**Students confused about meal plan**

by Rachel Rustin  
**THE RICE THRESHER**

Students returning to campus and expecting access to college kitchen benches were greeted by closed doors this week.

Students and Housing and Dining administrators alike were confused this week about the specifics of the new meal plan. Campuswide confusion led to a Wednesday meeting between H&D Director Mark Ditman, the college presidents and Student Association President Matt Haynie.

While many details of the meal plan have been ironed out, some specifics remain to be determined.

Ditman said the idea behind the new meal plan was continuous access during operating hours — not the figurative key-to-the-kitchen, a term he has been using in reference to various meal plan ideas for the past few years. The plan as he proposed it was to include all-potato meals during normal operating hours, generally meaning meal times.

Ditman said when talking about the history of the meal plans with the **Thresher** last year he must have mistakenly and incorrectly described attributes of the current plan.

"I probably did a poor job of communicating what I was trying to do to the reporter," Ditman said.

Ditman said he came across the confusion over the past week when students were asking about details of the supposed "key-to-the-kitchen." "I realized we had an issue when the second or third student came up to me and asked when they got the key to their kitchen," Ditman said.

"As soon as I realized, I realized where the fault was. I was responsible for it, so I'm not responding to it back in February," Ditman said. See MEALS, Page 7

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**H&D employees file bias lawsuits**

by Mark Berenson  
**THE RICE THRESHER**

Housing Operations Manager Lorenzo Perez filed a lawsuit Friday against Rice claiming gender and age discrimination in pay and promotions.

In the lawsuit, which was filed in Federal District Court, Perez, who is 58, sought a trial by jury and seeks back pay for the last six months, after which he would be able to discuss the details of the case.

"We really feel confident that her claim is legitimate, but at this point in time, it is kind of a she-says-these-are-the-facts, they-say-the-facts-are-different," Kerensky said. "Until we get about six months into the litigation, it is going to stay that way." Kerensky said he will have no further comment until the facts of the case are determined.

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Rodriguez was promoted from H&D Business Manager to Regulatory and Compliance Coordinator. Former Assistant Director of Business and Facilities. H&D Director Mark Ditman referred all questions regarding Perez's lawsuit to the Faculty Counsel Office.

Kerensky said he expected the discovery period — a time in which the plaintiff's attorneys receive access to the defendant's documents — would last about six months, after which he would be able to discuss the details of the case.

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**Sept. 11 observances planned**

by David Berry  
**THE RICE THRESHER**

Although classes will be held Sept. 11, the Rice community is planning several events to observe the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

At 7:41 a.m. CDT, the time the first plane crashed into the World Trade Center, the Campanile bell in the Rice Memorial Center will begin tolling continuously.

The Campanile will toll for the duration of the attacks, or until 9:28 a.m., when the second of the World Trade Center buildings collapsed.

At 9:00 a.m., the Rice Chorale will sing Mozart's Requiem as part of an international effort, the Rolling Requiem, to perform in each of the world's 24 time zones at about the same time the planes hit the World Trade Center and Pentagon. The Rice Chorale will be singing outside Stude Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

Furthermore, about 2,900 candles — one for each American killed in the attacks — will be placed in the Grand Hall of the EMC. Members of the Rice community will be invited to light the candles throughout the day.

A memorial service will be held at the Grand Hall at 8 p.m. Scheduled speakers include: President Malcolm Gillis, Graduate Student Association President Michael Mosely, Student Association President Matt Haynie and Sociology Professor Chandler Davidson.

Former SA Presidents Jamie Liang, handsome V.C. and Carlos Prats (ML 92) predicted a proposal to the faculty senate to officially cancel classes. The faculty approved the proposal, provided that make-up day could be found and sent the issue to be determined by University Council.

Three possible days were considered by the SA and the University Council — holding classes on Saturday, on falling Labor Day, or on one day of Fall Break. But there was little student support for holding classes on any of these days, and when no such day could be agreed on, the faculty members agreed to shut the university down for the duration of the attacks, or until the facts of the case have been determined. See MEMORIAL, Page 6

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**Tetras may soon buy take-out**

by Mark Berenson  
**THE RICE THRESHER**

Rice and Papa John's have worked out a framework for paying for purchases at Papa John's with tetra points, Ditman said. Papa John's would then enter the ID number and the amount of the purchase would be deducted from a student's tetra point account. The program would be in place for the foreseeable future, and it is expected to be extended to other colleges.

"We've basically got to do the work of the business of the business — the more business we do, the more we have to do the work of the business of the business," Haynie said.

"It's a business decision," Haynie said. "We can wake up and listen to the bells if they want, or they can light candles or attend a service," Haynie, a Will Rice College senior, said. "Or if they are not ready yet, they can reflect on their own.

Chemical Engineering graduate student Patrick Lennon said he believes the possible alternative.

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"I recommend the university consider the possibility of shutting classes on the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks. may be the best way to help members of the University community deal with the anniversary in their own way," Haynie said.

"I think the university is confident the claims will be proven untrue and welcomes the opportunity to demonstrate this in court. See NEWS, Page 9
Confusion greeted many students upon their arrival to campus, and it wasn't because they were new students or because they were living in new buildings. Rather, students came back to campus expecting to have extended access to the college kitchens they were living in new buildings. Rather, students came back to campus expecting to have extended access to the college kitchens they were living in new buildings. Instead, officials were trying to figure out why students thought they had access to the kitchen facilities. While students across campus were trying to figure out how to get into the kitchens when they were closed, Housing and Dining officials were trying to figure out why students thought they had access to the kitchen facilities. They were living in new buildings.

Yet, a quarter of on-campus students, mainly upperclassmen who no longer eat the majority of their meals on campus, are paying more for far less than they expected.

Upperclassmen supported this new plan with the understanding that they would be paying more, but would have more access to the kitchen. Had they known that access would be so restricted, these upperclassmen who had the longest plan probably would have kept it.

Housing and Dining has worked with students before to adjust meal plans according to students' needs and what we expect the same in this instance. The meal plan may not be going along quite as planned, but there is still a chance for the administration to fulfill the appetite of the student body.

Informing us about IT

If paying a new Information Technology fee didn't seem unreasonable, students would realize that H&D has worked with students before to adjust meal plans according to students' needs and what we expect the same in this instance.

