**Montano investigation begins**

RUPD starts administrative review to determine how man got ID card

by Meghan Miller

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Giving away access

The story of Rodrigo Montano, the 24-year-old man who was recently caught posing as a student, raised questions in the minds of people all over campus. Students wanted to know his story, administrators wanted to know what happened, and the entire campus community wanted to know how to prevent it from happening again.

The university has wisely begun an investigation into what went wrong and has noticed a few holes in the processes of the university. In the event, it seems as though Montano was able to achieve everything as soon as he had a valid Rice ID card.

The ID card is the key to this campus, including the kitchen. By not having a catch in the system that stops the ID number of a high school junior — someone who has not even applied to Rice, let alone been accepted and matriculated — from being activated, the Rice University Police Department set up a trail of other easy mistakes.

Many fall back on the trusting environment that Rice holds dear. But there are flaws in the ID card system, including the feasibility of obtaining an ID card or access to a college. Though nothing bad happened in this case, these systemic flaws could lead to future incidences if they are not taken care of.

In addition to changing systems on campus, the university needs to do a better job of increasing security and monitoring. Jones College, where Montano stayed on campus at the beginning of the semester, has not had activated card readers on its exterior doors during the past few weeks. Therefore, anyone can enter the building, have access to everything, and returned freely to the floors without ever needing an ID. Jones has not requested such easy access to their college and thus the security problems should be taken care of.

Taking care of business

When Housing and Dining repaired four Baker College freshmen's collapsing ceiling, they sent these students to stay in a hotel. While this was an acceptable response to this problem, a better solution would have been to eliminate the dripping water causing roof cave-ins.

H&D has been aware of this problem since at least last year, when relocate Will Rice College caved in, due to the same problems. Cold water pipes collect condensation, and insufficient insulation makes this condensation drip onto the ceilings, which weaken them. Something could have — and should have — been done to prevent this during the summer.

Instead of using older colleges like Baker to house summer-camp students, H&D should perform the minimum maintenance: the university on older buildings is required, including replacing insulation and pipes. Maintenance effort during the summer may limit campus profits but will ensure a higher standard of college living.

Announcing updates

Some people are suspicious of technological advances, viewing them as institutional efforts to track citizens' activities. But two new additions to Rice's technology will add significant services to campus.

Rice Emergency Medical Services' system to keep track of chronic health problems and Information Technology's virus protection will keep track the contaminated files computers send out.

EMS has begun collecting information about health problems of Rice students, faculty and staff in order to better care for people in emergency situations. This system will increase the quality of service without forcing a large monetary expenditure. Patients, especially unconscious patients, with chronic health problems will receive more effective care.

Information Technology's virus protection program includes the mandatory registration of all computers' Internet Protocol addresses, in addition to virus-blocking software. But the deadline for IP address registration is Tuesday, and many students don't even know about the process. Because students who have not registered their IP addresses will not be able to use the network after the deadline, IT has a duty to inform students of this policy change, and informing students takes more than an e-mail to college listservs.

We encourage the university community to cooperate with these technological updates that improve everyone's lives. But we urge department and organization to improve their communication with the people these changes affect. College Computing Associates should inform students about these changes and let them know about them to inform them about the changes because anything that can cause the loss of network access deserves a lot of publicity.

Unsigned editorials represent the majority opinion of the 'Thresher' editorial staff.

The law itself emphasizes higher standards and more resources within the public school systems, but is backed by a Republican budget that does not provide adequate funds to promote any real progress.

I urge students to support the Chris Bell for Congress campaign. Bell will push for an effective education reform program backed by a budget that will actually promote advancement in our schools. The many supporters of public education in Washington, the better our nation's school systems will become.

Jennifer Weixel
Rice freshman

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rice web a confusing jumble of information

To the editor:

There are myriad resources at Rice, but finding out about these resources online is like trying to catch a squirrel for an Orientation Week scavenger hunt. They're just nowhere where you think they should be, and you can't find 'em when you need the tools.

And so I read the 'Thresher' article

"New Rice homepage coming Sept. 16," Sept. 13 with some interest. I've always felt that the Rice website shows a disservice to the students, faculty and staff whose activities make Rice a top-tier institution. But the redesign does nothing to improve what is wrong with the current site.

That is, it's not a common look and feel for all or even the majority of official Rice pages, so it doesn't appear as one professionally-designed entity.

Uniformity among Rice pages should have been the first priority in the creation of the content-customized gateways that are being launched right now.

The current Rice homepage was designed a couple of years ago, but designers focused on the front page and generally ignored other official sites like the odorable Housing and Dining homepage and those for the different schools of study.

Through Information Technology Web designers cannot be responsible for maintaining all departmental sites, there should at least be some uniformity to make it easy for users to find what they need. For example, each department's homepage should have an address and the relevant contact information for a department administrator.

Without this uniformity in content and design, department homepages are very much a reflection of how technology-sawy the department or someone in the department may be. The School of Architecture site, for example, is stunning. But go to the University Police site, and based on design you'd never know both are official Rice University department sites.

While I'm at it, let me take a jab at the content-customized portals, too.

I don't want to go to the official alumni page when I go to the Rice site. What I want to see is what's been on the current homepage for a while now — easy access to Registrar's Office information and phone numbers for people in the directory.

But I'd be willing to compromise, of course, if they came up with a portal that really caters to my interests. That one might be called "Dirt poor Rice alum that still want to know what's going on."

I think it's great that Rice is proactive about redesigning the site to better fit student and community needs. But keep in mind that visitors to the site aren't just going to hang around the front page and the choice sites that have gotten face-lifts; they're going to judge our university just as much by what they find, or don't find, on the inside.

Leise Liu
Thresher editor in chief 2001-02

Republican education act ineffective in Texas

The more I learn about Texas education policies, the more I see the need for change. The "No child Left Behind" Act, which was passed under the current Republican Congress, sounds great on paper but has not proven to be an effective solution to the increasing problems in public education.

The Thresher reserves the right to edit letters for both content and length.

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**Scientists, politicians discuss direction of U.S. space program**

**by Sky Schell**

**THE RICE THRESHER STAFF**

Current and former astronauts and current politicians gathered in the Owl Club in the Rice Stadium Monday to discuss the status of the U.S. Space Program. The event commemorated the 40th anniversary of John F. Kennedy’s historic speech in the Rice Stadium, in which he declared that the United States would not sit on the moon before the end of the 1960s.

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas, spoke next, and emphasized the wide benefits of space research, from weather-related products to advances in health care.

She said although there is widespread cynicism among Americans today, we’re able to regain our vision, especially through encouraging youth to work in space-related fields.

"We are a world leader, but we will not continue to be without vision," she said.

Rep. Gene Green, D-Texas, agreed with Johnson’s assessment and suggested that the best way to interest youth in space is to have astronauts visit schools.

