Will Rice pays $6,500 in fines

by Mark Berenson

Will Rice College was billed at most $6,500 by Housing and Dining last semester, mostly three times as much as any other college. H&D Business Manager Frank Rodriguez said almost all of the bill was due to damage fines, though it also could have included either catering or laundry repair costs.

Rodriguez said the majority of Will Rice's fine total was from repairs H&D had to make after physical damage was done to the college building. The damage included drawing on walls, punching holes in walls, and the largest single charge: replacing a card reader in the tower wing of old dorm.

For damages, H&D charges the college the cost of repairs plus an administrative fee. H&D Director Mark Dimitin said these charges are not meant to be punitive.

"When we pass through things at cost, it is not to be judgmental necessarily, but it is just the cost of your actions," Dimitin said.

Rodriguez said Will Rice's fines also resulted from numerous life-safety violations. Life-safety violations include anything that could put an individual at risk, such as punch fire alarm pulls, propping doors open or preventing doors from locking when closed.

For these types of violations, Dimitin said the university charges a fine as a deterrent (See Box, Page 7). "In the field of life-safety, a fine provides a deterrent, we think, for people to willingly comply with numerous security systems," Dimitin said. "The size of these fines are related to security and safety.

The college with the second most damage charges was Baker College, which had about $2,500 in fines. However, Rodriguez said a significant part of this total was catering and laundry fees.

For accounting purposes, Rodriguez said when another college requests laundry machine repairs, though H&D or if the college orders any catering through Rice Catering, it billed in the same way as fines are, and the charges are thus indistinguishable on the damages account.

"We have people looking into [fines individually] to figure out if these can be put in one individual," Rodriguez Dickerman, a senior, said.

Will Rice Vice President of Student Affairs Scott Wise said the fines are not meant to be punitive.

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RBT showing movies

by Lindsey Gilbert

Rice Broadcast Television officially kicked off its new feature film initiative Wednesday with a 7 p.m. showing of "The Karate Kid." RBT will telecast films each day at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. as part of a semester-long pilot program.

This month's selections include "Traffic," "Shrek," "Time Code" and "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider," among others.

"This semester is a trial period," RBT Station Manager Travis Johnson said. "Currently, we're just getting the system working.

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Cutting down on gratuitous fines

It may not come directly out of your pocket, but you still pay for it.

The excessive amount of fines Will Rice College residents incurred last semester hurt the entire college (See Story, Page 1).

College fines often take the fun out of college parties (less drinking and partying), are hard to avoid, and make the atmosphere uncomfortable. Even worse, the money that pays the fines doesn’t come out of thin air, it comes from the college budgets to which college fees are contributed.

While every college is likely to be fined at some point, the large part of the Will Rice fines were avoidable. Incidental damage and laundry room repairs are inevitable; busted bathroom doors are not. There’s no reason for any civilized person to break card readers and write on walls, especially not in a classy establishment like Rice. College leaders should promote a culture of respect for the buildings in which students reside, and the college residents should follow their example.

The initiative on the part of Housing and Dining to use the income from fines to improve security systems in the colleges demonstrates that a bit of foresight is possible. Fines aren’t limited to Will Rice — they might be levied at your own college if, for example, you engage in Boer-Bike rule-breaking.

As Rice gears up for Beer-Bike, remember that steep fines often take the fun out of college parties (less drinking and partying), are hard to avoid, and make the atmosphere uncomfortable. Even worse, the money that pays the fines doesn’t come out of thin air, it comes from the college budgets to which college fees are contributed. Failing to do so may lead to real-world fines much greater than those from Will Rice. The initiative on the part of Housing and Dining to use the income from fines to improve security systems in the colleges demonstrates that a bit of foresight is possible.

Registering to vote in primary elections

Monday is the last day to register to vote in Harris County in time for the March 12 primary election. The results of this primary determine the candidates for both congressional and state legislature races in the November general election. You’ve been exhorted about the lack of good candidates for governor, senator or congressman, or you just like the idea that you’re helping to separate the wheat from the chaff before November rolls around, then register to vote (if you haven’t already).

Launching the ‘Thresher’ into cyberspace

Some of our readers have been asking what happened to www.ricethresher.org, the Thresher’s Web site. We pulled it offline last semester in order to build a brand-new site from the ground up.

The wait for the new site is finally over — we’re proud to announce that the site is once again up and running.

We want the Thresher to be accessible to anyone with Internet access, especially since so many Rice community members go abroad or graduate every year. It’s also a nice way for parents to keep track of what’s going on at Rice. And now you can send your friends at other universities links to the latest Backpage or Lifestyles Magazine, so they can get a taste of the Rice experience.

To send out the new site and send your comments to thresher@rice.edu. Like everything on the Web, it’s a work in progress, and its evolution depends on your feedback.

Let’s Rethink the Party

The Rice Thresher Opinion Page
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WILL RICE CHAIN OF CONSUMPTION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disapproval of swimmers justified

To the editor:

As a former Olympic Triathlet participat

PCAA qualifier and an individual

who has had the privilege of tra

ning part-time with the swim team

since September for the Masters Na

ional Championship in Hawaii this

May. I am qualified to comment on the recent dismissal of the three seniors from the swimming and diving team related to head coach Doug Boyd (“Swimming with Starks,” Feb. 1). The dismissal of those three seniors was justified and appropriate. Those seniors fostered an environment detrimental to the remainder of the underclass team, which is striving for excellence. The seniors’ negative attitudes, poor work habits and lack of leadership created the situation where they dismissed themselves from the team via their actions and inactions. Those actions and inactions were acknowledged by fines during a meeting with the coaching staff and university administration.

For those three seniors to now protest ignorance to the Thresher regarding their dismissal is naive, or distinguish them (or “Senior swimmers cut,” Feb. 1). On the other hand, it’s appropriate for the Rice women’s swim team there is accountability: responsibility for behavior and consequences for their actions and, in this situation, primarily inactions.

Boyds is the most successful swim coach in Rice’s history. He is important for the well-being and benefit of the remaining team members and the future of the program, the embattled Rice swim team and accountability. I believe integrity, accountability, leadership and responsibility are crucial to the University as well as in any successful collegiate athletic program. If those values are not in line with the goals of Rice, what are?

Robert Kileen Jr.

Hammond’s presence will be missed

To the editor:

I once read a novel in which the protagonist thought, on hearing news of the death of someone he knew, that he had always felt her presence in the world. Michael Hammond’s “presence in the world” was large and has doubtless been felt by many, like myself, whether they knew him well or not. I didn’t, but he had the pleasure of being in that company now and again, and sometimes glimpsed him at a distance.

It struck me that he was one of the few Renaissance men left anywhere, a person of refinement, culture and faith. I can have few more thrilling (literally thrilling) moments than those from the opening concert at Brown Hall — silence, the ringing of a bell, then the voices of St. Thomas, followed by the anthems of our country and the university. It was so artfully and beautifully or- dered that it took one’s breath away.

—pure Hammond.

Kill Clark
Hammond ’54

Courrèges ignores party history

To the editor:

Owen Courrèges’s article (“Demo- crats chained to a racist legacy,” Feb. 1) serves only to discredit Democrats. Both major political parties have had dealings with racism. Snouting out a party is partisan in this era of bipartisanship.

Justice Hugo Black was a Democ- rat in the 1930s, which means he was a conservative. Several conserva- tives of the Democratic party de- parted after Democrats became re- cently liberal. Several members of southern legislatures Democrats never switched parties. Those “Dixicrats” are conservative. Strom Thurmond, a Democrat at the time, holds the Senate record for filibustering against the 1957 Civil Rights Acts for over 24 hours, and he voted against subsequent civil rights acts after he became a Republican. David Duke, once gubernatorial candidate for Louisiana, is a noted racist and former member of the Ku Klux Klan. Several other Republicans have simi- lar skeletons in their closets.

The laughable part is Courrèges’ mention of a “traitor” press. It’s easy to generalize the press as a single entity. Certainly, individuals in the press may be liberal or conserva- tive, but the “press” consists of the collective. The millions of media personnel are representative of the American society. A “traitor” press is an unfounded myth. The press has a considerable influence on the way Americans think. The majority of Americans have not shifted to the left. My opinion is that the press has recently shifted rightward. Between any belief that the press has become conservative and others’ belief that the press is liberal, the actual press probably sits somewhere near the political center of America. Trusting liberals and conservatives alike.

Roy Ola
Loyd senior

Democratic party has evolved

To the editor:

The fact that many rightwing, openly racist public officials chose about 30 years ago to break from the Democratic to the Republican party — think Strom Thurmond, Jesse Helms, David Duke — is a fact obvious even to Courrèges’ fictions accusations, contrary to Courrèges’ fictions accusations, and conclusions of the modern Demo- cratic Party from an organization that relied on the church of racist Southern Democrats to a strong, civilly-oriented party well-equipped with historical fact.

The presumption that two iso- lated cases of “racist legacy” define the character of the modern Demo-

Party is a preposterous as- sumption that smacks of intentional partisan finger-pointing. Courrèges suggests that we cannot possibly teach old dogs new tricks — that distinguished statesmen like Rob- ert Byrd couldn’t possibly have changed of course, they’re not concerned with their newly evolved opinions are untrust- worthy, even fought.

Maybe Courrèges’ Republican friends are getting scared about the questionable tactics Attorney Gen- eral John Ashcroft is using to hold “supposed terrorists” in New Jer- sey holding facilities. Maybe the civil liberties defenses in the Republic- an Party are evoking some guilty demons from within the Republican ranks. Maybe we should focus on issues that really matter rather than letting ideological concerns completely irrelevant to modern politics.

Megan Kemp
President, Rice Young Democrats

Portrayal of Hugo Black unfair

To the editor:

I found Owen Courrèges’ article regarding the supposed racist legacy of Hugo Black to be both misleading and inaccurate representation of the former senator and justice. Was Justice Black involved in the Ku Klux Klan? By his own admission, he most certainly was. Black, however, also sup- ported crucial cases that taught supposedly reactionary principles to black American citizens. Today that “moral cowardice won the day” is to reduce one of the most significant men in American law to some paragraph in an article about courts and racism.

Hugo Black was at the center of numer- ous decisions that provided civil rights to black Americans. For ex- ample, in Morgan v. Virginia he found that Virginia could not require one. See RACIST Part 4.

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Growing up to be any better concerned with no one but one day and realize that makes our toilets daily? And what changes our garbage bag? And powerless in their defeat? We should ask ourselves: Are we every happened to leaving our company? The students reevaluate their perspectives is lost when pre-meds who long to make sure our spoiled stomachs are the same as abusing our human rights. Of course, these beliefs are in the confluence of party ideology and are probably actually held by a majority of those who call themselves Greens. But the Green Party cautions us that one cannot be a Green and be a liberal. It is necessary to reject liberal ideology in its radical enthusiasm. What is the reality of our activism, but more often Greens are seen as zealots.

The Green Party is more of a political theory than a political party.

