Ninth college opens Monday
Martel building ready after summer flooding postponed completion

by Lindsey Gilbert

Despite down-to-the-wire construction, the Martel College move-in will proceed as planned. Housing and Dining Director Mark Ditlman said Wednesday, barring any major complications, Rice's ninth residential college will open its doors Monday. Move-ins will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until all 171 residents are situated.

In a Wednesday meeting with H&D officials, Martel student leaders solidified move-in logistics and discussed issues such as security, parking and shuttles.

Present at the meeting were Martel Masters Joan and Arthur Fews, Project Manager David Rodd, Rice Police Chief Bill Taylor and Miner Dederick construction representative David Sardman.

With construction complete, the City of Houston gave the go-ahead for residency earlier this week, issuing a temporary certificate of occupancy. Landscaping and other minor projects will continue for several days, but the interior of the building is fully furnished and livable, Ditlman said.

The Fews said they finished building their personal expectations. "It's gorgeous," Joan Fews said.

Highest measures will be taken to ensure a smooth move-in day, the Fews said. Daffles will be provided for curbside luggage drop-offs and security personnel will be on-hand to direct traffic and present itself.

Since students will not be allowed to pick up keys to the Abercrombie Lab Parking last until after 5 p.m., shuttles will be provided for drivers needing a lift back from the stadium.

An e-mail detailing the relocation procedures was sent to Martel students Wednesday night.

Martel President Alice Hill said students need to pick up their room keys before coming to campus on Sunday, providing for drivers needing a lift back from the stadium.

Students can then access the rooms at their leisure.

Commercial moving vans will be provided only for on-campus freshmen, Hill said. The vans will make four runs, two to Lovett College and two to Baker College. Martelians at the Warwick Hotel, Holly Hall or other off-campus locations must find their own transportation.

Belongings stored in Hicks kitchen will be trucked to Martel early Monday morning and stored in common spaces for later pick-up, according to the e-mail.

Some off-campus students are frustrated by the lack of transportation.

Sophomore Megan Crumbaker said students must provide their own transportation. "I thought it was going to be provided and now has no way to transport her belongings from Holly Hall," Crumbaker said. "This is just another promise they've retracted."


The Fews said the finished building will be open. However, he said that such a system is unlikely to be in place before registration for the fall semester.

"This hasn't been final for some time," Baker College freshman Greg McFarland said.

When questioned about logistics, the Fews said that students are welcome to rent a lift back from the stadium.

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Lovett freshman Brian Armstrong said he had a similar experience with the solicitors.

"They handed me some laminated sheets with some lists of magazines mentioning something about money" for school," Armstrong said. "They had a pretty good hustle going, they were talking about all kinds of stuff, trying to sell magazines from him."

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RATIONALITY... BY DAVID CHIEN

Expanding, improving the way we get books

Buying books for college classes will always be a drain on students' wallets. It shouldn't have to drain their time and energy too.

Book buying mishaps at the Campus Store weren't as bad this semester as they have been in previous years, but the process was still a needless nuisance. The bookstore was once again closed the weekend before classes began, prohibiting early birds from getting their books in advance. There was a marked lack of extended hours during the first two weeks of class, which would have been convenient for customers. Now service times have been extended to make up for the loss of the book-buying process as well, and even at peak hours the counters were noticeably unattended.

Rice is a book store that's more efficient and provides better services to its students. Last semester, a committee appointed by President Gallis made recommendations for the future of the store. Two of these recommendations (the third recommendation is to leave the store as-is) involve outsourcing the Campus Store and moving it to another location. Both of these necessary changes would improve service and make beginning-of-the-semester shopping less of a hassle.

An outsourced bookstore could provide better selection, faster cash registers (leading to faster checkout times) and longer operating hours. If Rice outsourced to a Barnes & Noble-type chain, students could benefit from their publications, work study programs (the uplift of selling out to the corporate man), meaning better prices and faster delivery of items that are back-ordered. And a chain would also be able to implement a better book ordering process for professors.

As long as the new location for the bookstore is still on campus—the proposed old Wiess Commons location springs to mind even if it isn't an attractive place to congregate and shop for leisure reading.

An additional benefit would be that prospective students, visitors to campus and alumni visiting campus on weekends would be able to purchase Rice paraphernalia to take home.

Rice doesn't want its Campus Store to continue losing business to online bookstores. It'll have to seriously upgrade facilities (read: outsource and relocate) to compete. But since Rice students know all about the bookstore, it's time to take the next step: garnering student and faculty opinion and putting those ideas into action.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Backpage nudity irresponsible

To the editor:

I was expecting the students here to be a cut above. The Rice Thresher, Jan. 18, has sadly, disenchanted me of that notion. Streaking is nothing new to Rice College campuses, but it's usually limited to the nighttime hours when little children aren't around. And it's left in the gutter where it belongs, not splashed in the school newspaper.

While you were giving this idea a platform where he could brag of what he didn't achieve in school, Rice itself has made it very clear what students' rights are determined by the computer. The sound is professional, but this type of system limits DJ freedom. Rice seems to have some major, or many, majors which means the involved in the KTRU's schedule. This allows for many more people to be involved who have a strong passion for music. KTRU kids are all volunteers, meaning DJ 4 -- 7 -- 4 on the radio because they want to. Depending on the radio station, management and even employees are paid at some stations.

Because we are not paid, managers have a genuine interest in the health and content of the station. It was a little disheartening to talk to many people at the convention who were only involved at their stations because it was a career move. It seems that not being paid allows KTRU's motivations to stay pure. Most college radio stations are small, KTRU is not. There were 10 watt stations at the convention, and even some stations that were hardest of pursuit. Rice was on the 1,000 - 3,000 watt range. Most, because of limited frequency, must share the radio waves with thousands of others in a major metropolitan area. So KTRU is a true gift that we all need to be more thankful for.

Backpage nudity is not only noncommercial, but virtu-

KTRU unique in college radio world

KTRU is weird. I have only recently reached this conclusion, though people have always told me this. I understood their reasons, usually including one's personal taste in ground music, but I have always felt that KTRU is better at this. KTRU is made possible by donated funds. A better idea may be to set a one-way mirror into the wall, or even just to install wireless.