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, spoke via telephone, and said she feels that NASA needs a new vision.

"Kennedy captured the minds and hearts of all of us," she said. "We should continue to ensure that NASA is not a museum or a history book yet.

The members of the expert panel spoke next, starting with Gen. Jefferson D. Howell Jr., the Director of NASA’s Johnson Space Center.

He discussed the dedication and service of the 15,000 NASA employees at the Space Center.

He also lauded the accomplishments of the United States, Russia and the other partners in the construction of the International Space Station, which he said will be of great value to our scientific community.

Next to speak was Capt. Gene Cernan, a former Apollo astronaut and the last man to walk on the moon in 1972. Cernan recalled Kennedy’s speech, and the tense situation of that time.

"The teenagers of this country don’t give a hoot about space. We need to give them a piece of action — give them the opportunity to go into space," he said.

Critics of this plan should compare the dangers of shuttle flights to the dangers of sending teenagers to Afghanistan to fight in a war," Cernan said.

Giving a group of teenagers the opportunity to travel in space and conduct research while in orbit would spark a generation with a new interest in space, Cernan said.

"We talk about that generation needing heroes," he said.

"Let’s give them their own heroes."

The third speaker was Dennis Tito, an American businessman who became famous last year when he became the first private citizen to visit the International Space Station, at a cost of more than $20 million.

"The day before we were to resurrect the ‘Citizen in Space’ program, the 1980s NASA program that was terminated when the Challenger shuttle exploded in 1986 with school teacher Christa McAuliffe onboard," Tito said.

"Putting celebrities like Lance Bass in space wouldn’t be a step forward," he asserted.

He also pointed out the impact of the Cold War on U.S. space commitment.

"If we need a space race, we have one," — China said that they’ll be on the moon in five years. They shouldn’t be there unless we’re there to welcome them," Dr. Bernard Harris, a former shuttle astronaut, voiced his thoughts regarding space’s role in U.S. consciousness.

"I think our vision should stretch as far as human beings," he said. "Space allows us to bring to bear the hopes and dreams of the nation. If we don’t stretch, we will be a people unfilled."

Col. Eileen Collins, current astronaut and space shuttle commander, discussed her questions about our future in space. Collins was five years old when Kennedy’s speech, and now has a five-year-old daughter.

Collins said she hopes that her daughter’s generation will choose to study more science and engineering than recent students have.

Astronaut Franklin Chang-Diaz, director of the Johnson Space Center’s Advanced Space Propulsion Laboratory, said he believes humans need to expand to other planets to ensure our survival.

He was 12 years old at the time of Kennedy’s speech and it had been translated into Spanish in Costa Rica, his native country.

Kennedy didn’t just capture the imagination of the country — he captured the imagination of the world," Chang-Diaz said.

Rick Smalley, a Nobel Laureate and Rice physics professor, discussed the problem that few Americans are entering the fields of science and engineering.

Smalley said he entered science because of Spunk, the Russian made artificial satellite that was the first to orbit the earth, and now feels a desire to pass on his excitement.

Smalley suggested challenging the United States with the world’s energy problems as a possible way to interest our youth in the sciences, and noted that space sciences and environmental and energy sciences have a lot in common.

Sir Arthur C. Clarke, science and science fiction writer famous for his 2001: A Space Odyssey, called from his home in Sri Lanka. Clarke discussed the need for international cooperation in future space ventures.

After the panel presentations, members of the audience, some as astronauts or former space policy developers themselves, took the opportunity to ask questions of the panel and discuss the topics.

Kerry T. Kay, an assistant Houston lawyer (Wiss ’98) said he attended Kennedy’s speech when he was eight years old, and is still struck by its greatness.

JFK took the horror of the Cold War and made it into something beautiful," Kay said.

Lampson concluded the panel by discussing the need for congress and the American public a new commitment to space.

The panel recognized Rice’s unique contributions to the space program. Rice created the nation’s first space science department in 1963 and worked closely with NASA-Johnson throughout the space race.
Students must register computers by Tuesday

by Ian Everhart

All students must register their computer’s into their Ethernet port with Information Technology by Tuesday.

Students can register online at http://www.student.rice.edu/ethertools.shtml.

Students must register their personal computers with IT to have access to email and the internet. If students try to access these services from an unregistered computer after Tuesday, they will instead be directed to a Web page explaining the registration process.

“If they wanted us to [register], they should have let the students be a little more informed about it.” — Leonard Cho

Will Rice College senior

Director of Educational Technology William Deigard (Wiess ’93) said the port registration campaign is an effort to improve Rice’s network.

“It’s very hard to manage a network without being able to contact the owner of the machines,” Deigard said.

Baker College Computing Associate Jan Van Fleet said the port registration would help monitor computer viruses.

“We can see virus activity on the network, but we don’t know where it is without the Ethernet registration,” Van Fleet, a senior, said.

Van Fleet said port registration would have helped mitigate the spread of the Klez virus last year.

“A lot of the time, [port registration] is our only tool for figuring out who people actually are,” Van Fleet said. “The fact that some people had done the Ethernet registration meant that we were able to get to those people faster... go visit their computer to help them get rid of the virus.”

Van Fleet said tracking down a non-registered user who had the Klez virus was an ordeal.

“We had to wait for an interested party to track down and discover who they were and then pass along to the COA,” Van Fleet said.

It can take a minute or two and it makes it easier for them, it’s fine,” Will Rice freshmen Ian Liew said.

The Student Association Senate is drafting a resolution asking the university to fund students taking the basic Emergency Medical Technician class, Health Sciences 308.

REMS first raised the fee funding issue at the SA’s 9 SA meeting. Haynie, a Will Rice College sophomore, said the data is sent over a secure connection to the IT database where both the port’s IP address and the MAC address of the specific Ethernet card installed in the user’s computer are recorded.

Ethernet registration has been available on a voluntary basis prior to this year, but many students were not aware of this service or that it was becoming mandatory.

REMS Captain Dave Mellville said the cost of taking the course prohibits some students from taking the class and later from volunteering with REMS.

I think interested students are unable to participate because it is so expensive, and that is unfortunate,” Mellville, a Mustang College sophomore, said.

Haynie, a Will Rice College senior, and Mellville met prior to the SA meeting to discuss a potential resolution. Haynie tried to track who was registered, which was distributed at the SA meeting.

The draft asks that the university provide some financial support for students wishing to enroll in REMS 308 in order to serve the Rice community through participation in REMS.

“Tommy wanted to leave our recommendation unspecific so that we can talk to the Administration about it,” Haynie said.

Mellville said there are at least two options that would reduce the financial burden from students taking the course. The $400 fee could be covered by the university, or it could be reimbursed with volunteer service.

“I am also open to other ideas,” Mellville said.