Outwardly, the Green Party is unfortunately a different subculture that seems to have very few potential and disenfranchised kids who with the elite. The Green Party is called a different subculture and is seen as zealots taken in the last month are intimidating for most of the population. There is absolutely nothing wrong with styles (or rejection of styles), but to outsiders, these political characteristics on mass have become frightening. Don't ring many potential allies. Moreover, the Green Party has very low minority membership. This is where we are when some of those groups that Green ideals would most care about, the main problems, but Nader would attribute this to the Democratic Party's stand on minorities being certain valid, but misses the point that a lot of Green ideas are idealistic, with a large world view, meaning they are more likely to appeal to middle class white kids (who compose most of the Green Party), than those struggling for immediate needs.

Another conclusion one can make about the Green Party's members, is this is a radical group. This is a complex issue and has seen fireworks here in the past. Are people wrong because they care about the health and value security? Greens almost seem to be saying this, which leads to a conclusion that no common ground is possible, and the nation has become increasingly polarized since 9/11.

Grassroots ideology is very important. Greens are hoping that America's future will be controlled by the power of clean, not by hard mentality or corporate dollars. A reminder to Greens is that Greens aren't anarchists, they are opposition to the power of the government and should function to help people. Hopefully this understanding will encourage Greens to reach out to those who have social concerns and high governmental who might not be able to flourish within the existing party system.

Ben Horne is a Waise College senior.

Very well then, I contradict myself...
If I were a parent, I would be pissed. I might even file a lawsuit.

Parents in poor neighborhoods fight for school choice because they appreciate its merits better than any-"d-ers. Parents have the ability to choose where they send their child and their tax money. Competitive forces will push underperforming schools out of the market and re-ward good ones.

School choice also allows for greater flexibility than the one-size-fits-all approach of government schools, making room for vocational high schools that could teach specialized skills like computer programming or schools designed for autistic or attention deficit dis-projects, whose learning needs deviate from the mean. It also allows for pri-ately funded scholarships programs that send high-achieving children from poor families to the best private schools, a program that's enjoyed tremendous success in Arizona. 

Public schools are full of moti-vated, intelligent teachers who want to see their students succeed. My mom teaches first grade at a public school, and I've seen the effort she puts in. I've also had dreams of great teachers in my 13 years at public schools. School choice is not a threat to these teachers, it's a way to free them from a bad system that goes all the way back in German unification.

Our system may not have such sinister objectives, but good inten-tions alone are no reason to keep it around.

Brad Lars is a Hanszen College sophomore and president of the Rice Hayek Society.

Letters to the editor

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racial segregation on interstate buses. Thus, Hugo Black supported the desegregation of buses a full 10 years before Rosa Parks refused to bow to segregation.

On take Chablis, Florida. That law saw four black mailbox suspects subjected to an all-night in-terrogation and sentenced to death on the basis of their confessions. Black wrote the opinion. He said that a person who is a "helpless, weak, out-numbered, or are nonconformist victims of prejudice and public ex-clamation." Hardly the words of a black lawyer, but precisely the words of Justice Black believed the horrible institution of so-called segregation placed a dot of inferiority upon blacks that made it impossible for the public to achieve the recognition that they so tried to end it. Clearly, Hugo Black was not a man of the law.

Steven Patton

Hanszen senior

Club 13 runners are not criminals

To the editor:

In response to the Backpage of the Jan. 18 Thresher, Matt Butler writes a letter to the entire student body, explaining about the Club 13 members who ran at the Olympic torch ceremony. Butler compared the app-ropriateness of the venue to a kin-dergarten, writing, "If we'd never toler-ate this at a kindergarden. Why is it suddenly acceptable at a univer-sity?" This argument is seriously flawed, there are countless things that college students do that kindergartners are not permitted to do — staying up past 8 p.m., oper-ating automobiles and swimming without supervision are only a few examples. Butler also made a stron-ger accusation, criticizing Rice for failing to have the runners "pro-sented for what is generally consider-ated a crime in this state. I can only assume that the crime referred to is the "lack of exposure statue" in the Texas penal code.

The Texas penal code defines indecent exposure in Section 21.09(a). "A person commits an off ense by exposing his anus or any part of his genitals with intent to gratify, arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person, and he is reckless as to whether another is present who will be offended or alarmed by his actions." The actions of Club 13 members at the Olympic torch ceremony fell short of the three required criteria for this misdemeanor: "exposure", and "intent to arouse or gratify.

Texas Courts have established that exposure does not occur unless the body part is "exposed" visible to the naked eye. Therefore, because there is no evidence within the mouth of the statutes, whether the exposure is of leg, hand, or any other body part. The Supreme Court of Texas has ruled that the exposure does not happen if the organ is not visible. Thus, it is clear that there are no conditions within the mouth of the statutes. Whether the activities of Club 13 members in Houston are "exposure" is a matter of debate. It is clear, how-ever, that they do not violate Texas indecent exposure laws.

Jonathan Minkowski

Hanszen sophomore

Gonzalez's column plagued by errors

To the editor:

I was quite troubled to read about the hostile academic environment that Alexandra Gonzalez described in her recent column ("Gender Stud-ies classes create hostile environment.") Jan. 25). I found her com-ments gravely misrepresentative of the experience I have had as a woman and gender studies major.

Aside from some factual errors ("a radical feminist, wanting to challenge this("), her column would stumble at the thought that women should "compete as a man" or that they should "prove their worth". This limited evaluation of what constitutes academic knowledge would inadequately limit the appropriate spaces for personal de-sire potentially driving women's understanding of the work of femi-nists.

Underlying her column is an as-sumption that, unlike other courses at Rice, the knowledge in gender studies — what is to be learned — is gender studies solely based on the students and teachers. She believes that studying feminism "hurts" her "right as a student." Femini-st knowledge, which allows think-ers to approach issues of gender, race, class and sexuality in critical ways, is a knowledge base like any other academic study. I cannot im-age any student feeling the need or the right to complain that learning about capitalism in an economics class violates her rights as a student.

It is one thing to question what we learn, to wonder about the ben-etits of capitalism or feminism, but it is another to entirely assume that because there is politics stur-rected thought behind scholarly work, it is useless and ultimately in violation of our right to free thought. Actually, now that I think about it, we should not complain about having to learn about capitalism. Certainly, it's a system of knowl-edge that violates people's rights to liberty, equality and the pursuit of happi-ness through systematic inequality. We feminists, alas, are only too quick to report 'liberties' through our dis-gressence use of words like "gender" and "discrimination.

Merrit Mckinley

Hanszen senior

Asking for corporate responsibility

To the editor:

Last week's explosion at the Synthec Pharmaceutical Chemical Plant should pro-voke the Houstonian community to consider the necessity of corporate responsibility. The causes of the explosion are going to be known, and more information will surface in coming weeks, but we should not hesitate to reflect on the con-cerning event.

It would be imprudent to prema-turly judge the company as irre-sponsible, to blame it for the release of toxic gases that endangered Houstonians without having full information. But if this event fits the pattern of past chemical disasters, there is a dire lesson to be learned. Corporations must not put profits ahead of the public's safety. Neither acting plethora nor repairing dangerous technology to light of the unwanted costs of up-grading to safer technology can be permitted.

Chemical companies must base their responsibility, in the game of risk assessment the only permissible number of unacceptable chemical accidents should devote the time necessary to research the dangers of their pro-duction processes and spend the money for implementing safer tech-nology. Salaries should be raised and high qualifications required so that personell is of the highest quality. Incompetence is not a viable excuse when public health is at risk.

As the Houstonian community re-spond to this disaster, our revi-sion should set out the facts and postpone the assignment of blame until a clear understanding of how the explosion occurred is reached.

As the point of Synthec's explosion, we should castigate them for their lack of corporate responsibility, for general corporate tendency of giving profits higher priority than public safety.
Famous Chemists Target Science, Faith

by Brandon Beck

Two famous chemists, Dr. Henry Fritz Schaefer and Dr. Michael J. Behe, will be visiting Rice University starting Monday, February 18 and ending Saturday, February 23. Each chemist will give a presentation for one hour each night at the beginning of the week. In addition, Dr. Schaefer will give a Computational Chemistry Lecture that Monday at 4pm in the Chemistry Department. Dr. Schaefer is the Graham Pierce Professor of Chemistry and the director of the Center for Computational Quantum Chemistry at the University of Georgia, and was recently named the third-most cited chemist in the world. Dr. Behe is professor of Biological Sciences at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. His book, Darwin's Black Box (The Free Press, 1996) discusses the implications for Neo-Darwinism of what he calls the most complex known biochemical systems, and was recently named by National Review and World magazine as one of the 100 most important books of the 20th century. The two chemists will speak primarily on their contributions within their specialization of the field. Additionally, the speakers will be identifying how their personal faiths has in everyday work. They will address their perception of compatibility of their faith with current scientific and Western thought, and will explore the effects and new modes of perception that come with this non-traditional combination.

Science and faith have long seemed at odds with each other, both because of startling discoveries in the 19th and early in the 20th centuries that gave basis to non-explanative origins and because of post-Renaissance developments that led to a division between the "natural" and the "supernatural." Because such things as the common cold can now be explained on a purely mechanistic basis, the modern worldview lends itself to materialism.

"Although science is an inspiring pursuit in its proper domain, and a genuine delight to me and others, it is not the whole story." — Dr. Henry Fritz Schaefer

Computational Chemistry University of Georgia

Dr. Schaefer and Dr. Behe are both known for challenging this modern worldview and asserting the apparent design that they have discovered within their field. They contend that, regardless of whether they are pre- or post-mortal events that occur, the world, and especially as fine-tuned complexity, must have been designed.

"Dr. Behe is best known for his book, Darwin's Black Box, which leads the reader on an overview of a few of the most complex known biochemical systems. Behe asserts that these systems, in addition to being quite complex, would have required 12 major, simultaneous, concerted evolutionary developments. He insists that Darwin's evolutionary theory does not handle concerted developments well, and that 12 simultaneous developments are unaccounted for. From a naturalistic point of view, this phenomenon is unexplained, but currently Behe sees design as the only reasonable explanation for the development of these systems. Likewise, Dr. Schaefer, through out all his work in cosmology and quantum chemistry, has seen no other reasonable explanation for the development of life on earth. He cites several pieces of evidence that apparently make the probability of human existence equivalent to finding a single atom in the universe. Fine-tuned physical constants and the short time span in which life appeared after the earth cooled are two examples that, for Dr. Schaefer, constitutes the beginning of an argument for design. Dr. Schaefer also explains his view of the harmony between science and the whole of reality, "A statement that I think gives some balance to this discussion [of the limits of science] was made by one of my scientific heroes, Erwin Schrödinger, after whom the most important equation in science is named: the Schrödinger Equation. "Science sometimes pretends to answer questions [that are]... really near to our heart... but the answers are very often so silly that we are not inclined to take them seriously." Although science is an inspiring pursuit in its proper domain, and a genuine delight to me and others, it is not the whole story," Science, for them, does not exclude design. Both Dr. Behe and Dr. Schaefer have been widely criticized for their beliefs. Indeed, some see belief in design as a cop-out and a retreat from rational thought. However, both contend that many scientific experts resort to less reasonable speculative hypotheses in an effort to dodge the seeming implication of a Designer. They understand science only as a means of collecting and verifying facts about "matters in motion," a process which to them has few implications for social or personal beliefs. For them, science does not conflict with personal faith and is limited in its scope and perspective.