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**Guest column**

**Airport security: a heavily armed placebo**

Hey, check out all those armed soldiers walking around and deputizing random bag searches and gratuitous pat-downs at the airport. Boy, do they ever make me feel safe! I stop and wonder if they could catch anybody that way, in their own words. If you read the overcrowded security measures implemented across the country, you’ll see no American tendency to act otherwise.

I would compare the FAA’s security preparations to those little velvet ropes that are supposed to keep people in line at ticket counters. Ordinary people will do with the inconvenience and stay in line, but there is nothing to stop renegades in line at ticket counters: those little velvet ropes are either useless or not easily found. In the cases of the colleges, the general response is that much more money will have to be spent. Making students pay for these changes is not right. The proposed $25 technology fee is to improve student services and students should be informed about how much of this fee will be spent on technology and services that have been improved years ago. Rice has many sources of funding with a legitimate need and face must turn to these and not force financially burdened students to pay for services that should already be included at a university of limited funds and software and hardware. Many of those fees would have been central to the college administration’s plans for a new library. After all, a library is one of the crucial pieces of hard-to-navigate library systems that might be short of funds elsewhere.

Finally, there is the concern of this expense for off-campus areas, discussed this week. So long as we have a housing system that fosters students to live off campus, late night excursions to close-by homes shouldn’t be an issue.

All these things should be better. It’s no secret. No one is arguing about what services need improvement. But there are so many reasons changes are hard to make and no one would argue that the availability of money is just the tip of the iceberg of obstacles to improving student services and should demand if we do the impossible. The amount of cost passed on to students, the costs and delays should not be tolerated. Since its inception, the goal of the determination to set and meet technologically higher standards. Today we should not let that spirit wane.

Catherine Adcock is opinion editor and a Martel College junior.

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**Rice should shingle to improve student life**

I could buy Boyd Beckham. The changes I’ve seen in the Student Center and the Rice Bookstore Center certainly warrant it. But since I’ve gotten some property I’ll just say...

How different Rice would be if this were administrated by students who changed campus facilities.

There are a lot of things Rice has done well for the students. We all know, many areas of study are not taught as well as they should be.

The Student Center and the gym were two examples as reflections of a student body that avoids working out and living inside in college at all costs but the assumption would always to just walk through the Student Center at lunch or go to the gym in the late afternoon and witness the difficulty of buying a sandwich in under five minutes or finding a parking space to run on. Comparable schools have athletic centers and student centers that are much larger. Rice recently lost its golf tourney when the gym was voted the worst in Division I. The Rice Bookstore Center was occupied for the first time this week due to the lack of any security measures. Last week the office was broken into and the staff is concerned about the size of this place.

In this case, I’m guessing that most people don’t even stop to think about their answers. I’m not sure what the reason is but I don’t think it’s a lack of effort. There’s something more going on. I’m sure that people who have worked at Rice have no idea what is going on. All of this new security is just a big hoax for the public to buy time; it’s a cardboard car with a picture of an engine inside. The general response is that these measures implemented and would be terrorists should theoretically be intimidated by this. But what’s to stop a terrorist from finding the flaw in this new system? Is the flaw obvious when more people die? It’s time for the FAA to pass the second set of rules that are necessary for this remedy. It really makes the skies safer.

Scott Selinger is a junior in a Will Rice College freshman.

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**Guest column**

**Gender studies classes: create hostile environment**

As a conservative woman, I simply cannot fathom radical feminist theory. I cannot make logical sense of ignoring the differences between men and women, which, if acknowledged, would serve society much better. This is true even if people have been raised in an open mind, I decided to broaden my understanding of others. I found in this class was that it is not the accepted one. In sharp contrast to this environment, I found in this class was that if students paid a little bit more for the education, they could demand better treatment.

This is not the attitude we should take now. Rice and always should be the best bargain in the country. I fear that one day these situations will be turned into some way of thinking about gender issues. I cannot make logical sense of ignoring the differences between men and women, which, if acknowledged, would serve society much better.

Alessandra Gonzales is a Humanities College freshman.

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**Screaming from a soapbox**

**Adcock/Voiles**

Alyssa Milano was smuggling some stronger forms at comparable universities. The words on this front page are meant to get the students to think for themselves and stay in line, but there is nothing to stop renegades in line at ticket counters: those little velvet ropes are either useless or not easily found.

Back in the ‘90s, Rice faced a similar problem when President John J. Hodes once described the quality of life for an undergrad to be like a fire hydrant for a sip of water and getting yourself down your throat instead. The attitude taken was that the students were lucky to attend Rice, to have their education for free, so they should just suck it up and do it. And they didn’t say no. The student body and administration sought to change the charter of Rice University so that tuition might be charged. The thought was that if students paid a little bit more for the education, they could demand better treatment.

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Former skinhead credits prison for changing life

by Elizabeth Decker

The life of a racist skinhead had trapped Frank Meeink in a violent cycle until he crashed in prison.

Meeink said Wednesday evening in a speech in Farnsworth Pavilion, he had fasted, the warden wore boots — for fighting. "That's why we have skinhead is about street fighting," the central aspect of being a skinhead.

Meeink returned to South Philadelphia and hung out with his old skinhead friends, but the law came to appreciate racial equality.

A "started thinking — blacks, Asians, Latinos, we're all equal," Meeink explained that violence is part of being a skinhead. "The whole thing about being a skinhead is about street fighting," Meeink said. "It's the same thing as if you have a bad set of friends. You stop hanging out with them. You just avoid them at all costs. If they had a party, I wouldn't go. If they were going to a concert, even though I had tickets, no loss."

Meeink began to rebuild friendships with people from South Philadelphia and neighborhood.

"All my friends down in South Philly took me back in, even the black kids I grew up with and played football with," Meeink said.

After the Oklahoma City bombing, Meeink recognized the ideas of white supremacists and volunteered his information about the movement to the FBI. Agents suggested he speak with a civil rights group about his experiences.