Haynie asked the senate and the college presidents to get student feedback on this issue, and he is currently making revisions to his resolution via email. The resolution will likely be debated by email, Haynie said, and he is tentatively planning a meeting for SA senators and college presidents sometime next week in order to finalize the resolution.

The resolution will be taken up again by the SA Oct. 7. Haynie said he expects the resolution will come to a vote then, and he thinks the resolution will likely pass by a large majority.

“The fund is really popular among people,” Haynie said.

If the resolution is passed, it will be presented to Vice President for Student Affairs Zanakho Camacho and President Malcolm Gillis, Haynie said.

Although the SA has no explicit power concerning university budgets, Mellville said he hoped a resolution might prompt the administration to rethink their past decision to turn down requests for more funding for REMS.

“I hope we can get the financial burden lowered by the time the course is taught next spring,” Mellville said.

“I think if we make this issue a priority and make it clear that there is a strong student opinion, there is at least a good chance that we can change things,” Haynie said.

Grand Hall collapsible wall to be replaced

by Rachel Rostin

The folding wall between the Grand Hall and Sammy’s Cafe will be replaced this summer.

The construction, which is estimated to cost $40,000, will take about a month and is scheduled to begin June 16, 2002.

The company that built the folding wall in 1998, when the Student Center was built, went out of business, and replacement parts for the wall are no longer made. Associate Director of the Student Center Paul Sutera said Facilities and Engineering has been fixing the wall but that repair is no longer a feasible option.

In addition, Sutera said they want to fix the wall before it becomes a safety issue.

Sutera said the new folding wall is currently in the design phase and that the new design will be aesthetically pleasing.

“It’s something we have to have," Sutera said. “It will be an improvement in the sense... that events that happen at Sammy’s won’t interfere with events in the Grand Hall as much as they do now with the [sound] bleedthrough.”

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Rice EMS to instate medical alert system

by Amanda Cahn
FOR THE THRESHER

Rice's Disability Support Services has developed a database that will enable Rice Emergency Medical Technicians to quickly identify patients with serious medical conditions in case the patients are unconscious when the EMS arrive.

The medical alert system is designed to identify students, faculty and staff members with conditions such as diabetes, seizure disorders or cardiac problems.

"There have been and are students on campus who have some major medical conditions that might possibly result in a crisis while they're on campus," Disability Support Services Director Jean Ashmore, who helped institute the new medical alert system, said.

Ashmore said the database was in response to student concerns about EMS being best able to treat patients with specific, pre-existing medical conditions.

"(The program] is a collaborative effort between Disability Support Services and Rice Emergency Medical Services] to enhance our response for people who have medical conditions on campus," Ashmore said.

EMS supervisors carry the database information with them in the supervisor's Palm Pilot.

"If the EMTs recognize the patient and they're unable to respond, then we're able to look up their information on our Palm Pilot and see what their medical history is," REMS Captain David Melville, a Martel College senior, said. "It provides more information. Essentially, it allows us to better treat our patients."

In order to be included in the database, each student, faculty or staff member must sign a consent form indicating his or her medical status, the best method of assistance, current medications, allergies and contact information for family, friends and doctors. Any information provided is kept confidential among REMS supervisors and EMTs responding to the patient in an emergency situation.

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Many students have responded favorably to the idea of the medical alert system.

"I think it's a great idea because as long as you have control over who gets the information, it could really be helpful when you're treated," Wiess College sophomore Mary Mackay said.

Melville said that even if a student is registered in the database, medical alert bracelets still aid EMTs in treating patients with chronic medical conditions.

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the Service Center, as well as the new service center will put more Robert Daniel said he thinks not being used,” Howman said. “The Fondren Library interior space, the addition of a coffee bar to the Library, from Page 1 last turnaround times that people won’t really want to go over to the Service Center,” she said. The new facility will maximize the 6th floor of Fondren Library into an undergraduates-only study room, coffee house considered.

The Accounting Hall of Fame was established at Ohio State University in 1956, with the purpose of honoring accountants who have made significant contributions to the advancement of accounting. The Fondren Library interior space, particularly the area where the books are kept, is very, very constrained,” Henry said. “Space has been an issue here for many years.”

Most of the 250,000 books stored in the football stadium will be moved to the Service Center, as well as thousands of other little-used materials currently housed in the library stacks.

“We’re looking at circulation records, and we’re starting to collect in house use data with handheld scanners so that we get really good statistics on what’s being used and what’s not being used,” Howman said.

Sid Richardson College sophomore Robert Daniel said he thinks the new service center will put Fondren on par with other university libraries.

“If you imagine a lot of the walls removed, it forms a kind of lantern on top of the building.”

— Chuck Henry

University Librarian

Henry said the library is in a place, nearing several years’ worth of renovation.

The first of these will be in the Woodson Research Center located on the first floor of the library, which will be completely refurbished, Henry said.

‘For someone to get into the Accounting Hall of Fame and be involved in niche literature is a little bit more unusual.’

— Stephen Zeff

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“It has been requested and we are looking into the possibility of putting in a small coffee bar,” he said. “I’m not sure where it would go, but it would be something that would be conducive to collaborating and would foster that kind of social interaction for learning.”

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Zeff named to Accounting Hall of Fame

by Olivia Allison

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Howman said that it would be great, because it’s more room for students to study.” Lovett freshman Linda Phan said. “The view would also be neat, too.”

Henry said the library is also considering a student-only study area somewhere in the library.

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The pipe under the bathroom sink burst in Lovett College juniors Justin Ong (above) and Justin Nixon’s room, flooding their room with about three inches of water on Saturday. All belongings were removed from the room to dry them out. No major damage was reported.

**Bus fleet gains new addition**

by Aaron Heckelman

The Transportation Office added a $100,000 bus to its shuttle fleet last Monday, increasing the total number of campus shuttles to nine. The new shuttle will travel the Greenbrier route.

The new bus, which is the latest Blue Bird model, is 82 inches wider than Rice’s other shuttles and has better air-conditioning and electric systems, Transportation Manager Eugen Radulescu said.

"It is a more solid bus compared to the ones we have now," Radulescu said.

The addition of the new bus will double service to the Greenbrier Lot and reduce waits, Radulescu said.

Radulescu said he is working to renew the entire shuttle fleet and is hopeful that the Transportation Office can begin adding new buses at the rate of one per year.

Although the Transportation Office’s long-term goal is to convert from gas-powered buses to electric buses, current electric-powered engines do not provide powerful enough air conditioning for Houston’s hot weather, Radulescu said.

Radulescu said the Transportation Office will begin the shift to electric as soon as possible, but it is unlikely to occur within the next several years. He also said rumors that Rice is planning to add solar-powered buses are unfounded, and the Transportation Office has no plans to pursue solar technology.

Some students said they were surprised to see the new type of shuttle bus, which looks different from the other shuttles because it has a flat front.

"I just saw it driving by and was like, ‘That’s strange,’" Sol Richardson, College senior B.J. Forguson said.