At least last year, among concerns that the new fee was essentially a tuition increase or that it was a not-so-meaningful way to increase revenue from students, IT administrators told students all the projects "our" money ($200 from on-campus students and $100 from off-campus and graduate students) would help fund.

Not one of these specific plans have been made for the money. In fact, when we asked administrators about the projects being planned that would utilize students' money, Chief Information Officer President Malcolm Gillespie pointed out how small our contribution was to the overall IT budget.

Students understand that the $100-$200 fee is not going to make a huge part of the university's IT budget, but was misleading for the IT administrators to market the fee as being so vital and influential in IT projects. When administrators presented the idea last fall, it seemed that this money would be a driving force behind the technological improvements necessary to the campus. Now they are telling us our contribution is "very small," as Gilles told the Thresher last week.

Furthermore, IT administrators have also said they don't have concrete plans for this money and that because of changing priorities, some of the bigger projects they had planned — and that students had been waiting — may not be implemented to their fullest extent.

That is not to say that upcoming IT and network improvements won't be impressive. In a couple of months, there will be an additional Web server e-mail, IM, in addition to an improved TWIG. There will be a virus-monitoring software on the network next month. There will be wireless networking in the colleges by the end of the semester, and all of these have come without a significant budget increase.

We like fast internet. And we like software that will prevent us from receiving 25 copies of viruses that make their way onto our computers. We like firewalls. And we like software that will prevent us from receiving 25 copies of viruses that make their way onto our computers. It was their failure that led to the disbanding of the American Medical Association and the creation of the AMA that exists today.

That all religions in general require absolute faith is a joke. As a good rabbi once said about faith, and he will answer your question with another question, "Why don't you think the opposite?" Following all the rules and demands just because they came from God is not religious, but merely observance. That's what God wants from anyone, be he the Harvard boy, or within any religious tradition, including atheism.

God wants all people to participate actively in their faith, not hide behind a computer and tell everyone else they're wrong.
I'm at the part of the problem

Frustrated women opt out of feminism

When women brag about being "one of the guys," I trim my ear.
I don't have to understand my husband's narrative to the phrase until I read an
ingestion piece in Tama Janowitz, in which she admits that when women brag about how they are "one of the guys," they are claiming their superiority by neglecting their feminine peers.

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Improvements made at Rec Center

The Recreation Center received a face-lift prior to the start of the school year in an effort to provide students with a better workout environment.

Assistant Director for Recreation Operations Richard Barnhouse said the biggest improvement was the addition of a second cardio room, which was built over an old racquetball court that was located next to the first cardio room.

"We put in the first cardio room last fall, and immediately after we opened it, it was packed all the time," he said. "We just wanted to be able to alleviate some of that pressure and get people on machines a lot more quickly."

Some returning students said they were delighted by the addition of a second cardio room.

"I'm really impressed — I think that it'll make for a lot smaller of a wait," Lovett College senior Elizabeth Nye said.

Carl Isgren (Baker '61) said he donated the money necessary to build both cardio rooms because he believes students' health is important.

"I'm a big believer in physical fitness," Isgren said. "I thought it would be something all students could benefit from."

Barnhouse said he and three staff members also received new offices during the renovation.

"I was borrowing people's offices and meeting in conference rooms. I'm expecting this year to run a lot more smoothly."

In addition to refinishing and re-surfacing of the wood floors, all squash and racquetball court walls were redone for the first time in 50 years, Barnhouse said.

Other students are also enjoying the expanded cardio facilities.

"It has basically everything you need and gives students a chance to relieve their stress from all of their activities from school," Hanchen College freshman Randy Luo said.

Barnhouse said other improvements include installing tile along walls, but it turned out that was about 30 layers of paint from the past.

"We always thought we had some wall damage because we had about one-eight of an inch holes in the walls, but it turned out that was about 30 layers of paint from the past 50 years," Barnhouse said.

Barnhouse said other improvements include installing tile along the pool deck, balcony, stairwell and lounge area, and he plans to install new lane lines in the pool and carpeting on the second floor. The Facilities and Engineering Department paid for all Rec Center improvements except the cardio rooms.

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See www.wubc.org for more details, or call 713-668-2319.

Contemporary Worship: 8:30 AM
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Traditional Worship: 11:00 AM
If fee used to supplement budget

by Olinda Allam

While the proceeds from the new IT fee have been added to the general budget, the money has not been designated to any special project.

On-campus undergraduate students paid a $200 IT fee this year, and off-campus and graduate students paid $130.

The fee proposal was announced to students last October, and the fee was officially approved by the Board of Trustees at its May meeting.

"The fee is incorporated into the annual budget, and it allows us to do projects that strengthen our work across campus," Chief Information Officer Chuck Henry said.

"The fee is incorporated into the annual budget, and it allows us to do projects that strengthen our work across campus, but there's no particular project attached to it," Henry, who is also the Vice President, said.

Director of Educational Technology for IT, William Deigaard said discussions about the IT budget and the fee would continue but that he does not think the fee will influence those discussions.

"In general, there are discussions about technology and funding all the time, so the presence of the IT fee or the lack of it isn't going to change the outcome of these discussions," as far as I know," Deigaard said.

In residential college forums organized by IT administrators last fall, discussions about the IT budget and the fee were limited for financial reasons, but priorities have changed because of differing priorities, because of the economy and differing university needs.

The list of things we could do again.

"People just want to get stuff for free, and that's not how it works," Blackiston said. "If we start getting something for [the fee], then I think it's worth it."
Morning hours added; colleges to discuss afternoons

MEALS, from Page 1

The plan that H&D visualized in the spring involved students having access to the college kitchens for as many meals as they wanted and for all-you-can-eat service during those meals. However, many students believed the plan, which had been approved by the colleges, would allow continuous access to the college kitchens between meals, offering a la carte items such as drinks, bagels, muffins, cereal, fruit and perishables, such as fresh fruit, rolls and cookies.

In order to make drinks accessible all the time, Ditman is considering the idea of having a soda machine with five options available at each college to provide continuous beverage service. However, details of this plan, such as its affect on colleges that raise money through beverage sales, are still to be worked out.