Dr. Schaefer will be speaking Monday, February 18 at 4pm in Dell Bunch Hall and on Tuesday, February 19 at 7pm in the Grand Hall. Dr. Behe will be speaking on Monday, February 18 at 7pm in the Grand Hall. There will be QA and discussion time following the events.

Veritas Forum

Nineteen events, including dramatic presentations, lectures and concerts, and discussions, are planned.

Six highly cooerced professors holding doctorates in their respective fields, ranging from biochemistry to philosophy to theology, will attend together each night.

One pursuit - the pursuit of truth

The Veritas Forum, born in 1992 at Harvard University, has branched out to over 75 colleges and universities nationwide, and will be held for the first time at Rice Feb 18-23.

The forum seeks to tackle life's biggest questions - the existence of the world, the existence of God and the nature and problem of evil, to name just a few. Typically, the forum's speakers, members of the academic world all too often pass these pressing, consuming questions to the back of their minds, instead focusing on things more manageable and less weighty.

But it doesn't change the fact that the questions, and the resulting uncertainty, still loom in the minds of countless individuals, and the scholars and students who wish to provide a forum for discussion, investigation and education.

The week kicks off Feb. 18, when noted chemists Dr. Henry Fritz Schaefer and Dr. Michael J. Behe will present lectures. Schaefer will discuss his computational chemistry research concerning the likelihood that excess charge resides on cytochrome in the guanine-cytosine pair, resulting in a stable covalent union. Behe, the author of Darwin's Black Box, named one of the 100 most important books of the century by National Review and World magazine, will explore the validity of Neo-Darwinism when considering complex biochemical systems.

The forum continues throughout the week, highlighted by a lecture and entertainment each night. There is something to pique the interests of everyone, as the lectures tackle widely varying topics, including "Altruism, Theism, and the Meaning of Life" and "Faith and the Problem of Evil," and the events following the lectures include receptions with artists and filmmakers, a concert, a drama, and an improv national comedy.

From all the events together, however, is the pursuit of truth and a relentless refusal to dodge "bug questions." Each of the speakers and presenters has spent countless hours in research, in introduction, and in discourse with others in order to form and articulate their thoughts on God, meaning, and faith.

Recognizing the vital importance of coming to grips with such issues, they have devoted themselves to helping college students nationwide do the same - develop a worldview consistent with logic, reason, and science that explains the human condition as well as the existence and character of the divine.

Each lecture will be followed by a discussion/question-and-answer session led by the presenter and will take place in the Rice Memorial Center in the Grand Hall or Farnsworth Pavilion.

The forum's visit to Rice has been made possible due to efforts and resources from nine student and local organizations.

This advertisement was paid for by the organizers of Veritas.
CIC faces personnel changes

by Jenny Roos

The Community Involvement Center will be adding a new assistant director in April to replace temporary Community Service Coordinator Stacy Rasmussen (War '01).

The new assistant director will be responsible for working with about half the student-run service groups on campus, particularly those related to education, such as ESL tutoring, Junior Achievement, outreach tutoring and one-on-one tutoring.

The job also involves helping to coordinate student programs such as the alternative spring break trip to Mexico and the spring break trips led by the Rice Student Volunteer Program and Habitat for Humanity and Urban Immersion, a service-oriented program that introduces incoming students to Houston the summer before their freshman year.

The new hire's responsibilities will also include coordinating the international summer service project, advising the CIC service-oriented program and helping to introduce incoming students to Houston the summer before their freshman year.

In a new assistant director, the search committee looked for someone who has experience working with service organizations, a master's degree in student affairs or a master's degree in student affairs and experience coordinating alternative spring break trips and tutoring and mentoring programs like the ones at the CIC.

The committee received 90 applications and narrowed the pool down to five finalists.

One applicant decided not to relocate to Houston, narrowing the search down to four candidates who have already completed phone interviews and will be interviewed in person by the search committee on campus sometime this week.

The committee plans to make an offer by March 1, and the new assistant director will begin working April 1.

The search committee is composed of Rasmussen, Director of Student Activities Mona Hicken, Associate Director of the Student Center Paul Simon, Will Rice College junior Steven Canfield, Baker College junior Kristin Chappell, Jones College junior Chad Chastain and Weiss College senior Zarema Sturgeon.

Of the four final candidates for the assistant director job, three are currently employed at other universities and one is working for a national community service organization.

All of the applicants have experience with campus community service groups.

The CIC was founded in 1995, the same year Syrett was hired.

The center spent one year as part of the Office of Student Activities, then moved as part of the Student Center, and has officially been an independent office, reporting to an assistant dean for Student Life, since 1997.

The CIC works with student service organizations and sponsors programs of its own, including the Good Works Fair and Orientation Week Week and the AIDS quilt display, which begins Monday with an opening ceremony in the Grand Hall.

The CIC also publishes Give a Hoot, an e-mail newsletter that informs students about service opportunities at Rice and in the Houston area.

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February 11 - 14
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Display Hours
Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
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Individuals may be held responsible for Will Rice fines

FINES, from Page 1

Yanoski said the college could fine the individual directly or it could go through the university's Student Judicial Programs, the branch of the university administration that can dispense penalties for violations of the student conduct code.

Yanoski said he was optimistic that none of the fines would be passed on to individuals.

"I think for several of them we have enough grounds to pass them on to individuals," Yanoski, a junior, said. "But the college will have to probably pay some of them too."

Halpern Dickerman said there was little the college could do to prevent the fines, and he would not do anything be considered drastic.

"People have suggested putting cameras in places," Halpern Dickerman said, "but that is ridiculous — that's not going to happen."

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"This group of freshmen, I don't think they are more destructive than we were when we were freshmen," Halpern Dickerman said. "They do more art in the hallways, but while I yell at them a lot, I don't blame them."

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Future RBT movies based on Web input

RBT, from Page 1

to supplement the current student-produced RBT programming, not overpower it.

"We don't want to become a movie channel," Johnson said. "We want the students to have a lot of interactions with the channel as far as choosing programs, choosing movies for the next month and choosing movies they want to watch the next day."

The current feedback in positive, movies may become a permanent RBT fixture. By adding a line item for a full year of licensing privileges, RBT could pay for the first couple weeks of this semester, whenever my roommates and I have seen the door jammed open, we've removed it, and that's forced people to remember their codes," Henderson said.

Halpern Dickerman said he didn't consider any of the fines to be unreasonable. However, he added that the college in discussions with H&H about a fine the college received for repairing a stair that had been drawn on with a permanent marker, which could have just been washed off.

Ditman said he heard from students that the total amount of fines H&H has imposed this year is lower than in prior years, but that he was unaware if that is actually the case.

"I never find fines typical," Rodriguez said. "It depends on mood (of the student body), and how students are reacting to every-day stuff."

Ditman said the revenue generated by fines for life-safety violations has been put into a separate account, and H&H is planning on using the money to enhance the colleges in some way, possibly by installing new life-safety security systems.

Ditman said one way the money could be used is to fund a test program of a method of securing hall bathrooms that is more convenient than the current keypad locks.

Ditman said one type of system being considered is biometrics, in which some physical attributes, such as a fingerprint, voice identification or retinal scan, is used to distinguish authorized entrants.

Henderson, whom Ditman urged to investigate using biometrics in a bathroom entry system, said he thought biometric identification could be advantageous, despite some shortcomings.

"It would be quicker and easier to get in, but the set-up would be more difficult because you would need to get a thumbprint of every student who should have access," Henderson said. "But you take care of that during [Orientation Week] and it is taken care of."

The fines listed below are for the full semester and include catering fees and laundry maintenance costs for some colleges. All figures were provided by Housing and Dining.

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Center honors outstanding women

by Elizabeth Decker

Eighteen members of the Rice community were presented with the fifth annual Impact awards Wednesday for serving as role models and raising awareness of women's issues.

The awards were presented by Women's Resource Center Director Mona Hicks at an anniversary celebration of the six-year anniversary of the center. About 90 people attended the event.

Hicks said the celebration affirmed the mission of the center to serve members of the Rice community. "In the Women's Resource Center, dreams are not denied," Hicks said in her speech. "Programs come out of nowhere, experiences have no limits for those who enter and education and equity are for all.

Recipients of the award were:

- Baker College junior Megan Arendt
- Jones College senior Rebecca Baldwin
- Will Rice College senior Vivian Davila
- Baker senior Audrey Fine
- Hanszen College sophomore Kate Flood
- Lovett senior Laura Gardner
- H美学 senior Janie Lisagor
- Paleo College senior Shilaya Nalcy
- and Wiess College junior April Stevens

Also, psychology graduate student Jennifer Felder received an award for her research examining the reasons that working mothers experience when placing their children in different types of day care.

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"Her work may revolutionize how we view on-site day care, and this is certainly an issue that affects mothers and daughters," Hicks said in her speech.

Alumni award recipients were:

- Bruce Barber (Lowett '73) and Alanna Wiesenthal (Baker '73)

The faculty Impact award recipients were:

- History and Classical Studies Lecturer Kristine Wallace, who has worked at Rice since 1984 and was a role model for aspiring academics.

"She's taught us not only about the condition of women in one time period, but also how to analyze how women's stories and feminine subjects are presented in scholarship," Wallace's nominator wrote.

Staff members Student Activities Department Coordinator Philip Angelides, Physics and Astronomy Institute Administrator Ute Laurs and Rice University Police Sergeant Les Hulsey were also presented with awards.

Hulsey was recognized for coordinating car repair workshops and working as a Rape Aggression Defense System instructor.

"I believe that presenting programs to women in the community will empower them to be more confident and better prepared to overcome situations that will arise in their everyday lives," Hulsey wrote in his personal statement for the application.

Hicks also recognized Sadie sophomore Crystal Sa, Lovett junior July Thomson and chemistry graduate student student Bq Walah (Wies '99) at Women's Resource Center volunteers of the year.

John E. parish fellowship

for Summer Travel

Wiess College announces competition for the 2002 John E. Parish Fellowship. The winner of the Parish Fellowship will receive support of up to $3500 for at least 2 months of travel during Summer 2002, as well as a partial tuition grant for the 2002-2003 academic year. The purpose of the fellowship is to enhance the undergraduate education of the Fellow by broadening the range of experience via travel. All full-time returning undergraduates at Rice are eligible.

For further information, call the Wiess College coordinator (713-348-5743), or see the web page at www.ruf.rice.edu/~parish. Deadline for application is Thursday, March 14, 2002.

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JONES COLLEGE

Even after the most bitter defeat, Jones College members will out-cheer the victor with their infamous rallying cry, "Jones wins again!"

These features are the sixth and seventh in a series that will explore each college's history and traditions and examine how these are shaped by the individuals that make each college unique. See the Feb. 15 issue of the Thresher to read about Brown and Sid Richardson Colleges.