College freshman Scott Harrison said, "It’s a lot bigger, and the air conditioning works a lot better," Lovett College freshman Scott Harrison said.

Shuttle drivers also expressed their approval of the new addition.

"It’s real nice," Rita Coleman, a university bus driver, said. "It’s much larger and holds more passengers. All the bus drivers love it. We’d like to see them get some more.”

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Undergraduates should have proximity cards today

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The new restrictions have exposed several unauthorized users of university parking lots, including a resident who lives on the other side of Rice Blvd, and has been parking in North Lot every night for several years, Binford said. Faculty and staff with unregistered vehicles also have been discovered because they did not receive proximity cards.

"We are finding people who think that they should be getting (a proximity card) but didn't register for multiple years, so they went on until they go down and register," Binford said.

Any faculty, staff or student who is having any problem with a proximity card should contact the Parking Department at x7275.

Binford said there have been reports of unfunctional faculty and staff proximity cards, and he recommended storing the cards in a cool location because they can bend and warp if exposed to direct heat.

The design of the gate system was put to the test Wednesday morning when the power went out for the Biology/Ecology Lot and part of the North Lot. Binford said the gates went up to allow drivers to enter and exit as need be, and the problem was quickly fixed by Facilities and Engineering.

Some users have run into minor problems caused by programming glitches. Binford said a few faculty and staff members were denied re-admittance after leaving for lunch because the gate display showed their car was in the lot. Binford said he could not explain the problem because the system does not track vehicle departures. In addition, some students entering the North Lot after 5:30 p.m. Wednesday were denied access, because the system claimed the student section was full. In both cases, Parking employees let the vehicles in, and Binford said technical issues were working to fix the problems.

"There will be minor glitches, and we will work to fix them," Binford said.

In addition to proximity cards for Rice employees and students, colleges have received cards for their Community Associates. Binford said these proximity cards would be programmed to allow the same access level as for community students.

"At 5:30, they will be able to get into Albright, [North Lot], and the Allen Center side of Lovett Lot," Binford said. "When we finally get the stadium [lot], they will be able to get into the student lot and pick up a bus."

If a college wishes to provide free parking for their Community Associates within its own college lot, they are free to do so, Binford said.

"If the colleges want to work something out to use their spaces, that is their business, and we can work with them any way they want," Binford said.

Binford said that at one point, a Community Associate parking decal was developed, but he was unaware of its current status. Any proposals to issue parking validation cards to the colleges for their Community Associates should go through the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Binford said.

Binford said most of the feedback he has gotten from Rice employees about the parking plan has been favorable and he thinks approval will increase as employees see the long-term benefits of the gates.

One possible benefit is shorter waiting lines for campus parking lots, as fewer spaces will be taken up by unauthorized users.

"The wait list will go down because we'll only have people in it who have access," Binford said. "If you look over a week or two and see that there are always 30 spaces available, then you will get 20 more people in."

Some joggers were not as pleased with the new gates.

"It sucks," April Murphy, the president of a running club that goes on weekly runs near the Rice campus, said. "We've met [in the North Lot] since 1984, and we've never wanted to park elsewhere, but we might need to do something else."

"The reason we park here is that we run and then go over to Vallhalla in the evening — we have about 80 people that used Vallhalla on Wednesday night," Murphy said. Murphy said the group would not want to park in the West Lot due to the safety risk of walking back to the lot late at night.

Murphy and Robert Dirzanowski, a member of the group, said they are willing to tolerate some parking fees but find an hourly rate of $1.50 per hour too steep.

"If I could sit here and say, "Here's 575, let me be able to park for the year,' that would be okay," Dirzanowski said.

Binford said there are no plans to restrict the evening parking policy.

The parking lot lines and ground signage in North Lot were repainted in preparation for the activation of the parking gates, but there were a few problems.

POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the University Police for the period Sept. 17-23.

Residential Colleges

James College

Sept. 18 Harassment reported.

Elder College

Sept. 22 Chief reported a student running out of the kitchen. Student was apprehended and transported to the police station for burglary of a business. Student was turned over to campus, the case was referred to University Court.

Academic Buildings

Mechanical Engineering Building

Sept. 28 Vacuum cleaner stolen.

Other Buildings

Allen Center

Sept. 17 Suspicious person presented false documentation. Subject was issued a community trespass warning and escorted off campus. (See Story, Page 1).

Parking Lots

South Colleges Lot

Sept. 21 Student reported his vehicle stolen.

Other Areas

University Police

Sept. 20 Report taken on harassing e-mails.

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MONTANO, from Page 1
they not do what they did and actually allowed the guy to sign up, we wouldn't have been able to get the charges we got on him. Housing and Dining keeps their paperwork straight."

RUPD coded Montano's ID card when it was issued to allow him undergraduate access to buildings, which included all residential colleges and freshmen dorms. To obtain the card, Montano showed RUPD a scratched and worn ID card and gave them an ID number. The number was in the system because it belongs to a high school student from Oklahoma. The Admissions Office assigns numbers to all prospective students to track correspondence.

Although the Athletics Office issued Montano equipment, it is not included in the theft charge. "He got a T-shirt and a pair of last year's shoes, but he didn't get anything from us of any value," Track and Field head coach Jon Warren said. "I don't see that as a crime. We've lost more stuff to students who walk on to the team and quit." Montano came to track practices and began to work with the team after he had a physical and completed the NCAA certification process.

Although he went through the registration process, Montano actually received NCAA clearance. "It was the works," Warren said.

"With NCAA clearing (for walk-ons), you have 45 days to get this done."

Barlett said. "How quickly R&D responded, but it's just a really big inconvenience. They're doing the best they can, but it's going to be an average conman, why wouldn't you go to the administration and let us know, and it probably worked out well in that regard," Ditman said. "They're doing the best they can, but it's just a really big inconvenience. I think, because of girls having to drive (to the Best Western) alone at two in the morning, and it's half with everything else, with all your work and computers here."

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"It was the works," Warren said. "When they get those, we put no code on it — the strip shows nothing."

"All that code lets a student know if he uses some of the facilities... [He recognizes him as a staff member's dependent.]"

Although there have been cases of people who are not members of the Rice community getting meal andusing facilities, Huely said no one has ever gotten an official ID card before.

"Loovet College is like a magnet for those people from Ben Taub (Hospital)," he said. "We've had medical cases who come in, and they go through the line, get a tray, sign on in the deal. Staff members immediately call us."

Huely and Heidem said police, Montgomery really wanted to be a student and possibly has psychiatric issues. "He was going to take this charade as far as he could, and he actually thought he was beating the system..."