Wednesday's meeting was the first meeting of the year aimed at sorting out the meal plan. "I felt that Mark Ditman was responsive to the concerns of the residents and he did show a clear intention to solve the problems that have been raised in regards to the fact that the kitchens have been closed during meal times," Haynie said. "There was a general consensus that no one expected to have 24-hour access to the kitchens. However, I think it was pretty clear that there were certain items, like yogurt, soda, water and cereal, that the president made clear that they would like to see those things be accessible at greater hours.

However, many students expressed disappointment after expecting greater access to food items. "The meal plan sucks," Baker College senior Jarrett Gauer said. "I don’t like the fact that they changed to where you have to buy the most expensive meal plan. I don’t see how they can justify changing me $12 for dinner. I lived off campus for two years cause I didn’t want to pay the meal plan."

Haynie seems optimistic, however. "They clearly are trying to look into ways to make some things available more often," Haynie said.

Ditman said he thinks the current plan is an improvement. "We’ve been talking about meal plans for four years, and we’ve had three different meal plans, and I think we’ve arrived at one that serves the best overall purpose for the students and the university," Ditman said.

The Student Association met Monday. The following were discussed:

- New students interested in being an SA New Student Representative should speak with their college senator or send an e-mail to SA President Matt Haynie at suprep@rice.edu.
- Any returning student who is interested in serving on the University Standing Committee on Exam Rooms and Standing should send an e-mail to SA External Vice President Melissa Andreas at melissa@rice.edu.
- Any student interested in working on the formation of a Global Studies major should contact Sid Richardson College President Charlotte Abercrombie at abercrombie@rice.edu.
- Haynie discussed the upcoming parking of gating parking lots and new parking fees, answering questions about the higher fees for freshmen (see News Feature, Pages 10-11).
- Sid junior Bill Robertson spoke about the Web site Oilway, which is similar to eBay, but only for people affiliated with Rice. The Web site can be found at www.oilway.com.
- SA Director of Publications Corey Devine told the Senate that the Newcomer’s Guide would be available at the colleges on Wednesday. New students and advisors should go to their college coordinators to get their copy of the Newcomer’s Guide. Coordinators should go to the campus at which they advise.
- SA Director of Technology, Seve Schell asked for suggestions on the content of student websites. Students can make suggestions by sending an e-mail to sky@rice.edu.
- Senate members and other students at the meeting met in small groups to discuss ways the SA could work to improve Rice for students.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 9 in Fannin Pavilion in the Student Center at 10 p.m.
Papa John's may accept tetras

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be paying Rice a service fee.

"The administrative fee lets then contribute to the enterprise of running the tetra program," Ditman said.

Ditman said the fee had not yet been agreed on, but it would probably be in the range of six to 10 per cent of the purchase.

Ditman said the service fee would be used to cover part of the salary of the H&D employees who run the tetra point program, but it would not be sufficient.

"The service fee is small enough that there is a contribution made, but I don't think it fully covers the cost of that person's time," Ditman said.

Ditman said that benefit of the program for students made the cost to Rice worthwhile.

"It doesn't even come close to carrying its own weight, but we feel that the benefit of the program makes it really worthwhile," Ditman said. "I see it as an additional late-night service point for students."

Davidson said the General Counsel's office was looking at several aspects of the program.

"We are exploring what regulatory or legal issues we might address in moving the tetra point program beyond the hedges," Davidson said.

Papa John's Store Supervisor Harold Combs said running the fee in the Aug. 23 Thresher, which said tetra point payment, was coming soon, was a mistake.

"It was a bit of a miscommunication," Combs said. "We thought that everything was done, but we are waiting on the last step."

Ditman said H&D would consider allowing other nearby restaurants to accept tetra points but wasn't sure if other restaurants would be interested.

"You've got to look at the purchasing power of Rice students — you are a very small population," Ditman said. "The supplier has to provide the hardware and the phone line, so there is an expense that they have to be aware of. They've got to make the assessment of whether it is worth it or not."

Water, water everywhere

A box of belongings sits in standing water in the Wiess College basement. While moving a refrigerator Wednesday afternoon, a Housing and Dining employee hit a fire sprinkler and activated the system, which sprayed hundreds of gallons of water across the basement.

MOB welcomes new director

by Lindsay Gilbert

The Marching Owl Band will perform its first halftime show of the season tomorrow under a new conductor.

In his role as Director of University Bands, Chuck Throckmorton will oversee the MOB, the Symphonic Band, the Basketball Owl Band and other university bands.

Chosen from a pool of 27 applicants, Throckmorton replaces former director Robert Cesario, who resigned last spring and now conducts at Huntsville High School in Huntsville.

A six-member search committee chose Throckmorton in May after observing three finalists in all-day interviews on campus.

Committee member Dan Philips, Head Equipment Manager and tuba player in the MOB, said Throckmorton clicked with the band during his conducting scenario.

"There was just a feeling in the room of excitement, a more positive feeling than I've felt here in a long time," Philips, a Lovett College senior, said.

As Director of Bands at St. Thomas High School in Houston for nine years, Throckmorton experimented with unorthodox performance styles in an effort to accommodate the time constraints of busy students.

"The private schools here in Houston have similar limitations [as Rice] on the time their students can spend," Throckmorton said. "At St. Thomas I started trying to figure out what you do with a band that doesn't have a lot of time."

A 1997 MOB performance ignited Throckmorton's imagination.

"I was invited to come see a Rice game by a friend, and there was something I had to try and figure out," he said.

When Throckmorton heard about the band director vacancy five years later, he did not hesitate to apply.

Show Assistant Executive Producer David Price said he has already witnessed an increase in MOB enrollment and enthusiasm.

"I think that the members of the MOB are reciprocating the positive attitude that they are seeing from him," Price, a Jones College senior, said.

New MOB Director Chuck Throckmorton, who will also head up all university bands, presides over MOB rehearsal Tuesday.

The Baker Institute is now accepting applications for student interns for the Fall 2002 semester. Interns will assist Baker Institute fellows and Rice faculty on Institute studies, public policy research, and special projects. Economics or political science background is a plus. Up to 10 hours per week required to collect cash award of $500 per semester. Not a salaried position. Interested Rice students should send the following to the Baker Institute Internship Committee, Baker Institute MS-40:

- Cover letter stating the semester applied for and area of interest: energy and environment; health policy; U.S. foreign policy; or China studies
- Resume
- Current transcript
- One letter of recommendation

For information, contact the Institute's Senior Energy Advisor, Amy Jaffe, at x2148.
Facts to be determined over next six months

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"Rice treats its employees fairly, and we don’t discriminate against them," Garcia said. "On rare occasions, when called on to prove it, we are able to do so—that would be our approach in any lawsuit."