This triumphant attitude even in the face of adversity has come to characterize the Jones spirit. Jones residents have endured early-morning construction noise and seven-foot parking lot and green space replaced with a new college and a makeshift, tunnel-like walkway. Even college traditions—the welcoming of new transferring students into the Fairy Fountain on their birthdays—have been rendered impossible by construction. But none of this has detracted from the Jones College character.

"Before my junior year, Jones wasn't known for a lot of [campus] involvement," Jones President Steve Wilbur said. "One thing I think kind of changed it was construction. It led to a lot of college unity, one thing I think Jones might have been lacking in the recent past."

Jones Master Enrique Barreras said the adversity has led to more spirited Jones students.

"I think now we're at a stage where we have a lot of students we'd call Captain J.B.A.," Barrera, an engineering professor, said, referring to those with a great deal of Jones spirit.

This spirit may be a product of the close-knit, island-like community created at Jones from the beginning. Built as the first women's dorm on campus, Jones was funded by a donation from Houston philanthropist Jesse H. Jones to create a living museum to his late wife, Mary Gibbs Jones. Jones South and North wings were opened to the first female residents in 1957.

"The doors were exquisitely—were they very expensively furnished," Patricia Teed (Jones '62) said, adding that the halls were adorned with elegant decorations and bronze lamps among the furniture furnishings. "Imagine putting Max Ernst and Reto in a residence hall living room."

"Ladylike" manners were always required, Ginger Bernhard (Jones '69) said. At meals, each table had a hostess, and dinner was served family style.

Sunday noon was the main meal and you had to wear heels and a skirt," Bernhard said. "People used to come down sometimes with their trench coats over panties and heels."

Teed said early rules at Jones were strict. If a Jones member had a study date, both students had to keep one foot on the floor and the dress open while they studied. Men were not allowed upstairs. Each building had its own house mother to help enforce these rules.

Teed said this sometimes created a lack of privacy, and her house mother was notorious for what Teed called "knock opening" doors.

"She would knock and open at the same time so you didn't have any time to hide in the bathroom," Teed said. "The house mother in Jones South was always standing on you, so I didn't think of the dorm as any sort of cozy, relaxed place.

Women had to sign out to go on dates and back by curfew 11 p.m. on weekdays and 2 a.m. on the weekend.

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**Owls hope to ride explosive lineup to Omaha**

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**ASTROS COLLEGE CLASSIC**

Rice faces Texas A&M tonight at 7:30 p.m. and Texas Tech tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. in the Astros College Classic at Enron Field. Students can present their Rice ID at the gate to purchase tickets for $6, half of the original ticket price.

"We want to go all the way," sophomore left fielder Austin Davis said. "Last year we got held up a little short of Omaha, but we have a young pitching staff and a really good hitting team, so I think we can go all the way.

Last year's team was led by the spectacular pitching duo of Kenny Baugh and Jon Skaggs, who were both first-round picks in June's Major League Baseball amateur draft. The Owls finished 47-20, hosted their come-from-behind fashion  before Jacinto North College), freshman of Omaha, but we have a young pitching staff and a really good hitting team, so I think we can go all the way."

"We definitely have 12 men that can hit throughout the lineup," senior center fielder A.J. Porfirio said. "Last year we had a couple problems with injuries and I think if that happens this year, probably won't hurt us as much as it did last year."

The most notable of the injuries last season was freshman second baseman Jose Enrique Cruz's broken wrist, which forced him to miss the second half of the season. Cruz returns at full strength this year and plans to swing from both sides of the plate while switching to shortstop.

"Every year it's Omaha, not only to get there, but to win it. Coming so close last year is going to drive us even harder this year."

— A.J. Porfirio
Senior center fielder

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Senior second baseman Eric Arnold is back out the other key-stone position and should continue to power the offense after leading the team with 15 home runs and a .338 batting average, but the 3-4 tandem of Bryan Bubela and Andre Arnold will likely be reinstated to that spot this season. Last year's No. 2 hitter also returned in Porfirio, who along with Hunter Brown started all 67 Rice games last year. Porfirio hit for the team with 157 total bases and finished second with 11 home runs. Senior right fielder Mike Lorsbach rounds out the trio, coming off a season in which he hit .350 with 41 RBIs and 146 total bases.

"We've shown that in the fall and spring so far," Skaggs said. "The only group stronger than the Owls' infield this season might be their outfield, which is among the best in the nation. Austin Davis, named a freshman All-American last season, led the team in hitting (.369), on-base percentage (.431) and walks (32). Grace has options at the top of the lineup. Davis spent much of last year leading off, but Cruz might be reinstated to that spot this season. Last year's No. 2 hitter also returns in Porfirio, who along with Hunter Brown started all 67 Rice games last year. Porfirio hit for the team with 157 total bases and finished second with 11 home runs. Senior right fielder Mike Lorsbach rounds out the trio, coming off a season in which he hit .350 with 41 RBIs and 146 total bases.

"It's all about confidence and not getting down when you make one error," Porfirio said. "We've looked pretty good in the fall and the beginning of the spring, so I think we're ready to go."

"If the Owls can get the pitching and the defense to back up their offense, it should be another extremely successful season for Rice, which is the overwhelming favorite to capture the WCAC title in the coaches' voting. The Owls have big egos again, but our confidence is higher this year, not to mention the addition of Andrew Bubela for the designated hitter spot this season."
Tigre the 2002 Rice baseball pitchers' job may be a bit easier from last year's dominant corps, but the team is not losing too much sleep over it. The Owls lost eight of the 11 pitchers who appeared last year, with just two regular contributors returning. Senior starter Kenny Baugh and Jon Skaggs were both first-round draft picks, and three other pitchers graduated. In addition to the seniors, Rice lost three talented underclassmen to the major league draft, a transfer, and an injury. Inexperience is the name of the game for the Rice pitching staff this season, but the Owls are not fazed. "I think each time we go out there to play we have a good chance of winning, no matter who's pitching," junior starter Steven Herce said. Herce, a right-hander with good control, is expected to be the ace of the staff after he developed into a solid third starter for the Owls last season, going 6-1 with a 2.37 ERA and, perhaps most impressively, not allowing a home run all season. "He's the heir apparent because he had the good year last year and he's a very hard-working guy," head coach Wayne Graham said. Senior Philip Tribe steps into the No. 2 spot in the starting rotation at the beginning of the year after a very successful 2001 season in the bullpen, going 4-2 with a 3.19 ERA in 36 appearances, 23.0 innings. "He had a great fall and he's come back in the spring and looks just as good, if not better," said Tribe. As two big right-handers, Herce, who stands 6-6 and weighs 220 pounds, and Tribe (6-5, 215) look solid at the top of the rotation, but the big question marks are at the end of the rotation and in the bullpen. The third weekend starting spot is wide open, with senior Justin Crowder, a left-handed transfer from Texas Christian University, as one of the favorites. Freshman and Yankee draftee Philip Humber and sophomore David Aardsma, a transfer from Pennsylvania State University, will also compete. Perhaps the most impressive candidate so far, however, is imposing 6-6, 220-pound Jeff Niemann, who was dominant in his one-inning stint in the alumni game Saturday. "We knew he'd be pretty good, but he's been a pleasant surprise," Graham said. "Jeff Niemann has given us a chance to be an impact pitcher as a freshman." Another freshman with a promising outlook is Wade Townsend, who was used as the closer in the alumni game Saturday. "We're not a creature of consistency," Graham said. "We don't have to have spectacular pitching like we did last year because I think our hitting is definitely going to be better and I think our defense will be better." "A really good example for the inexperienced players is the consistency of the older players, especially the seven returning seniors on the team. They consistently turn in good performances and I think they'll be fine." "Experience is a big thing," senior center fielder A.J. Porfido said. "I just try to exude confidence and play like I know I can, and they see that and they build off that." Nevertheless, Herce and Tribe will likely be forced into more high-profile roles than they experienced last year. "I don't feel that it's more pressure," Herce said. "I just want to have a good year, hopefully better than last year. "I don't think experience is going to be a problem. Their first time out might be a little nervous, but once we get them in there, I think they'll be fine."

The STARTERS

Junior Steven Herce is expected to take over the top spot in the rotation this year after a solid year in the No. 3 spot and has big shoes to fill. Senior Philip Tribe looks to make a seamless transition from the bullpen to the starting rotation while setting the tone for the newcomers.

Senior Justin Crowder, a transfer from TCU, hopes to take command of the No. 3 spot in his only year at Rice, but has plenty of competition.
With six returning starters and some highly touted transfers, Coach Wayne Graham has a fearsome lineup for 2002. These projections are based on the lineup from Saturday's Rice Reunion Classic:

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The 2001 Freshman All-American selection led the team in batting average walks, and on-base percentage last year, perfect for a leadoff hitter.

First team all-WAC senior leads by example with both his glove and his bat and possesses surprising power for a No. 2 hitter.

Three-time letterwinner moves to second base for his final season and has a shot at breaking several Rice career hitting records.

Perhaps the team’s most well-known player, the sophomore looks to rebound from last year’s broken wrist while playing at his preferred position.

Much is expected from the preseason WAC Player of the Year, and he has the game and the demeanor to fulfill all expectations.

Junior transfer was one of junior collegiate baseball’s hitting stars last year and should make a big impact; he will also see time in the outfield.

Sophomore transfer will hit from the left side and contribute at both DH and around the infield.

Freshman transfer from UT takes over at first and provides a great lefty bat and solid defense.

Another transfer, this junior has coaches raving about his arm, but also has a young and inexperienced pitching staff to manage.

Senior has one of the best arms around and is no slouch at the plate; he’ll look to lead Rice back to his hometown of Omaha for the CWS.

Speedy freshman football quarterback who could contribute in the outfield and especially on the basepaths.

### 2001 STATISTICS

Last year’s statistics for returning players, with team highs in bold and statistics ranking among the Western Athletic Conference’s marked with asterisks. Offensively, returning players produced over 60% of Rice’s runs batted in last year, but the Owls must find a way to replace eight pitchers that accounted for 37 of Rice’s 47 wins and 446 of the Owls’ 591 strikeouts last season.

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A grueling and long season lies ahead for Rice's baseball team, with a schedule of 58 games against some of the nation's strongest teams. Nine of their opponents competed in last year's NCAA tournament and six reached their respective regional championships.

At last year's College World Series, the Owls treated the WAC championship like their own personal Super Regional en route to the College World Series June 14-22.

Early tourneys highlight schedule

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**THE SCHEDULE**

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**2002 RICE BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

**February**
- 7 # Baylor (7 p.m.)
- 8 # Texas A&M (7:30 p.m.)
- 9 # Texas Tech (12:30 p.m.)
- 10 Houston (1 p.m.)
- 11 Wake Forest (4:30 p.m.)
- 12 Nebraska (12 p.m.)
- 13 # New Mexico (5:30 p.m.)
- 14 at Lamar (4 p.m.)
- 15 # U-LaFayette (6 p.m.)
- 16 # South Florida (1 p.m.)
- 17 UT-Arlington (6:30 p.m.)
- 18 at Houston (7 p.m.)
- 19 at Lamar (7 p.m.)