— Lea Huely
Police sergeant

Hulsey said only two groups aside from students, faculty and staff can receive 1D cardiac defendants of faculty and staff and continuing education students. Dependents of faculty and staff can receive uncoded ID cards and will not have access to any buildings. Continuing education students who have paid their fees only have access to the buildings they need for their classes.
2002 installation of Freshmen One-Acts full of crack-ups

Adriana E. Ramirez
THE RICE THRESHER STAFF

Looking for an entertaining evening full of freshmen and references to Scottish terriers named Ferguson? Look no further.

Freshmen stage three short one-act comedies this weekend as part of the Houston Community College's sponsored by DiverseWorks.

"Crash Positions" by Jonathan Dorf (playwright, screenwriter and literature guru extraordinaire) is responsible for one of the night's highlights, a short play on "Crash Positions," the next one-act play on Wessex' itinerary for the evening. The audience is captivated by the chemistry between Bill and Jerry, masterfully created by Amy Foutch and Dan Neggers. The chemistry is definitely on the mark, and the interactions are flawless. The awkward pauses and line slips that affect the other three one-acts are not in evidence here. "Crash Positions" steals the show with Loveless and Neggers steady at the helm. The largest portion of the evening is spent on "Present Tense," a short show by John Mulvaney that is long and a bit unrealistic especially after watching the pathy "Crash Positions." Norm Prescott (played by Jason Lee) is a teenager suffering from relationship doubts that he projects into life-action daydreams about his girlfriend Anne. Anne (Rachel Lamont) is a nice girl who, in Norm's mind, is off philandering with Doug, the commander in chief of all sports and the editor of the newspaper. Meanwhile, Norm's conversations with his friend Jerry (a very funny Daniel Chang) heighten his fears of adultery. Overall the performance is all right, but has a slow pace. Jerry is a bit high-strung as Norm, but the part demands it. Overall, Wessex provides great entertainment and a sneak peek at the direction of all the shows is succinct, the staging is decent, and the evening is filled with memorable moments. I hope we will see these folks on stage again and I will be sorely disappointed if I do not. By the end of the evening, I think you will feel the same.

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TODAY

Choke & Winter Belly

New York based choreographer Teri O'Connor performs two pieces sponsored by DiverseWorks. His choreography is based on the idea of everyday movements taken out of context. 8 p.m. at Heinen Theater at Houston Community College's Central Campus. For more information call 713/978-6200.

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SUNDAY

A FREE RIDE

Taxi Taxi, a retailer in the location of the dearly departed Tiffany Taffeta, had its grand opening today with a free concert. Sure, they're just using free music to lure you in and buy some stuff, but the music should be pretty slick. Bands include My Twilight, Driftbox Ignition, the Maternities, White Noise Transistor, Handdriver 9 1/2, and the Endz with special guest, Tennessee. Store opens at 11 a.m. and the music starts at 1 a.m. Free at tax taxi. 1567 Westheimer.

'SAMESATION' installation provides a surprisingly unique experience

Elizabeth Pienkos
THE RICE THRESHER STAFF

Walking into the Rice Art Gallery last Thursday, I was greatly reborn and the wet after the two-minute trek in the pouring rain from Lovett College to Sewall Hall. Little pink umbrellas, while cute and quaint, are temporary during April showers, are completely ineffective during Houston late-spring downpours.

'SAMESATION'

Esther Partegas Rating: ****/*****

At the Rice Art Gallery

I would have greatly appreciated an art exhibit that featured warm, comforting colors and tones that might have relieved some of my cold. What I found was about 150 degrees from this, but I found it to be very better than the warmest blanket and best cup of cocoa.

Esther Partegas designed the installation "SAMESATION" after being inspired by the gallery's oil open space, cool floor and impromptu lighting. The result is an airy and accurate parody of modern public spaces, like airports, malls, parks, hotel lobbies, museums or any place where people might rest, eat, think or meet others. In the center is a four-faced ATM, surrounded on all sides by four circular benches, four leafless trees and four potted plants. Constructed out of northeast and thick paper and 1.3 times as big as life-size, all the items create an effect of lifelessness, awkwardness and remoteness.

If these elements were real things in an actual public space, though, we might expect their selling point to be, well, their ability to sell. Everything revolves around the ATM implying that if it were real, people would have no choice but to spend their money. Partegas is making the point that we cannot escape the drive to spend. All of us are rushing along like lemmings to jump off the cliff of consumerism. Along the way, we receive gentle but futile pushes from all aspects of society: industry, government, art and architecture. What are the impacts of this focus on purchasing power? Consider Europe. The art is creative. Traditionally considered a mecca of art and music, it is now being overrun by mass-produced, consumer-oriented stores, restaurants and public spaces. What are the imprints? European artists start to tear down seventeenth- and eighteenth-century buildings to make way for another McDonald's restaurant, they effectively throw out their cultural identity.

Esther Partegas designed "SAMESATION" after being inspired by the gallery's tall open space, cool floor and impromptu lighting. In a more general sense, in the installation, the observer human beings are starting to see that perhaps, and even thinking are taking second place to spending. I think, therefore I am, what happens when I stop thinking? This results in the physical reality of being as an independent entity (i.e., we eat, drink and breathe) encompassed with the development of identity as not an individual but as an collective.
Sarah Kane's rendering of Greek tragedy intriguingly modern, gory

Carly Kocurek
THE RICE THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

This play will offend your delicate sensibilities. I say this because even after watching several years worth of late Saturday night bloodbath movies, there were parts of Phaedra's Love that I just couldn't watch. I found myself squirming in my seat, closing one eye, trying unsuccessfully to find something safe to look at.

However, the graphic nature of the story does not justify omitting Infernal Bridegroom Productions' treatment of Sarah Kane's Love and troubling script. The purpose of the arts, theater included, is not to simply show us something pretty or make us feel better about ourselves. Kane's second play takes on the most difficult and important task of forcing its audience to go emotionally to a place that is horribly uncomfortable.

The play is a modern re-telling of the Phaedra/ Hippolytus myth in which a prince, Hippolytus, rejects his stepmother's advances because he is trying to maintain his purity. In Kane's version, Prince Hippolytus wants to live and die in conscious honesty at all costs, unhampered by hypocritical gouging the church pennies. As far as purity goes, Kane's Hippolytus is as pure as pure sin and is observed by a reckless pursuit of honesty at all costs.

The stage designs by Kirk Markley and Jason Nodler are excellent. Phaedra's tale begins to unfold in a place that is horribly uncomfortable.

Phaedra (Tamarle Cooper) succumbs to an unhealthy obsession with her repulsive stepson, Hippolytus (Troy Schulze) in Infernal Bridegroom Productions' current show.

As shocking as Phaedra's Love is, it is important to note that the play is also occasionally funny. The jokes made are far from slapstick—they are of the breed of bitter humor that makes you laugh, then feel slightly ill. The presence of some relevant points helps ease the audience's struggle of confronting a difficult piece of theater.