However, Kerensky said he believes that when all the facts have been determined and are made public, the evidence will be found to be in Pisegna’s favor.

"Check with me in six months, and I think the proof will be in the pudding."

— Michael Kerensky
Loretta Pisegna’s lawyer

In her lawsuit, Pisegna claims that Rice’s employment practices and employment actions toward her were part of a pattern of unlawful employment discrimination.

According to the lawsuit, "the discriminatory actions taken against [Pisegna] were intentional in nature and/or in the alternative, the result of discriminatory policies and practices that caused a disparate impact upon [Pisegna’s] pay rate and promotions."

Pisegna began the process of filing a discrimination lawsuit on July 5, 2001, when she filed a Charge of Discrimination with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Texas Commission on Human Rights. According to her lawsuit, she amended the charge Feb. 19.

Over the summer, Pisegna received a right to sue notification from the EEOC. According to the EEOC Web site, the right to sue notification means that the EEOC has reviewed the case and declined to take direct action on it.

According to the Web site, "when a charge is dismissed, a notice is issued in accordance with the law which gives the charging party 90 days in which to file a lawsuit on his or her own behalf."

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PREPARING FOR PARKING CHANGES

GREENBRIAR LOT

Students, staff and faculty with Greenbriar Lot stickers can park in the lot, and visitors can park in the lot for free. Binford also said that students with other stickers (West Lot or college lot) would not be ticketed for parking in the Greenbriar Lot. Shuttle buses will stop in the lot every 10 minutes on weekdays, 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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SOUTH STADIUM LOT

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ALICE PRATT BROWN LOT

The lot is scheduled to be gated at the same time as the West Lot is gated at the beginning of next semester. The lot is open only to faculty and staff with permits during the business day.

RENAMING THE PARKING LOTS

Many parking lots had their names changed or shrunken to simplify the parking process for both visitors and Rice affiliated parkers. The new names are either directional or based on what building or street the parking lot is near. Instead of a letter to identify the lot, as in the past...

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CENTRAL CAMPUS GARAGE

The garage will be partially filled with contract parking for faculty and staff and partially filled by visitor parking. Binford said that for this semester, even if there are fewer than the allotted 250 faculty and staff parking in the lot, no students would be allowed to purchase a contract for the lot. Instead, the extra spaces would be used for more visitor parking.

The garage will also be used for parking for Baker Institute for Public Policy events.

POLICY: Parking for Baker Institute for Public Policy events.

ABCROMBIE LOT

Both parts of the lot will be gated. The lot will be open to everyone in a permit. Faculty, staff and community associates attending events at the lot should be few parking permits. Everyone attending events at the lot will have a pass that includes parking.

LOVE

Special student access to all parking lots is 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. On and off days, from 7:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

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WEISS COLLEGE DRIVEWAY

Parking on the entire length of the driveway — from Entrance 4 to the leading dock for the Hanszen/Weiss Forestry — is not permitted. Parking on hazards to conduct university business is also not permitted. The only place that beverages parking is allowed on our campus is College Way and Laboratory Road. Binford said, "It's the west end of Baker Hall to the end of Sewall Hall and Duncan Hall to midway into the new Jones School."
No date has been finalized for the activation of the gating system, but Vice President for Finance and Administration Neill Binford said he hopes to distribute proximity cards on Tuesday and lower the gates the following day. However, it is possible there will be a delay of up to several days. When the system is activated, changes are in store for parking at Rice, many of which are outlined below.

**ENFORCEMENT**

Binford said logs from the new gating system of a person's parking history will not be used for disciplinary action. One reason for this is that the exit mechanism for many of the lots is connected to a weight-sensitive wire loop buried in the ground and therefore exiting does not require the use of a proximity or credit card. However, even for lots where a proximity card is required to exit (those lots that have visitor parking in them), the log will not be used. For example, a student leaving the North Lot after 7:30 a.m. on a weekend morning does not have to worry about being sent a parking ticket in the mail.

Instead, the Rice University Police Department will enforce regulations by giving out tickets after 7:30 a.m. to cars that are parked in a faculty/staff lot without an appropriate sticker. Binford said the only time parking log records might be reviewed was if a serious crime had taken place.

"We don't have times to look at the logs," Binford said. "The only times we would review those kinds of records is when you have a major crime, then you dig up the computer records, because someone says, 'We need to know everyone who was there and see if they saw anything.'"

One change in enforcement is the penalty for receiving more than 10 tickets in a 12-month period. Beginning Jan. 1, if a vehicle receives more than 10 tickets in a 12-month period, the vehicle will not be allowed on campus. In previous years, the car was allowed to park in the Greenbrier Lot after receiving 10 tickets. In addition, multiple tickets assigned for the same incident count as one ticket, but a warning ticket (with no fine) also counts as a ticket.

**HUMBIE LOT**

Parts of the Humbie Lot will be restricted through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to faculty and staff. Students will be allowed to park in the lot. After 5:30 p.m., no permit holders must be out of the lot by 7:30 a.m. on weekdays and during the weekend, but Binford said the Martel loop is not a "blinker zone" and that students can be ticketed if they park there for any length of time, even if they have their flashers on. Instead, drivers should only use the loop to drop passengers off.

**LOVETT LOT**

Spaces in the Lovett Lot are allocated to both visitors and staff/faculty. Students will have to worry about being sent a parking ticket in the mail.

**MARTEL LOOP**

Because the entrance and exit to the loop are located within the Abercrombie Lot, access to the loop will be limited to Abercrombie Lot permit holders. Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The exception to this will be during move in and move out when students will be able to access the loop. If students feel it is necessary for them to be able to access the lot during business hours, they can approach the gate and use the intercom system on the gate to speak with an attendant in the Transportation Department. The attendant can raise the gate if necessary. The same arrangement will be used for delivery trucks. Guests of the Martel College Masters also will not be able to access the loop during the day; instead such visitors will have to park in visitor lots. Students will be able to access the loop in the evening and during the weekend, but Binford said the Martel loop is not a "blinker zone" and that students can be ticketed if they park there for any length of time, even if they have their flashers on. Instead, drivers should only use the loop to drop passengers off.