**March**
- 1 SW Texas St. (7 p.m.)
- 2 SW Texas St. (4 p.m.)
- 3 SW Texas St. (1 p.m.)
- 5 Sam Houston St. (2 p.m.)
- 6 # at Hawaii (10:30 p.m.)
- 7 # at Hawaii (10:35 p.m.)
- 8 at Rice (5:05 p.m.)
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- 12 Harvard (1 p.m.)
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**April**
- 2 at Mississippi State (1 p.m.)
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**June**
- 1-2 # NCAA Regionals
- 3-4 # NCAA Super Regionals
- 5-6 # NCAA Super Regionals

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**WAC PRESEASON COACHES POLL**

Points awarded on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis, with coaches not allowed to vote for their own team:

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**SCOUTING THE WAC**

The Owls have treated the WAC championship like their own personal Super Regional en route to the College World Series June 1997. Now it's time to look down on the other teams anyway.

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**Fresno State Bulldogs**

- **2001 record:** 41-25
- **WAC:** 22-12 (2nd)
- **Postseason:** Lost in regional to LSU winner GSC.
- **Returning position starters:** 3
- **Starting pitchers:** 4
- **Outlook:** Fresno State will make a WAC title hopes on a strong pitching staff led by Ben Fritz, while catcher Brad Harper and right fielder Tobey Riday-White power the Bulldogs' offense. The Bulldogs have won 40 or more games and qualified for the NCAA Tournament in each of the last two years, but graduated WAC Player of the Year Josh Labandeira and face three teams from last year's WAC.

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**Louisiana Tech Bulldogs**

- **2001 record:** 33-26
- **WAC:** 22-14 (5th)
- **Postseason:** Lost to S. Alabama in Sun Belt Tournament.
- **Returning position starters:** 6
- **Starting pitchers:** 6

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**Nevada Wolf Pack**

- **2001 record:** 29-27
- **WAC:** 16-20 (6th)
- **Postseason:** First team to advance in NCAA Regionals.
- **Returning position starters:** 5
- **Starting pitchers:** 4

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**Hawaii Warriors**

- **2001 record:** 29-27
- **WAC:** 16-20 (6th)
- **Postseason:** First team to advance in NCAA Regionals.

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**Louisiana Tech Bulldogs**

- **2001 record:** 33-26
- **WAC:** 22-14 (5th)
- **Postseason:** Lost to S. Alabama in Sun Belt Tournament.
- **Returning position starters:** 6
- **Starting pitchers:** 6

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**Texas A&M (7-7)**

- **Postseason:** Last to 5. Alabama in Sun Belt Tournament.
- **Returning position starters:** 4
- **Starting pitchers:** 4

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**San Jose State Spartans**

- **2001 record:** 22-15 (7th)
- **WAC:** 16-20 (6th)
- **Postseason:** None
- **Returning position starters:** 4
- **Starting pitchers:** 1

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The sixth residential college, Lovett College, is characterized by its tight-knit community, toaster-like appearance and crazy traditions.

Kevin Campbell and Phil Tournler knew how to party. The sixth residential college, both the founder of the Saint Arnold Brewing Company and former President George Bush have Lovett ties. Lovett College is named after Rice Institute’s president, Edgar Odell Lovett. Lovett became president in 1908 and resigned in 1941, but served until 1946. World War II made it difficult for Rice’s board to find a new president. The residential college was completed in 1968, opened to students in 1969 and dedicated in 1971. It was an all-male college until 1980. Current Lovett Master Natalie Appel (Lovett ’90) graduated and then spent another two years at Rice getting her master of architecture degree. Appel said during her years at Rice, Lovett was nicknamed the “dumb of six.” The campus overlooked it as a “rowdy male college.”

However, Appel said the opinions of Lovett also included the sentiment that “underneath all of this, they were really good people.” They are still a very tight group, if we identify ourselves by the floors,” Resident Associate Rick Spuler, a lecturer in the German and Hellenic Studies Department said. “No one hangs out in the elevator lobbies... They hang out in the commons,” he said.

Another “inner hallways, so floors can’t hang out with each other,” Resident Associate Eric Heineman (Lovett ’89), who became a Lovett associate as soon as he graduated in 1989. Heineman said the party is “the physical layout of the college is such that we don’t have floor lobbies.” Heineman said, “No one hangs out in the elevator lobbies... They hang out in the commons,” he said.

There are also “inner hallways, so floors can’t hang out with each other,” Heineman said. “An awful lot of work goes into it, but it’s worth it,” Heineman said. It is not even close to done, Hassin said. Everyone starts breaking out, but every single year, people get out there and make it finished just in the nick of time. There are few times Lovett really comes together as well as the day of Beer-Bike. Heineman said the party is “the best tradition of Lovett College because it brings together all segments of the college because it is focused only on drinking.”

As part of the party, a huge bonfire is built leading into the commons. Each year, a different person volunteers to design and coordinate the building of the bonfire. This work is not easy. Hassin said, “Everyone starts breaking out, but every single year, people get out there and make it finished just in the nick of time.”

The Lovett Undergrounds was established in 1980 by Grayson Morris (Wiles ’99) as an event for students to sing performances in an open microphone, or just to get together and talk. The Lovett Undergrounds continue to fulfill this unique role most Fridays during the academic year. From 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. in a Lovett basement, students enjoy free coffee and hot chocolate while watching their friends and peers perform in this casual space. As a result of this unique role, Lovett members tend to have a strong sense of community and are more likely to participate in or attend other events on campus.

During Beer-Bike, the “culture of Lovett dictates that it doesn’t really matter if you win a lot of them or not, or if you lose.” Hassin said. Lovett College members soak up the sun outside Lovett in 1976.
Don't chock on this Swank-y French 'Necklace'

Paul Emig
THE THRESHER STAFF

One of the pivotal moments in French history gets an updating in Charles Shyer’s adaptation of ‘The Affair of the Necklace,’ a scandal that almost single-handedly brought down France’s monarchy and led Marie Antoinette to the guillotine.

The film tells the (mostly) true tale of “D’Allier de Collié,” an 18th-century scandal that rocked the French court and lit a spark that led to the French revolution. Contesse Jeanne de la Motte-Valois (Billary Smiuk), whose liaison can be traced to King Henry II, saw her father murdered and her family’s estate seized by the crown when she was a young girl after her family fell out of favor with the royal court.

Now grown out and married to a philandering count (Adrien Brody), the contesse’s one desire is to regain her family’s heritage and estate. Armed only with a second-generation genealogical chart that traces her family’s royal blood, she seeks advice from Queen Marie Antoinette (Joely Richardson). After being repeatedly denied an audience, the contesse resorts to more desperate measures. She pairs up with Rétam de Villelét, a young court rogue (Simon Baker), who helps her devise a plan to re-grant her an inheritance.

She appeals to Louis de Rohan, Cardinal of all France (Jonathan Pryce) to finance her scheme claiming to have a close friendship with the queen. Cardinal de Rohan has angere Antoinette, and her grudge is the only thing that stands between him and the post of prime minister.

The contesse’s baseless claims spark the cardinal’s hopes of reconciliation with the queen and therefore career advancement. At the center of the plot is a spectacular necklace. Created by France’s royal jewelers (the man who was commissioned to make the 2,800-carat, 647-diamond necklace is one of a kind, but when Antoinette refuses to purchase the extravagant piece of jewelry she didn’t commission, the jewels face bankruptcy and ruin and become desperate to sell the item.

The contesse convinces the cardinal to purchase the expensive necklace as a gift for Antoinette. By forging a series of letters to the cardinal, the contesse and Villelét conspire to believing the queen is secretly in love with him. All the while, the conspirator keep the necklace for themselves and sell it for diamonds, one by one, financing the contesse’s republication of her family’s estate.

Historically, the scandal, although it didn’t actually involve Marie Antoinette or the royal family, did start with the queen’s majesty at a time of extreme volatility. The events fed a public perception of the monarch’s corruption, an obsession with access and opulence that she didn’t care to the court and against the eve of revolution, the people of France were looking for any excuse to rise up, and found a seemingly benign turn of events.

The film features a capable ensemble of supporting players. Jonathan Pryce stars as the Cardinal de Rohan, a dependable, powerful, weakly colored, and vulnerable nonetheless in his desperation and distrust of the revolution. Christopher Walken adds humor as Count Caglistro, a colorful psychic who can see the future. Dean Griffey, as Antoinette’s loyal, vulnerable and piti- able nonetheless in his desperation and distrust of the revolution.

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the distilled

SING SING DEATH HOUSE
Tashoh Records
Rating: **** / 5

Twenty-two-year-old Australian native Brody Armstrong and her Bay Area-based punk outfit the Distillers have a lot to shout about. They’re angry about the death of grip drug addiction, the way that drugs between different factions throughout history, and above all they’ve proved off the pathway so diverse and absorbed young women.

But the most impressive about being secreted away is that they direct it into authentic, mature songs with a serrated edge on Sing Song Death House, their second album, in stores Tuesday.

Armstrong is honest for her just-gargled-with-lye screaming vocals, and they’ve been tempered since the Distillers’ 2000 debut. Her voice permeates acoustically and emotionally, and even when her words aren’t quite understandable, the feeling behind them is.

Songs such as “Sick of It All” carry an apocalyptic urgency belied by the simplistic line: “I Am the Distress, the second disc, reveals a lyrical intelligence behind the punk attitude with which it’s used. “We are the revenants, and we will rise up from the dead.”

And although most of the lyrics, to a punk band, are straightforward, the song is exceptionally badass, both for its fast driving guitars and for the repeated shooting of its chorus: “I Am a Distiller, born in Hardcore indeed.”

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**Film fails 18th-century ‘Affair’ in execution**

‘Happiness’ director returns with terrible tales

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Woods powers Lady Owls over Bulldogs

by Jason Germain

It was a good news, bad news week for the Lady Owls. Jan. 31 brought bad news. With sophomore forward Elisa Innan out of the lineup with a twisted ankle the second half, the Lady Owls suffered a 65-59 loss to the University of Nevada, just 4-7 in Western Athletic Conference play.

Two days later, however, good news arrived when the Lady Owls defeated Fresno State University 76-63. Although Innan was ready to return to action, head coach Cindy McKinney allowed her another day to rest.

That's because a new star was born in the post — and her lucky number two.

On 2-32, wearing No. 22, freshman forward Michelle Woods had a breakthrough performance against the Bulldogs in her first career start. Woods added the first six points of the season with an ankle injury, scoring 11 points, grabbing 12 rebounds and took away five steals, all career bests for her.

"I knew I had to step up, not having [Elisa] in there," Woods said. "I looked to take good shots and grab the rebounds. Being out for the last six games, I felt like I'm getting back to where I need to be here.

As a team, Rice had one of its best shooting weekends of the year, connecting on 40 percent of its attempts in consecutive games for only the second time this season.

The team came out strong against Fresno State, scoring 17 points in the first four minutes. The team attributes the fast start to lessons learned during its disappointing loss to Texas A&M Jan. 31.

"We were disappointed that we lost in Lubbock. Nevada steals something that we've been working for all year," Woods said. "We knew we had to win this one to gain our momentum to make the tourney.

