent past, the results were outstanding.

His senior's time we went unranked to playing in the NCAA tournament," coach Fabien Giraud said. "Not many teams can say that."

And that"s all that has left Rice hungry for more. The Owls say they might easily move into the top 10 or 15 next season if they continue to improve.

"If we can have everyone healthy," said senior William Barker, "we are capable of accomplishing all that this year." The Owls went 8-8 against top-25 teams, but two of the losses came by just 4-3 margins.

"If you look at it, we were only a few matches away from the top 20," Giraud said. "We are so close to being a powerhouse team, and no little things will be made."

With eight of the nine Owls on this year's roster returning for next season — only seniors Jocke Porec and Oskar Peck depart — the Owls believe their improved success will be something to be hoped for but also expected.

An NCAA regional loss to Auburn University May 13, four of the Owls' six singles matches were filled by underclassmen, including three freshmen and a sophomore.

That includes the No. 1 singles spot, which was occupied by freshman William Barker virtually the entire season. Barker finished the season ranked 78th individually and was honored as the Western Athletic Conference and the Region VI Freshman of the Year.

Barker wasn't the only Owl to receive postseason recognition. Sophomore Mathias Mathis, who filled the No. 2 singles match post, was named to the All-WAC second team for the second consecutive year.

Additionally, William Barker and his twin brother Richard were named to the All-WAC second team for doubles. The Barkers were 16-4 in duals this season and were playing at the No. 1 doubles spot.

While it's not inevitable that the Barkers would eventually garner assistant coach Shabiben Ladhanani, who was named WAC Coach of the Year, believes a strong work ethic will help the Owls top a handful of talented individuals.

"Not every young team has potential," Ladhanani said. "Some people and coaches are very good. However, I'm confident that with this team, we will be improved. It has been a good year relative to the recruiting. None of our team on everybody we know just wasn't good enough to be capable of much more.

"An older, more experienced environment than the individual tournament doesn't have much that he's worked so far. We're improving every minute with these guys," William Barker said. "We have eight guys returning, and as long as we work hard we'll do well between the two to win Fabien the national championship this year."

The competition grew tougher as the competition grew tougher as the season progressed. But they believe the experience playing a high-pressure team match on the national stage will prove invaluable in upcoming seasons.

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The Barkers have resolved not to let the 2-0 record affect their No. 1 doubles match post this season. The Barkers were 1-1 in duals and played at the No. 1 doubles spot.

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The Owls will send at least two and up to five athletes to the NCAA Championships May 30-June 2.

Davis will likely go, and Giraud will compete in the long jump.

At press time, still waiting to find out if their provisional marks will qualify them for the championships will be Shaheen Ladhani (110-meter hurdles), Martin Stafford (400 hurdles) and Ballis Giouroukis.

A year ago, no Owl made the cut for the national meet.

While competing in one of the toughest conferences in the nation makes winning conference championships more difficult, it also helps the athletes when they compete at the national meet, because they've already seen some of the best college track has to offer.

"I think a lot of people don't really understand how good this conference is," Giraud said. "I believe that with this Owls team we'll have a legitimate shot in the conference — we've got two teams in the top 10 and three in the top 15.

"I think people underestimate us as a team because it's the WAC. The Southeastern is probably one of the tougher sides of that we can compete with anybody in the nation. We have a shot to score at nationals. The depth in this conference is incredible."
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