After his first speaking experience, he was invited to speak to a class of fourth graders and received many individual letters from those students in response.

"A week later I got three letters from those little kids, all like, 'Thank you for coming to our school,'" Meeink said. "You can't even read the hate at the bottom anymore because I erased all these letters so much. Kids wrote, 'I know I'll never get into this, I know not to judge people,' and it's because of me.

Meeink continued speaking, but wanted to make a bigger impact. Five years ago, he started a hockey club to help kids learn to work together. The program now serves 250 kids of all backgrounds.

With his own family, a 3-year-old daughter and a 4-year-old son, he has tried to be honest about his past. "I'm honest with them, totally honest," Meeink, who is 26, said. "That's part of being a dad, is telling them about your mistakes."

Meeink said he thinks his own children will never join the white supremacist movement because of his influence in their lives.

"People always say, 'What happened if your daughter gets into this?'" Meeink said. "I don't think she will because I'm always going to be there with her. It's really my advice and she can only take it so far, but if you respect and love your parents enough, you do what's right."

Meeink said the myth about white supremacist movements is what they are losing support.

"They're not that big," Meeink said. "Sometimes it might just be like two or three dudes with a P.O. box number that makes them sound like there's a whole army of them."

Meeink said racial tensions in the United States are a result of the presence of so many different racial groups, but that those groups are the strength of the country.

"Here we go along so much better than in Europe," Meeink said. "We've got the greatest nation in the world, and I promise you, it's because we're not all alike."

Hanssen College senior Kirstin Engelhardt, one of about 100rice community members at the speech, said she was impressed that so many people from Meeink's past accepted him after he rejected the teachings of the extremist groups.

"It's pretty amazing to see people going out of their comfort zone to reach out to him even though he had wronged them so much, and being so willing to accept him," Engelhardt said.

Baker College freshman Will Conrad said he enjoyed the discussion of a difficult topic. "I thought he really wasn't hiding anything — he was very open," Conrad said. "He was very confident talking about every aspect of what he had gone through."

The speech was sponsored by ADVANCE and the Rice Program Council.

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Visitor reported someone hit her car on Saturday.

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Harris County Sheriff's Department traced a runaway juvenile to the Rice campus and requested officers be on the lookout for him.

Registrar proposes upgrades

REGISTRATION, once feared to be instituted in the near future, is not a worry for most students. Rice students were not able to attend the opportunity to take Tech courses at the university due to scheduling issues, Montag said.

The new SIS was developed under the leadership of McFarland and Andrea Martin. The director of career services system and applications.

It was programmed entirely by Rice faculty and student workers.

"It's a much better system and something that Rice should always have had," Exxon College senior Fiona Burke said.

Work on the Web interface for online registration began in October 1999 under the acting registrar McFarland. Testing of preliminary versions of the system began last year at Weiss College.

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Non-credit cooking class open to seniors

Seniors will have the chance to learn how to cook like college chefs. Chef Roger Elkhouri will be offering a non-credit cooking class for graduating seniors this spring. The class will probably start sometime in February, Elkhouri said, and will probably be held in the Baker College kitchen.

Students will learn to prepare a different menu during each of the course's 10 three-hour sessions. Elkhouri will adapt meals he once cooked at Brown College and currently prepares at Baker.

Each menu consists of an appetizer, two entrees, soup, a vegetable dish, bread and a dessert. The menus for the last session is a grand buffet.

The class will be open to two graduating seniors from each of the nine colleges and two seniors chosen by the Student Senate. Each college's president is responsible for choosing which two students get to enroll in the class.

Brown College President Mike Chapman said he randomly picked two seniors. By chance, Chapman was one of the two students chosen to participate in the class. Chapman said, "It's a couple years I think it will become a popular class because almost everyone wants to be a good cook."

In addition to learning to prepare the meals, students will also get to reap the benefits of their culinary creation.

"They get to eat the food at the end," Elkhouri said, "That's the best part."

The class is still being developed.

"It's like a test run," Elkhouri said.

Twenty students is only a start-

point, and the class size may change in the future. Elkhouri said he and Ditman understand the demand on student time and designed the class so students won't be lost if they miss a session or two. Elkhouri is also developing a cookbook to accompany the class which may in the future be available to all students.

Elkhouri came to Rice in the fall 2000 after working at the Omnil Hotel in Houston. — Allison Griffis

Of-campus escort service discontinued

The Rice escort service will no longer transport students to off-campus locations with the exception of the Graduate Apartments.

Rice University Police Department Chief Bill Taylor said the policy of escort service has always been to serve only on-campus areas and that this decision makes the service the way it is supposed to be.

"We had to just take it back to what it is supposed to be." Taylor said. "It's unfortunate, but those calls just... go unanswered. We are very concerned that people get around safely, but the reality is that people go to using it as a taxi service."

Rice senior Casey Roberts said the escort service was the most convenient way to help students get off-campus as well as help those in a bind.

However, Roberts said, most people at Rice have people to turn to and won't get stranded.

The escort service runs from 10:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

Taylor said the police department would like to continue offering the service, but resources to do so are not available.

"Every time one of our people goes off-campus to do an escort, that means the service isn't available on campus," he said. "You are serving off-campus by depleting the resources on campus."

Taylor said the on-duty shift ser-

vant has the authority to decide if the service should be used off campus in unexpected situations.

"There are some circumstances that will come up periodically," Taylor said. "We will have occasions where in the middle of the night, we have a student who needs medica-

tion and... we've taken them over to get medication in the past. If the on-duty shift servant realizes it's an appropriate need then they can do it. But we can't be running two blocks off campus because someone stayed too late."

— Rachel Rustin
Martelians anticipate smooth transition

MARTELIS, First Page 1

Isn’t a weekend seems like they should be more accommodating to our schedules and have a moving van to pick things up,” Crumbaker said.

Martel Room Jack Coordinator Anna Friedberg said only 10 students remain at Holy Hall under the official Martel plan, and that relocation should not present a problem.