**NORTH COLLEGES LOT**

Parking will remain the same as last year: Only students with North College Lot permits will be permitted to park in the lot at any time. Binford said at the discretion of the colleges, commuting students will be allowed to park in certain spaces without permits. Binford said that when Health Services moves to the current Brown Commons next year, the lot will need to be renovated to include parking for patients. The lot will not be gated. Students must pay $113 to park in the North College Lot.

**SOUTH COLLEGES LOT**

Parking will remain the same as last year: and only students with South College Lot permits will be permitted to park in the lot at any time. Binford said at the discretion of the colleges, commuting students will be allowed to park in certain spaces without permits. In addition, there are no spaces specifically designated by the university in the lot, meaning that RPO will not give a ticket to someone parking in the lot. However, if the lot is designated by the college to identify spots that the college has the right to enforce parking, and the college chief justice could give a ticket. The lot will not be gated. Students must pay $113 to park in the South College Lot.

**SIGNAGE**

Throughout the campus, new directional signs have been placed. These signs are at the entrances to the campus and those that lead to paid visitor parking have a blue F, which Binford said is the international sign for parking. On them, the sign along campus roads direct those looking to park to all the appropriate lots.

Binford said the signs were designed to be easier to understand.

"They are going to be bigger, bigger print and larger sizes as well," Binford said. "They are going to be specifically, more cluttered."

Binford said the signs were also made of wood, and that after a year of observing how well the signs worked, to help visitors find their way on the Rice campus, permanent signs would be made.

**THE RICE THRESHER NEWS FEATURE FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2002**
City's center is a poor character development

Raj Wahi

THE RICE THRESHER STAFF

City by the Sea is the kind of movie that could turn into a subject matter

in the same way I handled my organic chemistry final. It begins by spin-

ning its wheels for about twenty minutes, gradually finds its footing, and

manages to score some points before rushing through its final 10 minutes

in a vain effort to make up for the first 20. And in the end it earns

about a grade of about 50 percent.

The premise is moderately inter-

esting: Aging cop Vincent LaMarca (Robert DeNiro), long estranged

from his son Joey (James Franco), faces a painful dilemma when he

learns his son is wanted for the murder of a drug dealer. We know from

the first frame that Joey killed the man in self-defense, but Vincent re-

alizes the police are unlikely to treat his son gently because he is a near-

hopelessly addicted. Meanwhile the family's lawyer, Spyder (William

Forstythe), has made Joey's assassination a top priority.

The plot is further complicated by the LaMarca family's troubled history.

Vincent's father, we learn, was executed for kidnapping and accidentally killing an infant. There is a history of domestic violence in the family. Even Vincent, despite his attempts to find redemption in pol-

ice work, is haunted by the nightmares that haunt his son during that argument. That day and the day he walked out on her and Joey, needless to say, now

matures a deep resentment for his father, which makes it even harder for Vincent to protect him.

Thankfully, the movie's heart does eventually start, though there are times it could have benefited from a deffibrillator.

All of this is potentially compelling stuff—deep family wounds, father and son on opposite sides of the law—yet much of the movie has

a dangerously self-serious feel. Director Michael Caine's sense of humor, writer Ken Hinson, have their story on an Esquire article by Mike McAlary. They present the material in a way that holds our attention yet consistently keep the LaMarca fam-

ily and their troubles at arm's length. Both DeNiro and Franco give com-

petent performances, but the overload of faces and plots nearly renders

characters' personalities, rather than offering the actors the opportunity to bring their characters to life. It doesn't help, either, that the story takes too long to actually start telling a story. Apart from showing us the murder and introducing us to Joey and Vincent, the first 20 min-

utes of City by the Sea are basically filler. Particularly embarrassing are the numerous attempts to be "hip," including some needlessly stylish

camerawork in a drug related scene and a corny plethora of dumb one-lin-

ers. At one point an elderly couple complains to Vincent that "I had to get off twice this morning and yet no heart started," and I confess I was uncharitable enough to regard this line as an unintentional meta-

phor for the screenplay. Thankfully, the movie does eventually start, though there are times it could have benefited from a defibrillator. Things pick up when we meet Joey's ex-girlfriend Gina (Erika Bistrich), a harried, resourceful

woman who overcomes her own drug addiction after hearing Joey's

story and is now raising the child alone, living off money she earns (and oc-

casionally steals at McDonald's).

While Joey and Vincent fall to engage us emotionally, Gina succeeds; we immediately sympathize with her as she struggles to defend

her precocious, hard-won equilibrium from the imminent fallout from Joey's run-in with the drug dealers.

However, when Spyder threatens both her and the child, Gina starts to crumble under the dual weight of her new fear and old self-hating. It is this subplot, driven by DeNiro's sympathetic performance, which leads to the film's single heartbreak-

All of this is potentially compelling stuff... yet much of the movie has a curiously detached feel to it.

Further strengthening the film's all-around reliability Frances McDormand as Michelle, the woman with whom Vincent shares a bed, a nuanced attraction and precise little else. Initially Michelle is frustrated at Vincent's reticence regarding his personal life and family history, and she gently but persistently helps him to let his family in.

Unfortunately, the movie is less focused on Gina and Michelle than on the potentially interesting but poorly written conflict between Vincent and Joey. Thus we have in the end enduring contradictions in which Vincent expresses regret for his past failings while Joey responds, alternating between resentment and self-hate—none of which, I'm afraid, elicit much from the audience be-

cause of the movie's heart does not consistently focus on characters with whom we can really connect.

Pianist Brad Mehldau hits a solid jazz chord with 'Largo'

Elizabeth Piekons

FOR THE THRESHER

In his latest album Largo, pianist Brad Mehldau embraces the tradi-
tion of jazz while infusing it with unique and inventive ideas.