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Fall movie season full of exciting possibilities

As the fall movie season approaches, a slew of hit-driven dramas, flashy epics and creative comedies are already filling the horizon. From Paul Thomas Anderson to Martin Scorsese, many of the best American directors are out with exciting new films. Here is a viewer’s guide to this season’s most promising picks.

Heaven
Opening Oct. 4
Cate Blanchett stars as a widow who plots to kill the drug dealer who killed her husband. This film has been playing the festival circuit for about a year, so I am glad to see it finally getting theatrical distribution. With the main responsibility for Run Lola Run, Tom Tykwer directing, and the movie automatically fed as a must-see. Anyhow, has Blanchett ever let us down before?

Red Dragon
Opening Oct. 4
This is the actual Silence of the Lambs sequel, Hollywood-style. I am surprised for putting myself for putting this on my must-see list. Red Dragon is actually a prequel to Silence of the Lambs, starring Edward Norton as the famous FBI agent against Rapunzel Fiennes who put Hannibal Lecter behind bar.

Now on the hunt for a sick sadistic serial killer FinchamNevertheless Lecter’s best friend, a character named Waton as Finches’ (literally and figuratively) friend, this looks like more than the standard generic.

Punch-Drunk Love
Opening Oct. 11
After such groundbreaking fare as Birdie Nights and Magnolia, the moodily directed Heaven’s Gate and this year’s James and the Deadmen Award and the Sundance Film Festival, Anderson explores love as we’ve never seen it before.

Complete with a 10-letter name, such as the 100-letter title, we do know that Adam Sandler and Emily Mortimer star as the 10-letterly, tension.

8 Mile
Opening Nov. 8
I am the last person who normally would want to see Eminem in a movie. Let’s face it, the guy has talent, but his personas are all out of sync. Regardless, this film by a Canadian-born director Curtis Hanson promises to be more than a real-life Eminem – street tale.

Hopefully, with the help of supporting players, which include Kim Basinger and Bradley Moraga, this film will be more than a real-life Eminem and less of a hip-hop rap.

Far From Heaven
Opening Nov. 8
Julianne Moore headlines this sequel to 1995’s melodramas from director Todd Haynes. Moore stars as the late Moira Finches, who married with Moore before in 1995’s Safe. Moore plays a character that lives her life with her dark black garb, while her husband is a caring salesman with his cloistered homosexuality. Racism, hatred and all of the worst for the American ideal — sounds like a must-see to me?

Talk To Her
Opening Nov. 22
The movie season is not complete without a spirited foreign film thrown in the mix.

This comes from Spain’s Pedro Almodovar, the master who brought us Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown and All About My Mother, two of my all-time favorite films.

In this melodrama, Almodovar focuses on men who, for one reason or another, cannot communicate with the women they love.

Adaptation
Opening Dec. 16
This is a must-see film by the director Spike Jonze and Charlie Kaufman return with this film, which, before it is released, sounds even weirder than their first collaboration.

Nicholas Cage stars as screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, a movie with a twist. It is taking a tough time writing an adaptation to Susan Orlean’s novel The Orchid Thief. The film revolves around his struggle, his annoying twin Donald and author Orlean’s empty life. With Meryl Streep and Chris Cooper in supporting roles, I am willing to give this one a chance.

Gangs of New York
Opening Dec. 25
Before we discuss everyone has heard about this film. Martin Scorsese’s long-awaited epic and only Sundance. She is a loyal maid, and she leaves to her husband. The film will be released on Christmas Day, and so far only it isn’t, don’t you want to see what all the fuss is about?

New York of the movie is very modern and vulgar. With Roseann DeSarro and Vincent Pastore, these two actresses can belt out the tunes.

Chicago
Opening Feb.
Who said the musical was dead? Not today, there were a few newsmen, who claimed this guy was just one of the music. Their name Moulin Rouge. After Baz, Lurhman’s outstandingly successful musical. Mirren will production in motion for this film based on the famous Broadway musical.

The dancing is very modern and eerily pleasing. There was a scene involving three incredible dancers could have done to salvage the piece. Sharp movements, awkward leaps and a couple of hurried steps detracted from the beauty of the music and the grace of the dancers. Few Poems never move and continue.

The second and fourth poems at attempt to compensate for the rest. The second involves the performance of Maurice Carette and Fernando Moreira in an interweaving male duo performance. I was definitely shocked to see the way the pair danced together, which really defined most established norms in ballet. Stevenson saw some dance moves effectively in the fourth poem to lift ballerinas Sara Webb is a shocker. I’m really not up on the linoleum, but this went around in circles as a plane, or a roller coaster... I’m not sure if I’ve ever been done in ballet.

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The way that Welch choreographs

I was raised on opera as a child. My parents are offended by the use of Elton John and Aida in the same sentence. Verdi played at all hours, Mozart meant Moor in a good mood and Wagner put me to sleep at night. I went to the Metropolitan Opera last year, and the performance of Madame Butterfly thinking that choreographer Stanton Webb was going to base her performance on Butterfly’s family and beautiful love story where Butterfly abandons her lover, Act I ends.

Foster Act II, Pinkerton leaves Nagasaki a few days before. Butterfly’s voice is the story of love. This element is what enables the ballet to work, and it never loses sight of this fact. Webb well deserves the international acclaim she has received. Peter Farber’s costume and scenic design blow the audience away with its precision and detail. The use of shadow heightens the emotion and the mystery, a definite bonus to the already exhilarating production.

And, the score is rarely Bendles. Ned Yatista, founder of the Houston Ballet, now known as the American Ballet, brings Tchaikovsky to a tour de force.

The opening as in Ben Stevenson’s Five Poems performed to Richard Wagner’s music is a “trance-inducing interlude” that was ravished by the Houston Ballet Academy. It features height and two women. The ballet is abstract, to say the least.

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MADAME BUTTERFLY’ does beautifully with toe shoes

Adriana E. Ramirez

Puccini must be dancing in his grave, because this ballet rocks! Perhaps “rocks” is too misleading a word. Instead, I’ll go with “exhilarating.”

MADAME BUTTERFLY

This incredible small touch adds great form to his ballet. Sara Webb, previously thought impossible, always thought this was one of those pieces of music that no one can perform badly or really improve either.

Because Butterfly was written to be an opera, it is expected that beautiful voices will be2
Skeleton Key

**OBTANIUM**

Spear Record

Rating: ** (out of five)

Skeleton Key unfortunately promises to be a lot more interesting than it actually is. Labeled as "punk rockers" for their love of using outdated instruments and found objects to produce sound, the band apparently feels the need to cram as much sound into three minutes as possible. With their latest album, Skeleton Key unfortunately promotes the simple concept of using someone important quite well. This song doesn't fall by trying too hard; it just offers a sweet melody, an unpredictable image and a light, angelic voice that finds its range on this tune. It sounds almost like a serenade, with Rivera playing guitar on a balcony.