“I’m sure that in the spirit of community people will be willing to help each other,” Friedberg, a sophomore, said. “At this point, if someone is in dire need, we will find a way to get their stuff to Martel. We’re not going to leave anybody stranded.”

The new North Colleges Service should be finished by Feb. 18 and will be shining food by the end of that month. In the interim, Martelians have several dining options, including other college kitchens or possible all-college meals at Sammy’s or in Martel common spaces.

“We’ll be anxious to open the commons and the service,” Arthur Few, a physics and astronomy professor, said. “We’ve got a lot to look forward to in the next few weeks.”

Since not all of Martel’s 299 members will be residing on campus this semester, some of Martel’s four- and six-person suites will remain unopened, the Fews said. Of 227 available beds, 171 will be occupied.

“We’re not going to leave anybody stranded.” — Anna Friedberg

Martel room jack coordinator

An official dedication ceremony is planned for April 4, but for many, move-in day will be the true culmination of years of planning.

“We are all totally psyched to be moving into Martel,” Hill said. “There’s feeling that parties will abound.”

Sophomore William Price said he anticipates not only a smooth move-in, but also a rewarding term at his new college.

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Solicitors visit Lovett

SOLICITORS, from Page 1

“A lot of people are very friendly.” — Sgt. Steve Reiter

Rice Police Department

“When you get a subscription you give out a lot of personal information,” Reiter said. People can steal your identity with this information.”

Solicitors must have approval from the administration to sell items on campus. In the past, RUPD has had problems with unauthorized solicitors.

“We go through this once or twice a month,” Reiter said. “I have never seen solicitors that have had approval.”

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Black Hawk Down is directed by Ridley Scott and stars Tom Hardy, Ewan McGregor and Josh Hartnett. The movie follows the story of the battle in Mogadishu, Somalia. It is based on the book by Mark Bowden, who wrote the best-selling book about the battle.

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'Lantana' a tough web to sit through

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THRESHER STAFF

Movies about broken marriages are difficult to endure and, I suspect, even more difficult to make properly. They have the tendency to mirror their characters' most infuriating behaviors — boring out and honing about uncomfortable emotions, making inarticulate observations about love and betrayal, splintering their wheels, and occasionally making belated efforts to set things right.

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Also in the mix are Jane (Rachel
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housewife; Leon (Anthony
LaPaglia), a burned-out cop who's
having an affair with Jane; Cassia
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'Hawk' sacrifices character development for gritty war

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The film is in many respects beautiful to watch. The ways in which Scott plays with light, with dust and smoke, are extraordinary. Bloody red suns set and rise in an eerie haze; black clouds of smoke fill the air and blanket the city; dust and dirt fall to the streets in a dark and constant rain. One of the movie's most beautiful moments occurs when, in a brief interlude of night-time silence, the camera focuses on a single flame burning amid the rubble. Hans Zimmer's haunting score complements the action seamlessly — drums echo the gunshots and tense waves of sound rise and fall, with African themes weaving throughout.

The movie, though difficult to watch, is not an overuse of unremitting violence but a tense and tragic ballet. Moments of silence alternate with scenes of destruction; light is balanced with dark, tension with despair, and music with the sounds of battle. Violence is explicit, and at times alarmingly so. Yet it is never portrayed as an attractive or heroic thing. Where Black Hawk Down succeeds most is in maintaining a precise balance between victory and despair. The mission becomes a tragic and horrible mistake, and peace remains vague, ephemeral, out of reach, a word that has little or nothing to do with real life. Yet against this backdrop of bullets and bombs, Scott draws our attention to the feelings of individuals, both Somali and American, who struggle for life and dignity in the midst of chaos. As a story, Black Hawk Down is uneven, but as a portrait of war and survival, it is excellent. The film does not sacrifice drama to sentiment, nor does it gloss over violence in favor of flashy effects and stylized action. Violence is never portrayed as an attractive or heroic thing.

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'Fellowship' doesn't win everyone over

Chance, from Page 7

'You see [Frodo] as childlike throughout the entire film, he never seems to evolve that much.'

Chance said this and other glossed-over character portrayals leave the film a little flat when it comes to emotional depth. "So much of what Tolkien does to focus on the interior development of the character, and I don't see that anywhere in the film," she said. "It's just so two-dimensional."

Some of Jackson's additions to the script, such as the arc without Lurtz and the extended fight scenes, made the project feel too Hollywoodized, she said. And the expansion of the role of Arwen (played by Liv Tyler) is "totally gratuitous."

The movie does succeed in creating an authentic atmosphere of Middle Earth, she said, along with portraying a genuine love and concern between Frodo and his best friend Sam. But overall, Chance said she was disappointed.

"Maybe it's impossible to make a film of Tolkien's Lord of the Rings. That's maybe what I've concluded," she said, adding that an ideal format might be a weekly serial spanning several years.

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class in spring 2000, said. "When the movie ended, I was like, 'When's the next one coming?'"

As Chance waits with trepidation for The Two Towers, the next installment in the series due in December, she and the 40 or so students in her class will have plenty of time to compare the book to the film.

I think the class is going to be a really good one. Just because there's a lot of keen interest in figuring out who Tolkien was and what made him tick," Chance said. 
"The College From Hell" may sound like an insult, but not to the students of Baker College, who proudly don devil horns and chant about being blood-sucking freaks.

Baker College, named for Capt. John Baker, who founded it in 1859, is the oldest college on campus. It is widely accepted that the college's foundation was turned in and approved first among the colleges in 1857. William Marsh Rice filed Sept. 23, 1900, Baker, Rice's Houston attorney, began investigating his death, eventually uncovering a murder plot masterminded by Rice's New York attorney, Albert Patrick, and carried out by Rice's own butler, Charles F. Jones. Patrick had hired Rice's will, naming himself principal benefactor of the estate, and Jones, after unsuccessful attempts to poison Rice with mercury, had killed him with a chloroform".