"I was so happy and proud of our team," head coach Cindy McKinney said. "I guess we took our emotions out on Fresno in the first few minutes." Against Nevada we didn't play like a team with a lot of heart. We were trying to pull just enough win and just enough is not good enough in women's basketball.

In Fresno, Woods pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds in 18 second-half minutes of basketball, 35 minutes, and faces among the Texans in the conference's top teams.

"These are two of the most important games of the season for us," Woods said. "Because if you get a loss to this kind of team, you can't run your season.

"Second-ranked Louisiana Tech University is a clear runaway in the WAC race. The Lady Owls (14-10, 5-3 WAC) at 8:30 tonight at Autry Court, the team will play for seven of its nine regular-season games.

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Upstart Owls stun Fresno St.

by Chris Larson

The men's basketball team had been waiting for this one for a long time.

After opening the Western Athletic Conference season with two blowout losses, the Owls had been inching closer and closer to breaking through for a win against one of the conference's top teams.

First there was a loss Jan. 19 at University of Nevada, came Jan. 31 brought bad news. With sophomore forward Elisa Innan out of the lineup with a twisted ankle the second half, the Lady Owls suffered a 65-59 loss to the University of Nevada, just 4-7 in Western Athletic Conference play.

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Football signs 23 for next season

by Jason Germain

When it comes to the latest football recruiting class, balance is the name of the game.

Wednesday, local fastpitch coach Ken Hafley announced the 22 players who signed national letters-of-intent to play for Rice next season. The 23 players, who took the field with the exception of the quarterback position. Three, the Owls will return all-scholarship athletes and freshman Greg Henderson and John Ball.

"I think we got what we needed," head coach Ken Hafley said. "We wanted adequate numbers, and we wanted to get some people on defense that are really great enough speed to play for us on offense if they had to. We're excited about having a lot of good defensive depth in the post, which is where we throw the ball down.

"'Everybody in the group followed us this season,'" - Ken Hafley Head Football coach

One of the headline players is new to the Lone Star State, Mike Falco, an all-state running back, was the Arizona player of the year by ESPN Radio in Phoenix.

"The biggest news is that a lot of Clint Hafley in the things he does," Ken Hafley said. "He's a great punter, and a great all-around athlete. Clint Hafley had offered him and Washington State was looking at him. A lot of schools were after him and we were lucky to get him."

With Derek Crabtree, the most accurate kicker in Rice history, among those who will graduate in May, highly recruited kicker Brennan Landry might make an immediate impact in the fall. Landry is both an all-state kicker and an all-state punter in Louisiana.

"We saw [Landry] kick 54- or 57-yarders in a game and we saw him of kicking six yards in warmups," Ken Hafley said. "We recruited him early and he committed early and the last week just about every school in the country called him, Arkansas, LSU, everyone was after him. But he already had his pick of places at Rice."

The Owls coming from the past to future will be James Bowen, an all-state defensive lineman from Pennsylvania.

But there are also familiar names and faces among the Texans in the football recruiting class.

2002 FOOTBALL RECRUITING CLASS

The 23 players who signed national letters-of-intent to play football at Rice next year.

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Every game pivotal in Lady Owl quest for at-large bid

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Even if they don’t win the conference, however, the Lady Owls are legitimate for the NCAA Tournament with an at-large bid. As of Monday, the Lady Owls are 55th in the nation in the Ratings Percentage Index, a computerized ranking of all teams. RPI scores are used to help determine which teams will get at-large bids to the 64-team tournament.

The Lady Owls are a legitimate contender for the NCAA Tournament, but they are not interested in computer rankings or the final four. "It’s not that we don’t care," Huston said. "But we’re hoping for a couple of upsets this weekend. We did a good job against Boise and UTEP the first time. It’s just great to finally be playing at home; where we haven’t been for three weeks. I think it will be good for us to settle down and finish our conference schedule at home."

by Benjamin Drake

Mistakes plague men’s rugby against LSU

The men’s rugby team surrendered a first-half lead to lose 24-11 last weekend in a road game against Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

"Early mistakes by the Owls allowed the LSU squad to come close enough to capitalize on a few scoring opportunities, putting the Tigers up by three," UTEP head coach Peachy said. "Despite the setbacks, freshman flanker Tyler Hooper added a try against the LSU defense on a clever pass from senior outside center Corcoran. The Owls defeated the Tigers 38-14 in their first ever game against LSU.

The men’s rugby team plans to regroup for the season’s final weekend with a double header against the University of Texas-Arlington and the University of Houston. The Owls will play at home against UT-Arlington at 11 a.m. and against the University of Houston at 3 p.m. Both home games are free to the public and will be held at the Rice Bowl located on the Rice University campus.

The Rice men’s rugby team is currently ranked 23rd in the nation. The team has a 3-3 record in conference play and is looking to improve their season-long record of 5-3. The Owls are set to host the University of Texas-Arlington on Saturday, March 10th at 1 p.m. and the University of Houston on Sunday, March 11th at 3 p.m.

by John Cho

The Owls complete at the WAC Championships in San Antonio Feb. 26-March 2.

"We watched a bunch of movies and played cards," Huston said. "The power went out in the hotel we were staying at and we all went out in the hallways and fumbled for an hour. It was really fun." In addition to all the fun and games, the Owls also talked about some more serious matters.

"There were also a lot of meetings about team chemistry and focus," Huston said. "Carey, who said she dropped out of soccer November because she was disappointed in her swimming results and chose to focus on her schoolwork, agreed with the team’s assessment of the team. 'The team is the same today as it was last year,' Carey said. 'The atmosphere is great. Everybody is happy. They’re not going to let anything get them down.'

The Owls head forward this weekend with a strong showing at the meet. The Owls defeated Louisiana Monroe 138-79, but came up short against Florida State and LSU losing 148-86 and 151-83, respectively. Still, the team was pleased with its overall weekend performance.

"With the 32 points lost due to not participating in the diving competition removed from the final results, the Owls would have only lost by 26 points to Florida State and 30 points to LSU," Huston said. Under former Muir she won the 50-yard freestyle and added a second-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle. Freshman Lauren Hill added a first-place showing in the 100-yard breaststroke and a second in the 200-yard individual medley.

Although the Owls still have room to improve, the meets helped the team return to its normal form. Furthermore, the swimmers are stepping up and filling in positions any where the team needs help.

Sophomores Elise Lee and Jackie Corcoran continued their season-long winning streak. Lee won the 200-yard butterfly in 2:03.92, the fastest time by an female swimmer this season. Corcoran’s fourth consecutive top-three finish put her in third place, behind Lee and Kristick’s third straight.

"Everybody is trying to step up, and we’re being really positive and supporting each other," Kristick said. "I think everybody is performing really well along really well. We’re going in the right direction. We’re building for next year and for the future."

The Owls have finished third in their past three WAC meets. No. 8 Southern Methodist University is next weekend’s opponent in the Owls’ sixth straight conference title.

by John Cho

Mellon Undergraduate Fellows Program

The Mellon Undergraduate Fellows Program at Rice University is currently accepting applications from students interested in participating in a mentored program that prepares them for entering Ph.D. programs in selected disciplines after they graduate from Rice University. Eligible fields are Humanities, Anthropology, Mathematics, Mathematical Sciences, Statistics, Physics, Geology, Ecology, and Earth Sciences.

Applicants should normally be completing their sophomore year as a student at Rice University. Selection will be based on a number of attributes including but not limited to academic standing and potential, life experiences and interests, commitment to building bridges in multicultural settings, and interest in pursuing graduate education. Students who participate in the program receive a year stipend of $12,000 in addition to a faculty mentor for two years, and are also eligible for participation in summer fellowship programs at the end of their sophomore or junior years. Finalists will be interviewed. Announcements will be made in March.

Application forms and additional information about the program can be obtained online at http://deanrdev.rice.edu/depts/outreach/mellon/ or from Dr. Roland B. Smith, Jr., Associate Provost, Room 313A, Lovett Hall.

Application deadline is February 22, 2002.
Women's tennis blanks SWT, Lamar

In Focus: Women's Tennis

Record: 2-4

Last week: Shut out Southwest Texas State and Lamar University 6-0, 6-0 to earn its first victories of the season.

What made the difference: The Owls didn't lose a set to either team and scored 6-0, 6-0 blowouts in four singles matches.

Up next: Rice faces No. 10 Texas A&M tomorrow in College Station.

Sunday, the women's tennis team believed its coach, and the confidence showed. The Owls did not lose a single set while earning their first victories of the 2002 season, defeating both Southwest Texas State University and Lamar University 6-0 at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium.

"This was no surprise," senior Kylee Yajko said. "We started this weekend wanting to win and knowing that if we maintain our focus we would be able to pull it off. It gave us a boost of confidence for this upcoming weekend. It was a great feeling to shut out these teams.

And shut out is exactly what Rice did. Over the course of the weekend, four singles matches were decided without a single game being won by the opponent. Sophomore Yasmin Fisher blanked her Southwest Texas opponent 6-0, 6-0.

The strong and landslide victories continued against Lamar, as senior Judith Hagedorn defeated her Lamar opponent 6-0, 6-0.

"I went out there and wanted to win as little points as possible," Hagedorn said. "I didn't give her anything."

Sophomore Annie Goodrich and freshman Erika Villaholobos also kept their respective opponents off the scoreboard from winning a single-smatch.

"I was really eager to play our first home match and I wanted to take advantage of every opportunity," Goodrich said. "I wanted to take control of the match."

Villaholobos won the first match in a doubles partnership played by the Rice career.

"I'm very proud of the way they played," coach Willis Wilson said. "We really did a good job of pushing the ball, making them have to get back and set up, and when they didn't set up we took advantage of it." The next moment the Owls must get off their backs in their road losing streak. Rice has lost its last 17 matches to opponents, a skid dating back to December 2000, and the Owls couldn't ask for a better opportunity to snap the streak than when they will encounter this weekend.

Last night, Rice faced the University of Texas at El Paso, a team Rice beat 73-09 at Auntie Cabin Jan. 12. Tomorrow, the Owls take on Boise State University.

The Owls hope to snap road skid at UTEP, Boise St.

IN FOCUS:

Men's lacrosse handles Southwestern

by Curt Kottler

The men's club lacrosse team may have found its stride,ounding Southwest University 12-2 Saturday in Georgetown.

The Owls jumped out of the gates early and kept the game out of reach against the Southwestern opposition. The team was led once again by freshman attackman Andrew Brico, who scored four goals, and senior attackman Chris Glass, who recorded four goals and three assists.

Rice's defense was just as strong as it's offense, shutting out Southwestern in the first half. The players were pleased as they ended the half with a 1-0 lead.

"The veterans played in our full potential in the first and second quarters," sophomore defenseman Frank Donnelly said. "It was great cohesive team play."

Not much changed in the second half as Rice continued to pressure Southwestern and build its lead. This
domination afforded the Owls an opportunity to give some of their inexperienced freshmen playing time.

Southwestern finally scored in the fourth quarter, but only managed two goals against the young Owls.

"The radio actually showed some pressure today," senior co-captain Ben Amis said. "They played the entire fourth quarter and gained some much-needed experience."

The Owls next take on Texas Tech University tomorrow at the lacrosse field at 1 p.m.

