Jones to see summer changes

by William Penny

Requests submitted to the Board of Trustees for this summer's capital improvements will focus on Jones College, Housing and Dining Director Mark Ditman said.

The requested maintenance includes repairing the roof of Jones South, waterproofing the exterior of the old wings, replacing air-conditioning control systems, replacing drapes and carpets, performing maintenance on fan units and renovating kitchenettes.

Each year, H&D concentrates its maintenance efforts on a different residential college. Ditman said. Although Jones recently underwent substantial renovation, Ditman said H&D wished to preserve the maintenance cycle.

"The reason we are focusing on Jones this summer is to complete major maintenance which will allow the entire college to return to the nine-year maintenance cycle," he said.

A new wing of Jones opened this year, and construction on the North College Service and Jones' new commons was completed last semester.

"That is the major project this year," Ditman added.

Jones President Reed Macy said he believes the improvements are needed.

"I've been pushing for the air-conditioning repairs for a while," Macy, a junior, said. "Any other repairs they decide to make would be great.

"I approved the repairs will be completed over the summer. Work that might disturb students will not begin until after commencement," Ditman said.

Some students at Will Rice and Baker Colleges said they feel they are being short-changed, and there are more pressing maintenance concerns at their colleges than at Jones.

Will Rice freshman Joe Hallbury said he thinks his college is in desperate need of repair.

"I seriously doubt that Jones needs (improvements) as much as we do," he said.

See JONES, Page 8

Basketball teams to debut at first Halloween Hoops

by Elise Freeman

Students for Athletic Spirit and Support will host Rice's first Halloween Hoops from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Thursday of Autumn Court.

The event is designed to build support for both the men's and women's varsity basketball teams. SASS President Jill Browning said.

Previously, Halloween Hoops were held with climate permits, an audience-jailed dunk tank and three-point contest, a raffle and free food.

Although such events are usually held the day the NCAA allows teams to begin practicing, SASS decided against this date because it fell on the Friday night before and, thus, would not be visible.

"We figured nobody would come so we pushed back the date and changed the name," Browning, a Wiess College junior, said. "Other than that, Halloween Hoops is essentially the same," she added.

Basketball player Kevin Lapsley, a Baker College senior, said she thinks the event will be a way for the team to bond with the student body.

"We can have fun instead of being so serious," she said. "It will be a nice break right before we start playing real games."

See HOOPS, Page 3
Looking out for yourself and your friends

While most nights may find Rice students huddled up in campus study areas, West College's Night of Decadence brings out the crazier side of Rice.

The party may have more security and fewer sexual decorations than in years past, but there is still plenty of drinking, plenty of sexually-explicit costumes and plenty of revealed skin. (See Story, Page 8.) It's known as a night on campus when inhibitions go out the window. But while the night may be more wild than most on campus, it's not a night of total freedom.

Keep in mind that whatever you do, you have to live with the consequences.

In general, watch out for yourself and watch out for your friends. The party will be inside the Wiess Commons this year, but make sure you bring your ticket and your ID to the Acabow, and that you have all the parts that need to be covered over.

There has been increased awareness of alcohol issues on campus this year. Parties have been broken up, and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission made an appearance at a James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy event. (See Story, Page 7.) Party safe and drink responsibly so that an evening of fun doesn't turn into an evening of campus-wide consequences.

Have plenty of fun with the Cops and Robbers: A NOD to espionage. Have plenty of fun with the cops and robbers: A NOD to espionage.

Snacking late

Housing and Dining may not be giving us a key to the kitchen, but they have come up with a way to make us a little more happy.

Monday, North College Servery Manager Angela Riggins started putting out evening snacks such as animal crackers, sandwiches and leftover baked goods in the Jones and Martel Commons.

We commend Riggins for initiating a program to give students a little more of what they want. For minimal effort on the side of H&D staff, students can relieve the late-night hunger pangs that have previously gone unanswered.

We realize this is a test program, and that H&D will have to analyze the financial feasibility of the plan. We encourage H&D and the college presidents to find a way to make this plan work at the North College Servery and then spread it to the rest of campus.

Students' demands are not that high, and we hope H&D can find a way to satisfy our hunger urges while staying within budget.

Partisan word choice should be reconsidered

To the editor:

I understand that the Thresher has adopted the policy of using the term "Democratic" as an adjective. (See "Rice in Texas governmental debate," Oct. 4.) While we refer to "Democrats" and Republicans, it has been common practice in my lifetime, at least, to refer to a "Democratic" or "Republican" incumbent or challenger.