"In 1914, Baker hosted the annual Shakespeare play Baker Blues the best party of the year," Student Association President Tom Marsh said. "Imagine the balcony show, the barbecue pit, and listening to the sounds of live jazz music below is what makes Baker Blues the party of the year." Baker junior Mercedez Fint said. "When the time came to select a theme for Beer-Bike in 1987, 'hell' seemed to be the cheap and easy option, but everyone was talking about it. We decided to join the call of the wild...it needed shock value," Fint said. "We were all talking one day at dinner and decided that it needed to be used." Lily Avellan (Baker '91) said. "Around eight women ran that night, on that night of the 25th of March, Baker College won the competition." Baker senior Sol Villareal is known as an extremely enthusiastic member of Club 13. On Oct. 21, 1999, Sol purchased a commemorative Club 13 shirt and put it to use right then and there. "I went the shirt 24 hours a day, including during the beer-bike hours when I slept, until Feb. 26, 1999. I took it off only for showers and ultimate practice and when I dressed up went out to church, wearing such dress clothes as I deemed appropriate over the shirt."

"Sol maintains that the shirt 'tarnished a fresh, somewhat dirty aroma in the air and to put it in the words, Baker is not all about crazed buff bodies to the Bard to Beezelbub," stated Chuck Berry, Baker senior. "The smell of barbecue attracts Barbie-lovers who haven't seen a campus for a long time and allows for watching up and relishing over good eating and kickin' it a long of root beer. Baker President Neil Lillis, a senior, said. "The Baker Gentlemen's Humanities Society, formed by a group of Baker students in 1996, is a club of which every Baker student is a member. Baker associate Ryan McMullan (Baker '96) helped form the club in order to promote a more sophisticated and respectful atmosphere at the college." BGS hosts wine tastings, discussions and etiquette lessons to help Bakorites become gentlemanly and ladylike.

"One of the most famous 'gropuses' of Baker college is the ubiquitous Bill Burgess. The legend states that Bill Burgess got drunk, got thrown at a deserving shmuck, food fights in early days, that plaster gets thrown at a deserving shmuck, then the occasional grape still 'streaking' where someone or group of somebody is saying something about Hanszen and now it has embraced the role of executive Vice President Mani Kumar said. "That's Baker spirit and devotion. The people there are very friendly, and they don't poke people with a pitchfork unless they really deserve it..."
WILL RICE COLLEGE

Longtime Will Rice Resident Associate Gilbert "Doc" C Cuthbertson sums up the essence of Will Rice with the phrase "Myth, Power, Value." It's one of the first things incoming freshmen learn about the college; a short essay by Cuthbertson in the Orientation Week handbook explains in detail the idea of "Myth, Power, Value."

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Lady Owls face WAC’s best

Rice travels to No. 8 Louisiana Tech with conference lead on the line
by Jason Gershman

On the heels of a six-game win streak, the Lady Owls have firmly established themselves as one of the elite teams in their conference. With two more wins this weekend, they can establish themselves as one of the elite teams in the nation.

In WAC:
Women’s Basketball

Rice (12-3, 7-0) will play 7-0 Louisiana Tech (12-3, 7-0) tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in Ruston, La.

Rice, which has lost only twice on its home court, is 5-0 in WAC play and second in the WAC standings, to just the 7-0 Lady Techsters. The losses suffered by the Lady Techsters have come last Sunday as the Louisiana Tech defeated SMU 64-64 in Dallas. Before heading to Louisiana, the Lady Owls have to defeat the Mustangs in Dallas; a feat they have accomplished just once in their last eight tries under head coach Cindy McKinney.

The Lady Owls forced 12 steals and blocked eight shots, six by sophomore center Jolietta Hayes. Hayes’ six blocks matches the Rice record for blocks in one game, and her 41 blocks so far this season have earned her just right slip by the all-time record for once in season.

The Lady Owls played defense as well as they did Jan. 17 in their 78-49 win against the University of Harvard. They should be able to knock down an open shot will do it. Rice won all 11 swimming events to easily win the meet 149-88.

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Sophomore forward Elise Iman gives by a Hawaii defender in Rice’s 52-43 win on Jan. 17. Rice’s two wins last weekend moved the Lady Owls to 6-1 in WAC play.

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While injuries have hurt the Mustangs, who struggled to a 1-6 start in WAC play, the Lady Owls know a win over SMU won’t come without a fight.

“We’re going to worry about taking care of business against SMU,” head coach Omar-Seli Mance said. ‘We’re all ready to match,” Kristick said. “But we’re all ready to win this game.”

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Aggies and put up some top times that could catapult the 29th-ranked Owls back into the top 25.

“We’ve been wanting to take down A&M for a couple years,” Lee said. “Last year you would have beat them if not for the points we lost in diving.”

The Owls host Southern Methodist University at 7 p.m. on Monday. The Owls are coming off a sweep of SMU last weekend.

The only events the team didn’t win were the 400-yard medley relay.

Sophomore Elaine Lee captures the 200-yard butterfly title Saturday in Rice’s dual meet against IHU. The Owls are 10-1 in scoring events to easily win the meet 149-88.
Rice seeks to continue surge to national prominence

by Dylan Hedrick

At Rice, when running and 11 are used in the same sentence, the topic is usually the slaving crew ladies Club 13.

But in the world of women's track and field, that topic would be the preseason national ranking of the Owl squad. Coming off a season in which the Owls swept the indoor and outdoor Western Athletic Conference titles for the second straight year and finished sixth at the NCAA outdoor meet, the Owls hope to further establish themselves as one of the nation's elite teams this season.

Rice, ranked 13th in the national preseason poll, began its season with the University of Texas at the Houston Indoor Invitational Saturday at Yvonne P. Jones-Tellez Track (UH) in the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium.

Rice had an excellent weekend in the relay events. The 1,600-meter relay team of seniors Aimee Teteris and Keia Watkins, sophomores Yvonne Umeh and Tanya Keitha Moseley, freshman Summer Bell, and senior Elizabeth Ruckman won the indoor title in a time of 3:55.44. "That was a good start to our season," said senior distance runner Whitney McAlpine, who placed fifth in the 5,000-meter run in 18:37.36.