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Rice

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Rice (8-13, 3-8 WAC)

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Recreants include 12 all-state athletes

GROUP is Page 1. Football, Stephen Wool, an all-state defensive back from Southlake, is the son of former Owl quarterback Philip Wool, who played at Rice from 1960-71.

Another familiar name is ellowback Brian Binge, who played at Rice from 1960-71.

Rice has been recognized for the 15th straight year for the American Football Coaches Association for having at least 10 percent of its football players graduate the fourth highest such streak in the nation.

Harlan posts career-best in hurdles

by Dylan Rednic

They say old habits are the hardest to break. With another set of superperformances Saturday at the Blue Sport All-Comers Meet at the University of Houston's Yeoman Fieldhouse, the men's and women's track teams are making a habit of winning that they don't want to see end anytime soon.

"Good things happened at this meet," men's head coach Jon Warren said. "What we wanted to see, they did not do."...more

The Rice football team was victorious in the Rice Yuletide Classic at Yeoman Fieldhouse on the University of Houston campus. With several of the nation's top squads planning to return to both LSU and New York, the Owls will get the chance to see how they stack up on the national level, and to face off with some of the nation's top programs.

The Owls' season is in full swing, and they are ready to go to New York," Lopez said. "We are ready for such a level of competition."
Friday FEB 8

Today at 5 p.m. in the Registrar's Office is the deadline to DROP courses without a fee, to REGISTER and to ADD courses.

OWLCON 2K2, an annual gaming convention run by Fast Wap, Rice's gaming club, runs from 6 p.m. today through 7 p.m. Sunday. The convention takes place in the Student Center and Vahalla at variable rates for different games and events. For more information visit http://www.rice.edu/owlcon.

The men's BASEBALL team will slaughter Texas A&M University at 7:30 p.m. as part of this weekend's Astro College Classic at Enroe Field. Tomorrow the team will lay the smackdown on Texas Tech University at 12:30 p.m.

Kenneth Goldsmith and Kathaerr Winkler on viola, James Durham and Karen Ritscher on viola, Norman Fischer on cello, Timothy Pitts on double bass and Jeannie Krimer on piano perform at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

Saturday FEB 9

The men's RUGBY team takes Texas A&M University at 2 p.m. at the rugby field. Come for lots of action and a raffle to WIN A DATE with captain Mike Flynn-O'Brien.

The women's BASKETBALL team plays Boise State University at Autry Court at 7 p.m.

Voice students of the Shepherd School of Music perform a concert of SONGS ANDARIAS at 8 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

Sunday FEB 10

The women's TENNIS team takes on the University of Alabama at the Jake Hesa Tennis Stadium at noon.

ORGANIST Stephen Tharp performs at 7:30 p.m. in Edythe Bates Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall. Tickets are available at (713) 348-8000 for $15 for general seating and $10 for students and senior citizens.

Monday FEB 11

SOAR Students Organized Against Rape, meets in Blair Lounge in the Student Center from noon to 1 p.m.

The opening ceremony for the Names Project AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT is at 8 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Rice Student Center. The ceremony features the unfolding of the quilt and a speaker who will share her personal experience with AIDS and the quilt, which will be displayed through Thursday.

Tuesday FEB 12

The second deadline to apply for ENVISION GRANTS is today. Proposal information, guidelines and application forms can be found at http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~leading/envision.htm.

A forum on INTERRACIAL LOVE sponsored by ADVANCE and the Health Education Office is in Witty's Pub at the Student Center from noon to 1 p.m.

The BASEBALL team will crush the University of Houston at 4 p.m. in Recking Park.

The Women's Resource Center sponsors "Feel like MAKIN' LOVE" in the Kyle Moore Room in Fawcett Library from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring to share your favorite love scene or clip from a book, movie or whatever.

SYZYGY presents the Chiera String Quartet featuring Rebecca Fischer and Julie Yoon on violin, Jonah Sirota on viola and Gregory Beaver on cello at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

Wednesday FEB 13

The Health Education Office and the health reps sponsor a free lunch and a reproductive health update on new CONTRACEPTIVES from noon to 1 p.m. in Blair Lounge in the Student Center.

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Thursday FEB 14

The Health Education Office, the Woman's Organization for Radical Education and the health reps sponsor Meryl Cohen's "ROMANTIC LOVE" as part of its "All You Need is Love" lecture series at 5:30 p.m. in the Brown College private dining room.

Faculty member and composer Arthur Gottschalk PERFORMS at 8 p.m. in Studio Concert Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

Friday FEB 15

The deadline for changing fall 2001 courses designated 'PASS/FAIL' to a grade is 5 p.m. in the Registrar's Office.

University Blue submissions are due today. U. BLUE is accepting original poetry, prose, artwork and photography from all members of the Rice community. For more information contact Shari Laster at shari@rice.edu.

A SEXUAL HEALTH fair sponsored by WOMEN and the Health Education Office is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sammy's Café in the Student Center.

Rice faculty and staff members lead a panel discussion on the Black History Month theme "FREEDOM Train: Are we there yet?", addressing issues such as barriers overcome by blacks and what hurdles remain, at noon in Fannsworth Pavilion in the Student Center.

Submit artwork for the juried student VISUAL ARTS exhibit to the info desk in the Student Center by 7 p.m. Art should be ready to hang and should include an artist's statement. The art will be on display during March. Contact Julie Grossman at Julie@rice.edu for more information.

Larry Racheff conducts the Shepherd School SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA at 8 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.
The Official Backpage Guide to Identifying Your Valentine

**Getting to know your man.**

1) The first time you meet, he:
   a. Walks back to the car, but you have
time, but he's really
total green
   b. Said “Hi” but didn't look you
   c. Says, “I'm kinda
dead hard to get,
   b. You were doing body 
2) For a better chance of getting your arm
   a. Surprisedly makes you
   b. Gave her name, but
   c. Dress up like a piece of fruit because
3) For dinner, you take her to:
   a. Medieval Times, Big mistake. She
   b. A shotgun wedding
   c. Wears a cowboy hat, boots and a sign on
4) When he walks you to the door, he:
   a. Really frightening fact that he walks,
   b. Astonishing fact that he's in pretty good
   c. Deserved fact that random people are
5) When you see a hem line lower later, he:
   a. Gets off and
   b. A big blue iguana
   c. You make sure to look over and smile
6) What's the perfect
   a. New and improved Bush in
   b. Only you can prevent me from getting to
   c. Like Santa Claus, and more Mexican
7) Bear god, please
   a. A giant pig-like creature totally
   b. Astonishing fact that he's in pretty good
   c. You must've been pretty wasted

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**Mostly As**

1. "Why don't you go find two friends so you can give me the truffle."Congratulations! You've succeeded in combining the best of both worlds by hooking up with a hot chick made of Jell-O. You must've been pretty wasted when you gave your number to the fireman who's going to steal him away, but that also means you'll never be able to get rid of him. He's going to parasitically latch on to you with his obnoxious red nose and annoy you to death. Happy Valentine's Day.

**Mostly Cs**

1. "You really took the bull by the horns this time. So many people might be afraid to invite General Santa Anna to go anywhere in Texas, but you really hit the heart of those stereotypes, aren't you? The South shall rise again." You might have hit the heart of those stereotypes, but you're not the one to raise a fist at me... ever again.

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**Envision Grants**

Think of it as a couple hundred of your best friends saying, ‘Hey, that restaurant is badass!’"
I've never heard anyone argue that Rice doesn't have a unique social climate. In fact, visitors from other colleges are usually quick to say something like: "Rice is so weird." Somehow, this doesn't strike me as much of a cut-down. Instead, I nod my head: "I wouldn't like it any other way."

In light of this well-known fact about Rice, the idea hit me to honor the places that Rice community members love. When I first had the idea, a lot of friends couldn't figure out why I'd want to run a poll of Rice's favorite things.

Other magazines and Web sites run similar polls to recognize Houston's best food and entertainment, so why does the Lifestyles Magazine think it can do any better? Frankly, I don't think we can do any better, per se. I do, however, think we can do it differently.

This "best of" issue isn't supposed to be a survey of all Houston has to offer. It's designed to let everyone at Rice know the things that other Rice people think are great. Think of it as a couple hundred of your best friends saying, "Hey, that restaurant is badass!" — just in a less time-consuming way.

The hope is that this issue will enrich your existence here at Rice in some way. If we help you find a better place to eat pizza or something more fun to do on Saturday night, we've achieved our goal. Even though I didn't set out to make this "best of" issue better than any of the others, I think I came out better for one key reason — it was created by Rice students for other Rice students.

Of course, I urge you once again to close your books and get out of your dorm room, but this time, I give you a list of places to go.

Whether you want to check out one of Houston's most unique and beautiful museums or discover what your fellow students deem to be the city's finest Vietnamese restaurant, you'll find it here.

In closing, I'd like to thank the overwhelming number (read: way more than I thought) of you who filled out the Rice Picks survey and helped make this issue a success. I have to admit that I wasn't quite sure how much response I'd get from a campus that is often labeled "apathetic toward everything," but I'm happy to report that you obviously care about your favorite things.

The following pages contain the winners from the survey divided up by category and a few articles highlighting favorite picks or related topics.

There were a few surprises (and I don't agree with several of the selections), but most of the picks make perfect sense. They conform to Rice's unique social climate, and I hope you wouldn't want it any other way.


YOU WANT TO Party at rice? This probably means you're either a second-semester senior or over-exited freshman, but the rest of us also make it out to parties every once in a while. The grand tradition of Animal House and PCU hasn't died at Rice, even if we're usually too busy writing code to notice. In an effort to get you up to speed if you've been out of the party scene for a while, here's a quick primer of what you need to know.

Rice parties are divided into three types, and remembering where you are — even in the face of frequent inebriation — is crucial to making the right impression and having a good time. Each type of party has a different atmosphere and different rules you should remember.

Private parties: We all learned what a private party is during Orientation Week, but since you were probably asleep, here's the deal: Somebody bought some alcohol and invited your whole college over, or maybe you heard from a friend that someone you've never met has a couple coolers of punch and the whole university is coming. Either way, a private party will usually be whatever you make of it. Your hosts provide the booze; your wit and charm are going to have to do the rest.

Since Rice is a university full of people who can't maintain a conversation longer than two minutes unless it contains the word "integral," you're sure to be the star of the party if you can pull out your most extroverted behavior. If that means hitting the punch early and often, so be it.

Most private parties are dark and hot, so be sure to dress appropriately — maybe wear that cute pink tank top or your favorite T-shirt, although keep in mind that red punch stains. Also, you probably shouldn't dress too scantily or you'll run the risk of being labeled the "skank in the midriff shirt."

Some of my favorite spots on campus for private parties are the second floor of Lowell, various floors at Brown and Jones, the "burbs" at Hanszen and, of course, the five-man at Wire.

Public parties: Your college—or if you're from Will Rice, like me, some other college—hosts one or two big parties a year. Go to them. Don't be "that guy" who missed Bacchanalia, Tower Party, Mardi Gras, Night of Decadence, etc.