"Candy" has insipid lyrics like as "it's hot and she's getting sticky. It's hot and she's going to melt." The woman-as-candy metaphor has gotten more than a little tired, especially after the over-played metaphor "Sex and Candy."

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Football desperate for first win at home against Fresno State

by Adam Tabaldin

If immediate results are any indication, the Rice men’s tennis team has found another top British import.

Freshman Rob Searle continued his red-hot start to the 2002 tennis season, dropping through Flight A singles at the Virginia Invitational, winning the championship without dropping a set throughout the tournament. In just his second college tournament, Searle defeated the University of Alabama’s Maxton Belski, ranked 30th in the country, 6-3, 6-3 to cap off a weekend ofdomiliary.

Also making the trip to Charlottesville, Va., were senior Ramez Qamer and junior transfer Alex Navinkov. Qamer finished fourth in the Flight B singles, falling in the semifinals 6-3, 6-3 to eventual flight winner Christian Broderston from Alabama. Navinkov, appearing in just his second tournament for Rice, won his first-round match in Flight A singles over American University’s Tushar Garg before losing the other three sets in the second round.

“We have two new guys going well,” head coach Ron Smartt said. “I’m pleased with all three overall.”

The tournament included 14 schools, six nationally ranked players and four top-35 players. Yet it was Searle who stole the spotlight.

“He’s a solid player with no weaknesses,” Smartt said. “He’s very tough mentally, especially for a freshman. He has the tools to do real well, and this was a good tournament win.”

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Searle breezes to tourney title

Freshman Rob Searle hedges for a volley in practice last week. He won five matches without losing a set to win the Virginia Invitational last weekend.

Football desperate for first win at home against Fresno State

by Jason Gerdman

Playing Fresno State University in football is tough enough when the Bulldogs are cruising, but the task gets even tougher when they are angry.

The Owls know what it’s like to play the Bulldogs when they are angry. Last year, Rice traveled to Fresno, Calif., after the previously unbeaten Bulldogs had dropped a pair of conference games. The Owls took out their anger on the field in a 32-24 win over the Owls.

This year, the Bulldogs start conference play with a 1-3 overall record, a disappointing mark after as 11-3 mark last year. While their first two losses were sound beatings at fifth-ranked University of Wisconsin and No. 8 University of Oregon, the Bulldogs suffered their worst loss in six seasons Saturday, as they fell 59-19 to No. 24 Oregon State University.

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— Ken Hatfield

Head football coach

“I’m glad we’re playing at home, but we’re playing a tough Fresno team,” head coach Ken Hatfield said. “The three teams they’ve lost to are not last year yet — they are a combined 13-0. They’ve played some really good people, and we know how good they are.”

For Hatfield, however, the state of his own team is far more important than the state of its opponents. The Owls are off of their worst start in three years and are without a proven wide receiver after learning that junior Gavin Booth is out for the season with a pulled groin.

“We’re just trying to play within ourselves this week,” Hatfield said. “We’ve not so much worried about Fresno and what’s going on with their program as we’re worried about us and being the best we can be.”

Fresno State’s loss of star names from several factors, including the graduation of quarterback David Carr, who now starts for the NFL’s Houston Texans. Injuries have also plagued the Bulldogs, highlighted by quarterback Jeff Grady, who missed most of Saturday’s game with a hip injury. Wide receivers and All-American candidate Bernard Berrian also has missed significant time with a sprained knee.

“The good thing about it is that David Carr won’t be playing for them,” Hatfield said. “I know that to be fair, their new quarterback has been hurt quite a bit. They haven’t changed what they’re doing a whole lot. They’re just trying to play within the capabilities of their quarterback.”

Rice has lost to the Bulldogs in each of the last three seasons, but in 2000 Fresno State had to pull off a miraculous comeback to win 27-24 in its only visit to Rice Stadium.

Players from that 2000 squad feel they can get some revenge and pick up their first Western Athletic Conference win of the season against the Bulldogs this week as long as they stick to their game plan and avoid the mistakes that have plagued them in their first three games.

“The game two years ago didn’t have a fun ending, but I feel very confident,” junior wide receiver Jeremy Hard said. “We know we’re better than how we’ve played. We just have to cut down on mistakes. We’re going to have to win every last game we play to have a chance at winning the conference because we have some good, very high-powered teams in the WAC.”

The last time the Owls started a season 0-3 was in 1999, when Rice recovered to finish next five games. The seniors on the team remember that season well, and they hope to replicate that turnaround. The Owls should benefit from playing their third conference games at the familiar confines of Rice Stadium.

“It’s been a while since we’ve been here, and hopefully things will turn around on our home turf,” senior safety Artem Shell said. “I was part of that [1999] team, and I hope I can get that feeling again this year.”

Shell, who was the backup to all WAC safety Dan Dawson (frowns 1992 last season, continued to provide senior leadership for a young secondary. He has recorded 16 tackles this season, including one tackle for a loss last week at Nevada, using techniques learned from watching Dawson.

“One of the reasons to play against David Carr was to get that feeling again,” Shell said. “I wasn’t nervous during the first few matches, but I did want to do well, settling in and playing my own game,” Searle said. “I don’t try to do anything spectacular. I’m just playing better with each match and sticking to basics.”

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Shaky defense surrenders unlucky 7 to UT

by Jonathan Vardley

It's already been a long year for the Rice soccer defense, and things didn't get any better Sunday.

The Owls, ranked fourth in the nation, dropped the final seven games of the season, including Saturday's 7-0 loss to Tennessee.

"We have to do better," head coach Chris Huston said. "Our girls did a good job in the first half, but after watching our team's struggles from the back to full speed after watching the WAC tournament, accounting for 60 of Rice's 79 kills in three close games, Rice was the dominant force in this weekend's Georgia tournament.

Saturday's final match against Liberty University, the first-ever uninsured event for the Owls, was a 6-0 loss to Liberty. Rice had a lot of adversity to overcome with the win, but we did not have a lot of ups and downs, but the level of play was higher, which forced us to push through all our problems. It wasn't as well as we wanted to do, but it was definitely a good showing.

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Women runners take 8 of top 10 spots at SMU

by Melissa Dominguez

It is empowering to run as a close pack because we feed off of one another.' - Katie Waite

Senior cross country runner

"It's just been a lot of training and hard work," Gorry said. "We need vastly to improve to make it, but it really didn't play a part — I was very frustrated for (Booth) and the team because he has been rehabilitation, cancellations and mistakes cost the Rice football team a chance for victory in its 21-10 defeat at the University of Nevada.

After dominating the field goal on the first possession of the game, a missed block led to a fumble by junior quarterback Kyle Heron on the Owls' first play from scrimmage. Nevada recovered only four plays to gain 18 yards and take a 10-0 lead just six minutes into the game.