In general, the album resembles an extended version of one of its idiosyncratic individuals. As an idea is intro-
duced, simple and easy to under-

stand. Gradually, Mehldau's pieces

begin to vary on the theme, often delv-
ing into the world of the dissonant intellectual, but always coming back to remind the listener of the theme, the roots of the material. At times, the music

surrounds and embraces you, filling the room (or your head-

phones) with rich, though predictable, chord progressions and

sweet, haunting melodies. Other

times, Mehldau dives into his clas-

ical training to create intricate, rhythmically and technically difficult solos.

He seems to have the most fun, though, when experimenting with new conceptions of form, forcing the

listener to take notice and think about the ideas and emotions con-

veyed in his playing.

It is at these moments of innovation, in tracks such as "Dogies" and

"Sabbath," that I found it difficult not to skip to the next track to see if

something a little more "normal" might follow. But when I heard myself listen closely to the more inventive

tracks, I was rewarded with hip

rhythms, surprising Middle Eastern

melodies and occasionally a glimpse into the creative center of a very talented musician.

I still believe the electronic in-
mstrumentation and heavy distortion

found in some songs were more fun to develop than they are to listen to, but these pieces cause the listener to

become as passionate about them as the artist's solid command of piano and jazz makes for a very satisfying al-

bum.

Even his odder tracks, though they may not suit everyone's tastes, provide the true originality that

Largo needs to be recognized as a worthwhile CD in a genre that, at times, seems to produce anything new or different.

If you give this music your atten-

tion, it will reward you with some of the most exhilarating sounds coming out of jazz today.
Film focusing on infamous murderer Jeffrey Dahmer is dead on arrival

Elizabeth Pienkos
FOR THE THRESHER

A movie based on the actions of a notorious real-life serial killer offered many hopeful possibilities: a look into the twisted psyche of a mass murderer, a debate on whether the cannibal was more man or more monster, or even a couple of cheap thrills at the expense of some victims.

But Dahmer disappointingly fulfills none of these roles. This straight-to-video movie (currently screening at the Angelika), directed by David Jacobson and starring Jeremy Renner, is based on the story of Jeffrey Dahmer, the killer/cannibal who had taken the lives of 16 men by the time of his 1992 arrest. The country was morbidly fascinated with the details of his murders and confessions.

But everyone has felt out of place at a party before, or felt that his parents are too overbearing. Not everyone turns into a serial killer. Dahmer's disease by presenting the former and their role in the emergence of Dahmer's homosexuality while neglecting altogether his cannibalism. The weight of the former might lead one to wonder whether a scene is of the past or the present. Dahmer's acting provides a perfect canvas on which to paint the portrait of a desperate and lonely man/monster. Jacobson also places great emphasis on Dahmer's homosexuality while neglecting altogether his cannibalism.

The greatest disappointment, however, is that while the positive elements provide so much potential for insight into a murderer's mind and soul, or a commentary on the diseased state of society, the movie does not follow through. We are left merely bewildered and slightly stupefied, with the feeling that watching old news clips of the real Dahmer trial would have been more entertaining.

Jeffrey Dahmer (Jeremy Renner) takes a drill to one of his victims in David Jacobson's new film, Dahmer.
Owls, Cougars again open season with Bayou Battle

by Jason Varneski
THE RICE THRESHER
Friday, August 30, 2002

Soccer raising the bar in second season

by Jonathan Varneski

The women's soccer team has come a long way in a year — from floundering status, with 16 of 18 players being first-year experience, to new Western Athletic Conference (WAC) ralistics and a returning squad of 25 players.

The Owls have not only taken the top spot in the WAC, but also provided entertainment for the most successful season in nearly half a century. With an overall record of 16-2-3, the Owls have recorded the most victories in a season since 1953, when the Owls won 18 games.

Rice opens tonight at Texas A&M University at 7 p.m. at Robertson Stadium.

"We're excited about it — getting to play A&M after the big upset last season, and also showcasing some talented players," Rice head coach Ken Hatfield said.

One of those players is junior goalkeeper Kyle Kern, who broke into the starting lineup last season, finishing with 14 shutouts and recording nine clean sheets.

Gatlin said. "It feels good to play against a rival. It doesn't matter if it's against Houston, Rice or even Rice University Oct. 5.

The Owls will be the first-ever NCAA college football game to be broadcast live on national television, as the Owls face off against the Cougars at 7 p.m. in Rice Stadium. The Owls have had the momentum entering a season at the opening game for the Owls.

Senior forward Lindsay Botsford said. "Our ultimate goal is to win the WAC and go on to the national championship."
Beckford, Sinisi lead Penguin honorees

Thresher staff members nominate outstanding athletes for the 2001-02 Thresher Penguin Awards. Members of the Athletics Department and the administration voted to select the winners. One athlete was chosen in each category, along with the all-ensemble passing categories of Outstanding Athlete, Team, Freshman and Performance.

Football — Dan Dawson, senior linebacker

This four-year starter recorded 80 total tackles in 2001. He had three interceptions, including a 74-yard return for a touchdown on his way to National Defensive Player of the Week honors in a 27-24 victory over Hawaii.

Volleyball — Rebeca Pazo, freshman right side

Pazo was a standout in her first year, earning WAC Freshman of the Year and first team all-WAC honors with a team-high 408 kills. She had a career-high, 26 kills in a 3-0 win at Oraluna Tech.

Women’s Cross Country — Erin Brand, senior

The Canadian finished first among Rice runners at consecutive events in October the North Texas Invitational and the Texas A&M Invitational, named WAC Athlete of the Week in October.

Men’s Cross Country — Lachlan McArthur, senior

This Australian missed the end of the season due to illness, but was named WAC Athlete of the Week for finishing 12th in a huge field at the Auburn Invitational.

Soccer — Amanda Garrison, freshman goalkeeper

This second-year WAC selection started all 16 games in the net. She tied the school record for the third time in 2001-’02, Barker was named in all-WAC singles first team after leading the team with 19 singles wins and twice being named WAC Player of the Week.

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Men’s basketball — Michael Harris, freshman forward

The 6-4 power forward was named WAC Freshman of the Year after averaging 12.6 points and 8.6 rebounds per game. He also blocked 33 shots, fourth highest in school history for a single season.

Swimming — Mandy Mulzar, junior

Mulzar’s best moment of the season came when she finished second in the 50-yard freestyle at the NCAA Championships, breaking her own school record for the third time in the season. She also placed 11th in the 100-yard freestyle, leading the Owls to a 25th-place national finish.