Public parties are unique because they usually have a theme, which means creativity is essential. If you go to the Early '80s party wearing a Gap sweatshirt and cargo pants, you're not going to get a second word from anyone but your friends. So wear something appropriate, but look nice, too — a friend of mine was one of the few people dressed up for this year's Casino Party theme, and although she was clearly out of place, she was a hit because she looked really nice. At other parties, you'll just look silly if you skip the theme — going to Bacchanalia without a toga, for example, is a suicide mission.

If you're 21, public parties are great. Free beer, music and a big room in which to dance or hang out. If you're still underage, however, hang out at a pre-party first. Even if you don't drink, hanging out at a pre-party is a good way to chill, whatever the occasion.

Willy's Pub: The Pub is, quite simply, the living, thriving, beating heart of the Rice social scene. Some of the most important decisions and interactions happen at the Pub. The beauty of the Pub is that anything can happen and the beer is cheap. These things are usually related.

I've had a lot of great experiences in the Pub, especially on Thursday nights. However, it's usually really crowded, so if you're not a hard partier or looking for fresh meat, go on other nights. Lately I've become a big advocate of hitting the pub on off nights and just enjoying the laid-back atmosphere.

Of course, if you're a Rice student and haven't been to Pub on a Thursday, you have to give it a shot. If you haven't been recently, go to the Pub on Thursday night at the Pub is probably the one time at Rice, excepting finals, that you should try your hardest to look nice. You never know who you'll see there, and putting a little extra effort into your clothes is worth the risk of getting beer spilled on them.

Of course, every college also has a pub night each semester, so mark that night on your calendar.

There you have it, four basic Rice rules for having a good time. Other things to remember:

If you're under 21, be careful. The alcohol policy is amazingly lax at Rice, so don't abuse it. If you're at a private party, stay inside with your drinks. If you're at a public party, don't risk it. And if you're at the Pub, just be careful.

Go to NDO at least once, but keep the groping to a minimum.
Noises off: Live music in Houston

Houston may not be a well-known live music hub like Seattle or Austin, but that doesn’t mean there aren’t killer venues in which to catch a show, hit the dance floor or just socialize. Live music venues tend to be a little funkier than the sometimes overbearing trendy club scene. You’ll find a very different mix of people and music that fits your taste if you aren’t into chains and tattoos. The frequent punk shows welcome indie rock, hip-hop, hardcore punk, ska and reggae groups, and the eclectic range of shows means one night you might find Meleksi, Martin and Wood, the next night Sir Mix-A-Lot.

Fitz’s crowds are as varied as the bands they come to see. If you come the night a hardcore act is playing, expect to see some chains and tattoos. The frequent punk shows attract a mostly underaged crowd, although there’s always some older folk looking for a straightforward mix of beer and live music.

Fitz’s boasts two stages, one upstairs and one downstairs. The smaller stage downstairs plays host to local or small-time acts, while upstairs bigger-name touring bands are showcased. However, the small-size of both stages means most bands with bona fide commercial success will play somewhere else.

The building itself is anything but pristine. There’s dirty, goofy-looking black and white tiled floor downstairs, walls covered with the stickers of yesterday’s up-and-coming punk bands, and a rickety wooden balcony above the building’s entrance that makes you wonder why the place hasn’t been condemned already.

But Fitz’s is where you go to see bands, not scenery.

THE FABULOUS SATELLITE LOUNGE

The Fabulous Satellite Lounge brings rock and country-influenced bands, most of them regional acts, to Houston. Austin faves Bob Schneider and Reckless Kelly make frequent stops here, but don’t be surprised to see a little indie rock, blues or reggae from time to time.

The Satellite is notable for good sound quality during most shows — guitars and vocals are clear from the front row all the way to the back. It’s an intimate setting too, since you can usually get very close to the band.

The Satellite is 21-and-up only, and as such it attracts a 30-something crowd, so dress according. Its stylish boomerang-shaped bar extends into the middle of the dance floor while leaving enough space for bar-goers to socialize and watch the band. Low lamps and trippy light projections give the place a bit of a drugstore and is fitted with old-timey neon lights, clunky black-and-white TV sets and other accoutrements that bring to mind the dirty '50s.

The Satellite is 21-and-up only, so you might want to dress a bit nicer to fit in with the youngish crowd. The club has an affordable happy hour and pool tables in the back for non-musical fun and socializing. Its once-opportune Main Street location has now become a liability thanks to the pervasive light-rail construction. You’ll feel like you’re driving through a war zone, so try not to let the torn-up street detour you from coming.

Gerry Lundquist of ML33O displays his skill at “playing” the chainsaw in a live performance at Rice’s favorite live music venue, Fitzgerald’s.

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Most shows are in the rockabilly/roots rock/country-influenced vein, but don’t be surprised by occasional wild cards like Hank Williams III or the tongue-in-check Deke Dickerson and the Ecco-Phonics. The Continental Club is always 21-and-up, so you might want to dress a bit nicer to fit in with the youngish crowd. The club has an affordable happy hour and pool tables in the back for non-musical fun and socializing. Its once-opportune Main Street location has now become a liability thanks to the pervasive light-rail construction. You’ll feel like you’re driving through a war zone, so try not to let the torn-up street detour you from coming.

Numbers has been around more than 20 years, and in that time it’s hosted an eclectic who’s who of emerging artists. Oasis, Nine Inch Nails, Green Day, Ben Folds Five, Beck and many others played here before they really hit the big time (and in some cases, they came back even after finding success). All these alternative acts attract a varied mix of fans to the all-ages shows.

Numbers also functions as a dance club, with large video screens, a spacious dance floor and weekly Gothic and swing nights. Its decor is part discotheque, part grandma’s attic — fitting for the club’s dual functions and for its eclectic crowd.
Is there life after meat?

By Corey E. Devine

The word "vegetarian" can get you into some interesting conversations here in the great state of Texas. Most native Texans can't imagine a life without steak, let alone pork, chicken, fish and other meat. However, to all those concerned, rest assured: There is life after meat.

I have been a vegetarian for close to nine years, and it is one of the best decisions I ever made. Why would anyone want to give up meat? Considering that many books have been written on this topic, I will try to keep it brief. For practical reasons, one of the greatest things about being a vegetarian

The airy house, along with its breezy patios and fabulous garden, are best like your grandmother's place.

One of the greatest things about Baba Yega is the location and building. Situated on a relatively quiet street in Montrose, Baba Yega is one of the area's finest vegetarian restaurants per capita then any other American city and consequently there are many outlets where great vegetarian-friendly food is available. Even better, many are located very close to Rice. While the plight of an on-campus vegetarian is a bit more difficult, keep the Rice Vegetarian Club in mind. It offers amazing vegetarian meals.

Is there life after meat?

Baba Yega

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You wouldn't necessarily expect to find this beautifully manicured garden behind the house that Baba Yega calls home, but it's a great setting for lunch or brunch with the family.

"Thou shalt not kill" is something vegetarians couldn't agree with more, but unfortunately the word "kill" has been morphed into being defined as "murder," when it truly means causing death of something.

So how do you start? Some go cold turkey and some do a more gradual process, starting with red meat (pork is red meat), then on to poultry and then fish. Any degree of meatlessness is better than nothing. So when you go out with your friends, even if it's to a steakhouse, just be creative. Get all the appetizers and sides that don't have meat, but most every restaurant will have a meatless entrée on the menu or will be happy to make something not featured.

Besides, Houston has more restaurants per capita than any other American city and consequently there are many outlets where great vegetarian-friendly food is available. Even better, many are located very close to Rice. While the plight of an on-campus vegetarian is a bit more difficult, keep the Rice Vegetarian Club in mind. It offers amazing vegetarian meals.

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Come Worship With Us!
West University Baptist Church invites you to worship, the study of God’s Word, and fellowship.

We have both contemporary and traditional Sunday worship services, as well as a college-level Sunday school class that is attended by many Rice University and Medical Center students and taught by Dr. Jim Tour. Free breakfast is always served in the class.

We are located 2 miles west of campus, 6218 Auden between University and Rice. Free round-trip shuttle service is provided each Sunday morning leaving at 8:15 AM and 9:15 AM from the Rice’s Allen Center parking lot with return trips at 11:15 AM and 12:15 PM. See www.wubc.org for more details, or call 713-668-2319.

Contemporary Worship: 8:30 AM
Sunday School: 9:40 AM
Traditional Worship: 11:00 AM
Buying Vintage

VINTAGE SHOPPING IS A SKILL that requires patience, endurance and attention to detail. This is not for those strictly off-the-rack shoppers out there. Vintage shopping is for people who love clothes and love to shop.

The clothes themselves can be almost anything you imagine. Consignment shops might offer last year’s Ralph Lauren or Donna Karan, but vintage is best for creating tongue-in-cheek fashion statements. Ruffle-front tuxedo shirts, four-length Hawaiian dresses, over-powering crystal necklaces, velvet suits and old concert T-shirts are the type of items that can inject a shot of whimsy into any wardrobe.

There are two sources of vintage clothing: thrift stores and vintage/resale stores. Thrift stores are often affiliated with some charity (Salvation Army, Goodwill, Amvets) and can offer dirt-cheap bargains if you’re willing to do the work of digging through countless racks at Value Village and root out a cache of pastel bowling shirts or plaid pants.

Once you buy something, you’re stuck with it. An even better reason to try on prospective purchases is return policies. Most stores that sell used clothes do not have very liberal return policies (some don’t have one at all, so once you buy something, you’re stuck with it for better or worse).

When buying vintage be realistic about what you are willing to wear. Even if you find a great polyester photo print shirt in the Salvation Army closeout bin for a buck, it’s not worth buying if you’re never going to wear the guts to wear it.

If you want to try working in vintage with out making too bold a statement, find an interesting shirt to wear with your regular jeans or khakis (old Hawaiian shirts and guyabera shirts work great for summer) or try out some interesting jewelry. A large rhinestone pin on a plain tote bag, purse or denim jacket will be noticeable but not overwhelming.

But that you are still buying used clothes. Fabric is not constructed to last eternally. Buying vintage clothes is like buying a used car. You have to know how to draw the line between a good fixer-upper and a complete lemon that should be totaled.

If for example, a fabulous fringed cowboy shirt has a hole along on a seam, don’t worry. The seam can easily be sewn back up. However, if a polyester polka dot dress has a small run in it, you should probably leave it on the rack.

Although holes in fabric can be patched, patches are always visible even when well done. A twelving hem or seam, however, can be repaired imperceptibly.

Of course, if most of the seams are loose, check the thread. It might be rotting. Also, check are fasteners. Velcro is easy to replace, as are buttons, but snaps that are set in the fabric (like the pearl-finished ones on western shirts or zippers) are nearly impossible to repair or replace.

With missing buttons or head- ling, you have to make your own judgment call. Odds are you’ll never match the button, and heading is not worth the effort and expense of refurbishing. On the other hand, if you can accept the item with mismatched buttons or you think the top button adds character, go for it.

Also, when possible try on everything. Sizes are not uniform. High-end brands tend to run larger, and styles have changed too. For example, men’s polyester shirts from the mid to late ‘70s tend to have a slim fit and run small and tight.

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