Sophmore Bernie Bryan (Rice No. 5) and freshman Amanda Felder (Rice No. 8) finished third and fifth, respectively, in their heat of the mile run Saturday at the UH Invitational. The duo will provide depth to the Rice distance-middle distance squad that hopes to help the Owls win their fifth straight WAC title.

The team also had a successful weekend in the field events. Last week's Western Athletic Conference triple jump athlete of the week, junior Alice Falaiye, maintained her winning ways by leaping 6.14 meters for a first-place finish in the long jump. Falaiye finished second last year's NCAA outdoor meet.

Junior Elizabeth Hinshaw and sophomore Ally Daum placed third and sixth, respectively, in the pole vault, with Hinshaw crossing the bar at 3.50 meters and Daum at 3.20 meters. "I did very good at my performance last weekend at the meet," Hinshaw said. "Closing three weeks under my personal best from last year, this early in the season, shows great promise for the future." In other distance events, junior Summer Bell posted a third place performance in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:28.39 and sophomore Whitney McAlpine placed fifth in the 5,000-meter run in 18:37.36.

"Our team came together really well to start the season on a good note," McAlpine said. "Saturday's performance was a good start to our season, and we are now focusing on what we need to do in order to attain our goals."

Head coach Victor Lopez believes that the team's performance last weekend was a good start in its quest to claim a fifth straight WAC title. "We lost out of our main contributors missing," Lopez said.

The freshmen did a good job, although they were nervous at the beginning. Right now, we are trying to keep up our work while maintaining consistency at the same time.

And although UT finished ahead of Rice Saturday, the Owls said their full squad, which features all four of the athletes who advanced to NCAA competition last year in individual events (Teteris, Falaiye, and Watkins) and 600-meter dash outdoor defending national champion Allison Beckford, will be back when the important meets roll around.

"We have a very strong team with many all-Americans on it," Down said. "The other teams better be ready."
Loaded Owls poised to win WAC

Men's Track & Field

The middle-distance relay teams work hard and also was evident as Rice's two distance medley relay entries finished in second and third place.

The team of Pierce, Leblin, junior Kevin Brown and junior Erik Mazza posted a time of 10:05, while the crew of freshman Marcel Hewawatte and sophomores Adam Davis, Ben Wiggins and Daniel Pressing and finished in 19:07.

"The important thing is how we are getting along as a team," Wiggins said. "The Owls have a place of more than a change to get our legs under us than anything else."

The sprinters were led by junior Ryan Harlan, who placed second in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 7.96, and the 1,600-meter relay team of Pressing, Davis, Wiggins and junior Jeff Jorgensen added a sixth-place finish, recording a time of 3:31.

Rice's men have fared well in recent years, and this year should be no different. Junior Vaughn Walwyn triple jumped 7.39 meters to a second-place finish in the long jump, while freshman Jason Powell triple-jumped 5.67 meters to a third-place finish, measuring 14.70 meters. Senior Reed Balslev took third place in the high jump, crossing the bar at 2.01 meters.

"I had my best start of the season in my three years at Rice," Walwyn said. "I am really excited for my senior year." The Owls compete this weekend at a meet at Louisiana State University, and less than a month away are the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships, scheduled for Feb. 22-23 in Reno, Nev. Further down the road, three local meets are scheduled, including the Rice Bacardi Classic March 29-30, the Rice Al-Cammy meet April 26-27, and the WAC outdoor meet May 16-18.

"If we continue doing what they are doing, we will win conference," Warren said. "We will know a lot about the team in two weeks."

This season will mark the inaugural track and field season for Warren as a head coach, but the athletes are confident in his abilities.

"Warren is in his seventh year coaching, and was also a distance runner when he was a Rice undergraduate," Manza said. "Jon is really excited now as our head coach and he just motivates everyone to do the best they can do. And as always, coach (Wen Yong) Yang is one of the best jump coaches in the world. It is always fun to see what he can get out of his athletes."

Last year's team finished fourth at the WAC indoor meet, and with almost all of the athletes returning for this season, the Owls' expectations are high. They have the elite talent needed to win conference titles and contend for national titles — all three of Rice's athletes who advanced to NCAA competition last year (Harlan in the decathlon, junior Tommy Glick in the long jump, and senior Daniel Pressing in the 800-meter run) are back.

The Owls also have the depth to rack up points at the conference meet, especially in the field and distance events. With sprinting power, junior Texas Christian University, which finished second at last year's NCAA indoor and outdoor meets, is going to Conference USA, the Owls believe a WAC title is theirs for the taking.

"This is the best team we have had since Rice has been here at Rice," Pierce said. "We have a lot of talent and depth. We are strong in almost all the events. Our jump crew is one of the best in the nation. We are also a well-coached and disciplined team. It is going to take an excellently good team to beat us at conference."
Edward James Olmos
Actor and Community Activist

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"We're All in the Same Gang"

Multitalented actor, producer, director, and community activist Edward James Olmos has garnered acclaim for his many stage and screen projects as well as his many societal contributions. His acting honors include a Tony nomination for 1979’s Zoot Suit, an Academy Award nomination for his portrayal of a dedicated math teacher in Stand and Deliver, an Emmy nomination and a Golden Globe Award for his work in HBO’s The Burning Season, about Brazilian political activist Chico Mendes; and both an Emmy and nomination and a Golden Globe Award for his work of the award-winning NBC documentary in 1999.

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Building on last year’s winning season, the Aggies began their season strong by winning a tight match against Oklahoma State on the road at Oklahoma State, and Texas A&M on their home courts. After a tough match against No. 2 Vanderbilt University at the University of North Carolina, the Aggies moved on to the NCAA Championships, losing to No. 22 and No. 5 South Carolina.

The Aggies scored more than 22 goals last weekend, the spring dual match season last year. The team wants success, they’re hungry after being ranked in the nation’s top five for the past four years here. The Aggies are ready to claim their first tournament title.