Women’s tennis — Judith Hagedorn, senior

This German had a team-high 21 singles victories last year, bringing her career total to 85. She also won the Brax Scholar-Athlete Award as the female student-athlete with the highest GPA.

Men’s tennis — William Barker, sophomore

The elder of the two British twins in 2001-’02, Barker was named in the all-WAC singles first team after leading the team with 19 singles wins and twice being named WAC Player of the Week.

Golf — Ryan Morgan, sophomore

Morgan was the brightest star for the Owls in a tough season. His personal highlight was winning the Colbert Invitational at Kansas State in October, and he consistently shot Rice’s lowest rounds.

Women’s track and field — Allison Beckford, sophomore

This Jamaican possesses world-class talent and was a second consecutive NCAA Outdoor 400-meter champion last year. She set team records in the 100, 200 and 400 meters to win the Big West title.

Men’s track and field — Ryan Harlan, Jr., sophomore

Harlan set a school record in the javelin at the national championships at the Texas A&M Multi-Event Festival, earning 7,948 points to automatically qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Championships, where he finished fifth to take All-America honors.

Baseball — Vincent Sinisi, freshman first baseman

This transfer from UT hit .430, just shy of Lance Berkman’s single-season school record. He led the WAC in six major batting categories on his way to WAC Player of the Year. His .430 was the highest in the WAC and All-America honors.

Outstanding Athlete — Allison Beckford, sophomore, track and field

Beckford continued to dominate the track scene the summer months, setting a new NACAC under-25 400-meter record to go along with her NCAA Indoor and Outdoor titles.

Outstanding Team — Baseball

The Owls won six consecutive conference titles with a remarkable 29-2 WAC record. Consistently ranked in the nation’s top five, Rice hosted and won both the regional and super regional, blanking LSU 6-0 and 3-0 in the super regional to advance to the third College World Series in school history.

Outstanding freshman — Vincent Sinisi, baseball

Sinisi had 19 games with three or more hits while leading the team in batting average, runs scored, hits, doubles, RBIs, total bases, slugging percentage and stolen bases. He was also named a semifinalist for the Rotary Smith Award, placing him among the nation’s 12 top players.

Outstanding performance — Allison Beckford, sophomore, indoor track

Beckford’s national title in the NCAA Indoor 5000-meters was recognized as Rice’s outstanding performance of the year.

- text by Jonathan Yardley

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Monday Sept. 2nd
Football: Offense

Five-star backfield primed for another run

by Jason Gershman

Rice's offense this fall will feature a blend of youth and experience, with an experienced backfield trying to mesh with a young offensive line and an untested receiving corps.

The Owls return five lead runners from last season, a season which saw the Owls average 281 rushing yards per game, second in the nation behind only national championship game runner-up University of Nebraska. The returning players scored 17 of Rice's 20 rushing touchdowns last year.

Lead runs the way in the backfield are junior quarterback Kyle Herm, junior fullback Robbie Beck and sophomore halfback Clint Hatfield, each of whom averaged over 4.4 yards per carry last season. Also returning to the backfield are a pair of three-year letterwinners, senior halfbacks Sean White and Vincent Hawkins.

"A real challenge for our team offensively is how well they get together," head coach Ken Hatfield said. "Our backfield is experienced and solid. They take a lot of pounding, so you need all of them before the season is out."

The Owls, however, lack such depth and experience on the offensive line, where senior left guard Keith Meyer, a preseason all-WAC selection, is the lone returner. The new starters, although untested, have been working together since spring workouts.

"Those media things look only at the offensive line, where we're short, while we have a good backfield," Herm said. "They don't watch our practices, and they didn't come over at our spring ball. If they had, they would have seen that our line will be solid. Some of those guys played so much in the starters' drill last year. In addition to Meyer, who started 11 games last season at left guard, four of the other five projected starters were offensive line redshirts from last season. This year's Owls may be considered a team with youth and experience."

Much of Herm's success in 2002 will depend on these new starters, now getting the opportunity to prove themselves. Herm saw most of his action last season, but he knew he was taking advantage of opportunities to play last season, was hurt over a year with a knee injury; he had some success when he returned to the backfield, but it never came to pass. He's a little nervous, but not playing this year, but I hope to convert his nervous energy into positive energy on the field this season.

Offense

Clint Hatfield Sr. HB

Exciting, young, back with dazzling moves; averaged 6.2 yards per carry in 2001 and will also return kickoffs.

With second in total rushing yards and had dramatic OT game-winning TD run against Nevada.

Vincent Hawkins Sr. HB

Has started four games last year, rushing for 115 yards against Tulsa.

Defensive

Greg Gattlin Sr. HS

Started 12 games last year and will provide veteran leadership on the secondary.

Justine Engler Sr. FB

Vetran of 27 games who will split time with senior Scott Hulman at the slot.

John White Jr. FS

Explosive young player who backed up All-WAC star Jason Harbert in 2001.

Jeff Vanover Jr. SLB

Returns after missing last season with a knee injury; started four games in 2000.

A glance at the starting lineup

Offense

Travis Thompson Sr. TE

Has played in 29 games in three years; lots of on-field time.

Michael Holman Jr. LT

Transfer from Stanford started six games for the Cardinal in 2000.

Keith Meyer Sr. LG

Only returning offensive lineman starter has started 13 of 14 games and is preseason all-WAC choice.

Ben Stephens Jr. C

Has started 11 games over the past two years; good size and quickness.

Clint Crisp Sr. RG

Veteran squadman was backup to all-WAC choice Billy Harvin last season.

Greg Wilson So. RT

Has great size at 6-4, 310 pounds; started three games last season as a redshirt freshman.

Raymore Haines So. CFB

Speedy player who started three games as a redshirt freshman last year.

Patrick Denny Jr. RCB

Started all 12 games a year ago and recorded 54 tackles.

Brandon Green Sr. DE

All-American candidate led WAC and set Rice record with 12 sacks last year.

B.J. Ferguson Sr. NG

Two-year starter who returns after missing over a year with a shoulder injury.

Jeremy Calahan So. DT

Earning second as true freshman midway through 2001.

Nick Sabala Sr. DE

Hard-nosed veteran of 28 games through first three seasons.