"We're a team that can't afford to make many mistakes," head coach Ken Hatfield said. "From then on, it was a 21-21 game, and this has been a one-touchdown bailout the past couple of years between these two teams.

Rice started turning things around on its second play from scrimmage when senior halfback Vincent Hurd rushed 16 yards for a touchdown, the longest run for an Owl since Broadus Costain's 87-yard effort in 1994.

"I was really tickled with the great blocking on the first touchdown of the game," Hatfield said. "It was pretty as I've ever seen. We actually [had] nine people who knocked[] nine people off the ground. It was a thing of beauty to see a play happen.

Hawkins got some key downshifting a few times but the play, including one by junior wide receiver Gavino Babington. Unfortunately, Boothe, who has already missed time this season with a grade 3 tear on his patella that is on that play and is out for the season.

Boothe, the only returning wide receiver from last year, was expected to be Rice's big strike receiver this season. His injuries have been a blow for a school that may have led to some of the changes on our offensive line.

We've thrown the ball deeper this year than last year," Gorry said. "It was an improvement.

"We've given up too many big plays and we've not come up with many turnovers. We have to play better at the cornerbacks — there's no doubt about that.

I think Coach Booth did a great job," Gorry said. "I'm not going to try to do what he did — I'm going to try to be myself and work with the players the way I do it.

The interest in the vacant assistant coaching spot is another example of Rice's prominent position in the fraternity of college baseball.

We had former head coaches call us. We did have a lot of calls. — you'd be surprised at some of the people.

Wayne Graham Head baseball coach

"I didn't think we had any trouble on the plate. As a team, we played well in the clutch, and I knew that if we could get David, we have two good recruiters," Graham said.

"Catching is a specialty. You've got to have a special specialty, and if you've got that, you're going to be an excellent catcher."
### Football

**RICE 21 NEVADA 33**

- Rice (0-3) 14 0 0 7 21
- Nevada (2-1) 10 7 7 7 21

- UN — Fine on 28 field goal
- UN — Fleming on 31 pass from Threadgill (Fine kick)
- RU — Hurd on 21 pass from Herm (Landry kick)

**Time of Possession**

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**Passing Yards (net)**

- Rice — Battle 3-21, Hurd 2-92, White 1-5
- Nevada — Henderson 3-7-1-81, Herm 3-7-0-37

**Rushing Yards (net)**

- Rice — Henderson 16-96, Hawkins 2-83, Henderson 6-25
- UN — Milton 21-74, Threadgill 10-39, Burleson 5-9, Beck 5-21, Bailey 5-14, White 2-11, Hatfield 2-0
- Nevada — J.K. Simmons 14-66, Burleson 10-58, Burleson 6-45, White 4-28

**Return yards**

- Rice — 303 yards
- UN — 133 yards

**First Downs**

- Rice — 28
- UN — 24
- Nevada — 18

**Attendance — 10,069**

### Men's Tennis

**VIRGINIA INVITATIONAL**

**Flight A**

- No. 6 Chris Goymer (UVA) d. Navinkov (RU) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1
- No. 21 Searle (RU) d. R.J. Murray (NCSU) 6-2, 6-3
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- Michael Ray Pallares (Ala) d. Qamer (RU) 6-3, 6-4

**Flight B**

- No. 23 Amanda Felder (RU) 19:48
- No. 19 Summer Bell (RU) 19:00
- No. 20 Katie Waite (RU) 18:58
- No. 21 Kate Gorry (RU) 18:57
- No. 17 Karin van Rooyen (SMU) 17:56.6

**Team Results**

- 1. SMU
- 2. Texas A&M-Commerce
- 3. Louisiana Tech
- 4. Alabama A&M
- 5. Summer Bell (RU) 19:00

**Individual Results (5,000 meters)**

- 1. Karin van Rooyen (SMU) 17:56.6
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**Women's X-Country**

**SMU INVITATIONAL**

- No. 25 Erica Schirmer (SMU) 20:52
- No. 36 Miki Ben-Asher (SMU) 20:52
- No. 52 Michaela Wilkins (SMU) 20:52

**WOMEN'S X-COUNTRY**

- 1. Karin van Rooyen (SMU) 17:56.6
- 2. SMU
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- 4. Louisiana Tech
- 5. Summer Bell (RU) 19:00

**ANGELICA SCHUMER**

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**Club teams continue strong starts**

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**Box Office**

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Shake off the hangover, rub the Xs off your hands and get to the Registrar’s Office. Today is the deadline for changing Spring 2002 pass/fail grades to better grades. Remember, the Registrar’s Office closes at 5 p.m.

They serve better than H&D
The Rice women’s tennis team is hosting the Rice Classic at the Jake Hess Tennis Stadium from Friday through Sunday.

“Dude, shut up! That’s my sister!”

Wiess One-Acts
Feei Ben Stiller’s pain
“Baker Blues” party from 3 to 5 p.m. and tickets are $4. Send an e-mail to Colin Bauer at cbauer@rice.edu to reserve.

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Rugby Clinic
Learn how to play rugby or improve your skills at the Rugby Clinic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Intramural Fields. A way to kill until the M.O.B performs

The rugby clinic continues in the Intramural fields from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SUNDAY

Baker College is hosting its “Baker Blues” party from 3 to 5 p.m.

Singalong
Graduate voice students will perform works by Britten, Mozart, Tchaikovsky and others at 8 p.m. in Stude Concert Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

Rugby Clinic
The Rugby Clinic will feature music written and/or performed by Rice students, as well as interviews. Questions may be directed to Natilee Harren at natilee@ktru.org.

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It's time to wrestle with democracy.

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President’s Lecture Series
Gregory Stock, the Director of the Program on Medicine, Technology and Society at UCLA’s School of Medicine will be lecturing on “Genomics and the Future of Humanity.” The free event, part of the President’s Lecture Series, takes place in the Grand Hall of the Rice Student Center at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Explore your options
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THURSDAY

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SUNDAY

Because having 32 teeth is overrated

The Rugby Clinic continues in the Intramural fields from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
The elusive shuttlebus herd

Though seldom encountered in the field, a sighting of the rare gray and blue beasts is truly breathtaking.

"Oh my God, I was moved to tears, it was so beautiful," said Jennifer McFlirt, a visiting high school senior. "I was standing in front of a line of Rice Shuttlebuses when they appeared, and it was like a dream." McFlirt had successfully witnessed first-hand the elusive Rice Shuttlebuses (Riceus Shuttlebus, a rare occurrence indeed. Students and visitors at the wooded campus long

"...to ride in the cushioned seats of these gentle giants, yet to no avail. These animals do not enjoy human contact and prefer to remain with their mates."

The shuttlebus herd was first documented in 1995 by National Geographic field researchers. Since then, the herd has become a popular attraction for visitors to the Rice University campus. Here's what you need to know:

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**Shuttlebus Migratory Pattern**

![Shuttlebus Migratory Pattern](image)

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