The members of the men’s club played competitively against South Carolina, however, they didn’t have their best game. They will be back for good tonight or tomorrow night, they’re ready to face the challenge of the weekend. The Aggies are ready to take it one point at a time, because they believe that they can win, and nothing to lose.

The Owls face No. 18 Baylor University on their home courts in Waco. Both of these opponents will be tough, but we also know that we are much better, so we were ready for it, said senior Natalie Briaud. We won’t stop until we win.

Lacrosse no match for A&M
by Gary Kottler

The numbers of the men’s lacrosse team were down this week when they took their first conference matches against Texas A&M and Texas Tech. The Aggies scored more than 22 goals against UT’s Joe Zabri.

Flight B went better for the Owl’s, who were ranked in the nation’s top five in the national poll. The Aggies earned the tournament’s top seed in the Flight B draw, with the No. 1 seed advancing.

We played very well overall, it was such a tough tournament, with five top-20 teams seeded players, said coach Box Ross Satt. Everyone played really hard and won some matches, which is important early in the season.

The second day was full of doubles championships, Rice’s second- seed team of Richard and William Barker advanced to the finals in Flight A with a 6-0, 4-6, 6-4 score.

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Freshman Sydney Jim hits a forehand in practice Tuesday. Jim was in three sets in the first round of Flight B singles at the Met, Rice indoor Invitational Saturday before falling to TCU’s Daniel Scholten.

Women’s tennis drops two
by Wei-Han Tam

Men’s tennis gears up for spring
by John Torrisi

So much for easing into the season. The women’s tennis team opened the season with a match against South Carolina on their home courts, losing 4-0 to the Gamecocks. The team wants success, they’re hungry after being ranked in the nation’s top five for the past four years here. The Aggies are ready to take it one point at a time, because they believe that they can win, and nothing to lose.

In the No. 1 spot for only the second time in her career, senior Natalie Briaud defeated her opponent Joseph Rosenfeld by a 6-4, 6-4 score. It felt really good getting the victory, Gonzalez said. “I had my first big matches as No. 1 and it was good to get it under my belt. The girl is at a level where she wins a lot of matches, the little mistakes can kill you. This was really important for me to come out with a win.

Auntie was victorious in doubles—Auntie Goodrich, who had her opponent, Victoria Stoklosa, on the ropes at 4-5, 5-4 at the No. 4 singles spot before Stoklosa retired.

I felt really good going into the match. Goodrich said. “She was ranked No. 32 in the nation, and I guess she realized that she was going to have to put forth a lot more effort than she wanted to in our match and so she decided to retire. I played well and was up 4-0, but it was not in the match that we did have finished off it.

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The Owls enter the matches confident and ready to claim their first dual match win of the season. We have a lot of talent and depth, Brindj said. “This is by far our best team that I’ve been on in my four years here.”

The best spot for the Owls was a solid zone defense that held the Aggies to 22 goals. Last season, the Owls scored more than 22 goals four times, including a 27-2 victory over Rice in the Lone Star Alliance playoffs.

Rice’s first goal Saturday was scored by freshman attacker Andrew Rice on a well-designed penalty play, and senior midfielder John Chao added the second goal late in the fourth quarter.

While the outcome of the game was not what the Owls had hoped for, they have the rest of the season to regroup. With A&M advancing over the rest of the Lone Star Alliance, the Owls are certainly not out of the playoff hunt.

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Rice hopes to prove itself on road trip

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full, Jollowha was our leading rebounder and had six blocked shots against Hawaii,” McKinney said. “The blocked shots — that’s something we haven’t had in the past that she’s added, and that’s fun to have.”

You don’t have to score to contribute to what the team’s doing. If you’re not on one night, you can do other things to help the team win.”

One of the unusual heroes of Rice’s win over Hawaii was freshman Michelle Woods. When fellow post players Hayes, sophomore Elisa Roman and senior Danverch McIntosh each had four fouls in the second half, Woods was called upon to guard Hawaii center Christen Roper for most of the final eight minutes of the game.

Woods, who missed five games earlier this season with a foot injury, stepped up to the task, recording four rebounds and holding Roper to just one point the rest of the game.

“Michelle’s going to be a really good player,” McKinney said.

“She’s a bit behind because of the injury and her being just a freshman. But she has good hands and comes up with balls that are around her. Her quality minutes were huge.”

To stay in the hunt for the WAC title, Rice will need to prove it can play well on the road, with road games at the University of Nevada and Fresno State University ahead next week.

Junior guard Kara Liggett said the way the team gets along makes her look forward to road trips.

“I don’t care if we go to Bakersfield or Hawaii; it doesn’t matter time,” Liggett said. “Wegel another game well. We’re all hanging out in someone’s hotel room and we’ve never done that before. We used to not like being with each other. I guess.”

“The team used to not communicate in each other’s room but now we’re doing that a whole lot more. And that translates on the court — when we know our teammates better as people it can help us know them better as players on the court.”

Owls host SJSU tomorrow

BASKETBALL, from Page 13

with a stress fracture and several key players in foul trouble, SJSU’s offense began to sputter as Louisiana Tech edged away from the younger, smaller Owls.

“We had some guys in foul trouble, and when you’re in foul trouble you have the tendency to play tentative,” Wilson said. “All of a sudden, we’re trying to stay above water on the defensive side.”

When guys start playing tentative on that end, they play tentative on the opposite side.”

The most glaring offensive weakness for the Owls came at the free throw line. After making 10 of 17 free throw attempts at SMU, Rice made just six of 18 attempts at Louisiana Tech.

“It was very disappointing for us to shoot 6 of 14 from the free throw line,” Wilson said. “Free throws are what allows you to win games, stay in games when you’re on the road, and there’s just no reason not to make free throws.”

Aside from making free throws, however, the Owls said so radical changes are needed in the offense — they’re focusing on executing their system as they did in coming wins over Boise State and the University of Texas at El Paso earlier this season.

“I just think we keep playing along as we have been,” Wilson said.

“With as young of a team as we’re fielding, these younger guys need to gain confidence in the things we’re doing. The things that are very positive. We just have to recognize the situations a little bit better and make better decisions.”