Michael Holman Sr. LT

Started six games for the Owls over a year with a shoulder injury.

Keith Meyer Sr. LG

Veteran of 27 games who will split time with senior Scott Hulman at the slot.

John White Jr. FS

Explosive young player who backed up All-WAC star Jason Harbert in 2001.

Jeff Vanover Jr. SLB

Returns after missing last season with a knee injury; started four games in 2000.
Sack king Green set to lead revamped defense

by Jason Gershman

Rice's 2002 defense is looking to form its own identity, searching for new leaders after losing numerous key players.

Foremost among those losses are Dan Dawson and Jason Hebert, who became synonymous with the Rice defense of the past four years and played a crucial part in last season's 8-4 record.

Linebacker Dawson, a four-year starter and all-WAC first-team selection last year, ended his Rice career second in career tackles and tied for second in career interceptions.

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Safety Hebert, another four-year starter and all-WAC second team selection last year, ended his Rice career sixth in career interceptions.

"I think it's got to be on the past. Instead, they are firmly focused on the future, hoping to apply lessons learned from last year toward the same success this season."

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Vanover, who started four games as a linebacker for the Owls in 2000, moved to nose guard. Ferguson started during the 1999 and 2000 seasons for the Owls, making 36 tackles in only three seasons.

Senior Corey Evans, who started 16 games as a linebacker for the Owls in 2000, missed all of last season with a knee injury and has switched sides of the ball, moving to safety.

Vanover, who started four games as a linebacker for the Owls in 2000, returns to the lineup after missing last season with a knee injury. "It's always tough to have to watch from the sideline," Vanover said. "It was good celebrating from the sideline, as we still felt like we were part of the team, but it's great to be back on the field. I look forward to getting back in the swing of things."

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"The sack record is something I would like to have, and if I get a chance to, then I hope to make the plays," Green said. "But with the attention I have gotten, I feel that if I can get up some double teams and some extra blockers and allow the guys on the other side of the line to make the plays, that would be just as good."" — Jeff Vanover

Hatfield said. "Guys like B.J. Ferguson and Jeff Vanover will help with some of the replacements after losing so many seniors from last year. It's hard to compare this team to last year's because last year's team had 21 seniors, but our goals and expectations for this season are to win the WAC, and that has not changed."

Joining veterans Green and Ferguson along the defensive line are senior defensive end Nick Sibbs and sophomore defensive tackle Jetrep Calahan. Calahan earned a starting job last year as a true freshman.

"The young players are progressing well — they can provide leadership on the field," Hatfield said. "They are hungry to get on the field and make plays. We do miss these guys who have graduated, but I feel in my heart that the guys who can step in there and do a great job. The goals are to win the WAC."

Hatfield believes the young players are not only talented, but capable of leadership beyond their years.
WAC soccer tournament to be held at Rice in early November

SOCCER, from Page 16 where Rice was 5-3 last year.

"Just being able to play against two teams in the top 10 is going to help our program as a whole," Yoder said. "If we can go out there and play them, then we know we can compete with them, and there's no reason why we should let teams in the WAC who aren't in the top 10 beat us."

"The girls went out last year and earned the respect of the other teams in the conference. I don't think the other teams are going to come in taking us so lightly."

— Chris Huston

Head soccer coach

While the starting lineup is still not set, the Owls plan to use a 4-3-3 formation this fall, with backs pushing up to support the midfield.

"I think it's going to be very important in the 4-3-3 that we get the outside backs into midfield," Currie said. "The experience and having some seniors and juniors in each match, expects more consistency across the board than we've had in the past."

One setback to Rice's scoring plans is sophomore forward Ashley Anderson, last year's leading scorer with 16 points, who is out for the season after tearing her ACL during the summer.

"Unfortunately, we don't have her," Yoder said. "Ashley is a tremendous asset to the team," Huston said. "She's our leading goal scorer last year and a tremendous asset to the team," Huston said. "Unfortunately, we don't have her, and we do have some other players that are stepping up."

Most of the forwards are new to the team, with sophomore Raif Belfaire switching from the women's club team and senior Alme Teeters and junior Ally Dawn joining from the track team.

The core of the team, however, will remain the 13 sophomores who got the program started last year.

"It really helped bring us together as a team—we have really good team unity," Yoder said. "It helps us on the field because we trust each other, and we trust that each and every one will take care of the ball. Last year just really helped us become a close-knit team and to work together."

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The experience level is increased even last season, as Rice rallied late in the year to charge into the WAC tournament. Rice won four of its last five games, including 3-1 and 4-1 victories over Boise State University and the University of Nevada, respectively, on the final regular season weekend. Botsford, who scored in each match, expects more consistent success in the coming season.

"Everyone's matured a lot on the field and I think that'll make all the difference," Botsford said. "Just a year of experience and having some big games behind us will make the difference for us this fall."

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**Register or pay!**

If you don't want to be stuck paying a $95 fee, get your butt to the Registrar's Office before 5 p.m. today and register for classes.

**Activities fair, anyone?**

Student groups and organizations will set up tables in Bay Courtyard and the Grand Hall of the Student Center from 1 to 4 p.m. Come see all the clubs and activities that Rice has to offer.

**Cross country or cross bayou?**

Both the men's and women's teams sponsor the Rice Relays at 6:30 p.m. at Buffalo Bayou Park, between Memorial Drive and Allen Parkway just west of IH-45.

**Coffee: the other food group.**

Caffeine kicks off tonight at 7 p.m. at the coffeehouse in the Leonberger. Join us.

**Bayou...**

Get your energy back with a 5K run at 6:30 p.m. at Buffalo Bayou Park, between Memorial Drive and Allen Parkway just west of IH-45.

**Recruiting orientation.**

The Career Services Center's Recruiting Manager Rena Moore leads this event from 4 to 5 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion in the Rice Memorial Center. Come learn about the on-campus recruiting program, how to sign up for interviews and more.

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**THURSDAY**

**Resume the mania.**

Resume critiquing continues from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Student Center. RSVP Community Garden meeting.

The Rice Student Volunteer Program holds an information meeting about its garden at 7:30 p.m. in Miller Lounge in the Student Center. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Megan Wilde at riki@rice.edu for more information about the meeting of the garden.

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