Nothing could be a better confidence-builder than knocking off the conference leader. Hawaii features an explosive offense led by senior guard26.Saveve’s 20 points per game, but the Rainbowators showed their vulnerability on the road Saturday as they fell 67-53 to San Jose State, which was previously winless in WAC play.

“Hawaii is a very mature team,” Wilson said. “They play with a great deal of intensity and they put five guys on the floor that can-score at all times, so you really have to guard them at all spots on the floor.”

Monday night, the Owls face the University of Texas at (14-5) on the road to end a stretch of three games in five days for Rice. The Tulsa game presents one of the Owls’ toughest challenges of the season, with the Golden Hurricane consistently drawing large, loud crowds to their arena.

The Owls said a couple of home wins this weekend would provide some crucial momentum.

“It’s a long season,” Mancer said. “If we win at home, we’ll be fine in conference. We’re just trying to stay confident and look forward.”

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saturday

The Shepherd School of Music sponsors the YOUNG PEOPLE’S CONCERT for children of all ages, from 11 a.m. to noon. The free concert, held in Stude Concert Hall, features the Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra.

The women’s SWIM team competes against Texas A&M in the Rice Pool at 1 p.m.

The men’s BASKETBALL team faces off against San Jose State University at 7:05 p.m. in Autry Court.

Flutist Katherine Kemler and pianist Jan Grimes perform a guest artist.

Wednesday

Suzanne Folds McCullagh, curator of prints and drawings at The Art Institute of Chicago, presents “The Privacy of Drawing in the RENAISSANCE and BAROQUE” on Thursday, January 24 at 7 p.m. at Sewall Hall, Room 301.

“WHAT SENIORS WISH THEY KNEW” is a workshop sponsored by Career Services. Academic Advising and Study Abroad will provide tips from seniors about what they would’ve done differently if they could start all over. The workshops will be held individually in each college masters’ house at 7 p.m. tonight at Wiess College and Thursday at Wil Rice College.

The Shepherd School of Music presents a Faculty Composers CONCERT featuring the music of Arthur Gottschalk, Edward Applebaum, Pierre Jalbert and others at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

Edward James Olmos delivers the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture, “The Leon Wilson Clark Opera Series” begins tonight, with nightly shows through Feb. 3. Each performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Northrop Opera Theatre in Alice Pratt Brown Hall and features scenes from OPERA and musical THEATER.

Come meet the authors of the book FOUR SOULS, four men who graduated from college and then traveled the world to remote lands, living and working with locals in a search for purpose and meaning. The men will divide the fruits of their journeys at 9 p.m. in Sammy’s Cafe at CRU, the weekly meeting of Campus Crusade for Christ.

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24,000 starve to death each day
Engaging in the centuries-old practice of making money off of Jesus Christ and his disciples, a Washington-based computer manufacturer, has released “Jesus — The Action Figure.” With its passable arms, action figure Jesus can heal the sick, beat up Buddha action figures (they're maquilloids) and save the world. Additionally, Jesus the action figure features "gliding action," so he can glide across your desk as easily as he did the Sea of Galilee. This Jesus is a little less Gospel of John, a little more Gospel of Thomas.

For those of you concerned for the souls of those folks at Accommodations, know that their 20 products last also includes the Nun-Punching Peeper, Devil Duck (making bathtime sinful) and Nunzilla. According to product literature, "No dents to help in several areas. Jobs of Hermann park seeks energetic stu-

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Dear Disembodied Head...

In these troubled times of terrorism, joblessness, corporate piracy and overall foolishness, it’s always nice to have a disinterested glowing skull to mete out handy advice on love, life and everything that matters. Returning from Hell in the form of a floating head surrounded by rays of light, the Disembodied Head brought with it all the answers to your most pressing questions.

**Dear Disembodied Head:**

I’m a generally good person, but I’m really worried about going to Hell. Having been to Hell, are there any tips that you can give a girl so that she can keep away from the eternal torment of neverending death?

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Dear Jenny:

Not going to hell is pretty simple if only you follow five simple rules:

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3. Don’t spend your entire administration grubbing money from soon-to-be-bankrupt companies instead of addressing student issues.
4. Don’t run an energy trading firm into bankruptcy.
5. Whatever you do, don’t cross a floating head.

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**Dear Disembodied Head:**

I’m really interested in this one girl, but she’s pretty young. Can love overcome age, or am I just setting myself up for failure?

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Dear G:

Allow me to answer by way of an excerpt from the journal of the 7th-grade transient who lives in my room:

Dear Diary — Oh my God! Like. Becky and this 8th grader flirt it out at Dawn’s party when Dawn’s parents were gone. No way? Way! At first, I was like, ‘Isn’t he a little old for you?’ But she was like, ‘No, he’s my type. He’s like. Like. He’s cool!’ And so on, in other words: go for it.

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**Dear Disembodied Head:**

Do you know the Health Services plans to provide flu immunization shots and annual medical exams?

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George

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**Dear Disembodied Head:**

You sound pretty interesting yourself — it’s the girl who’s quiffer than a Rice male at an off-campus bar. You need to give her something to talk about. Some ideas:

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- Push for off a 30-story building, setting her hair on fire.
- Take her to a gay dance competition.

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For those of you concerned for the souls of those folks at Accoutrements, the Lord of Holitz, whose last name revealed Egyptian — you know, those engravings of the 12 tribes of Abraham.

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**Dear Disembodied Head:**

If you ever have to jump out of an airplane, be sure to do it in a diving motion, with your head towards the nose. Otherwise, you’ll fly straight back and hit the tail. I hope that helps you out!

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**Dear Disembodied Head:**

I recently met a nice young lady who I find quite fetching. She’s very cute, and we even have similar tastes in music, fashion and portfolio allocation. The problem is, she doesn’t say very much, and our conversations inevitably run dry in a matter of minutes. What can I do so we have something to talk about?

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Richard

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**Dear Disembodied Head:**

If you follow these simple steps, I’m sure you’ll be talking about something in no time. Good luck!

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