Republican speakers and writers have recently been changing that practice, for reasons that I think are obvious—to counter the association of "Democratic" and "Democratic." I would simply like for the Thresher editors to consider whether they actually wish to support that change by making it editorial policy.

Thad Logue
English lecturer

Rice campus fails at being "visitor-friendly"

To the editor:

Does anyone notify the police when visitors move in prior to Orientation Week? Apparently not. Students volunteer their time without pay and have to return the Wednesday before O-Week starts for training. Staff and police should be informed of this, so move-in day can be a pleasant experience. It was certainly unwelcoming this year. We had three cars packed with my son's belongings and found it difficult at best to get near Lovett College to unload.

After one trip up five floors (did I mention that the campus had failed to repair the elevator?), campus police were ready to ticket our cars. They gave us five minutes to move our cars to the West Stadium Lot. We asked how we were to move the rest of his things and they suggested walking.

Rice isn't visitor-friendly. For Families Weekend, the street in front of Lovett was completed, but barriers blocked the use of the road. How were we to pull in to visit with the armed gates and no place to turn around? Parking in the Jones H. Jones Graduate School of Management is too far from Lovett, and it was not possible for elderly grandparents to walk the distance.

Rice doesn't advertise where one can park, and all you see are gates and roadblocks. The administration should have more consideration for special occasions such as move-in days and Families Weekend and keep the gates open so we can have easier access to our children's dorms.

Elizabeth Nixon
Parent of a Rice student

War on terror will not be won via hegemony

To the editor:

I strongly agree with Catherine Meeks' column, "U.S. image needs a little love and tender-ness" (Oct. 11). She makes an important point that "If we view our government as not benefiting to change its policies, a change in tone is well overdue."

I'm studying abroad in London this year, and though I did not attend the anti-war protests in late September, lots of American students at the University of London did. Bearing the protest in mind, it is important to realize that many Euro- peans like America.

Most are not anti-American. Rather, many Europeans (including a majority of the British public) oppose a war with Iraq that is fought without first utilizing peaceful means to attempt a resolution of the conflict.

The current rush to war with Iraq is unsettling, especially when North Korea, not Iraq, claims to possess nuclear weapons. What is worse is the eagerness of our government to wage war with Iraq almost alone, without the support of most of our major allies.

Recently, President Bush and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle ruled the passage of the joint congressional resolution to authorize use of force against Iraq by "saying, 'America must speak with one voice.'"

That remark, however well-intended, misses the point. First of all, we need to think harder about rushing into war. Second, if all American cars are in the right course of action, must America still speak with one voice?

Emily Nielson
English lecturer

Fixing priorities

Will Rice College is falling apart. Almost everyone would agree that the building needs major overhaul and a large financial investment to bring it up to Rice's standard living conditions.

But the university is spending the capital improvements budget this summer to improve Jones College, which just received a new wing and a new commons. (See Story, Page 1.) This shows a problem with the way the university decides how to fund capital improvement projects.

We commend Riggs for initiating a program to give students a little more of what they want. For minimal effort on the side of H&D, Rice students have come up with a way to make us a little easier access to our children's dorms.

Will Ricers aren't asking for a new commons, a new wing or anything drastic. They are asking to live in a building that isn't falling apart. The university should make satisfying their requests a higher priority than it has.
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Read it, don’t weep

Extreme health consciousness demonstrates a complete inability to throw caution to the wind, a painfully acute awareness that yes, in fact, everything can kill you. It’s gotten to the point where health fanatics are as obses- sive as any religious zealots, but at least the church never tried to sell you on a guilt trip over eating Christmas dinner.

While the Puritans were afraid of hell, we are so terrified of aging and death that we’d rather do anything to avoid it, even if it means we stop living.

Encroachments on our right to indepen- ding choice make us as uptight as any other generation of women has ever been. I nearly died laughing when I saw a billboard advertising “low-carbohydrate beer.” I can just imagine a crowd of Sunday football fans, sip- ping their horrible tasteless and alcohol-less lager, on high-fat pretzels and cheese. And if you’re reading this you’re probably not laughing at all…

I have a feeling that many of the people in those Arabic groups who hate the United States do not so much hate us as much as hate those who capitalize on the point of absurdly serious fears being borne by the innocent people that lie to the press. That is never good.

Thus, there are many of us who could stand to lose a little more reason before unlashing our popping pills. I need to be better armed to the drug wars that experts find sensible and my two friends in Colorado shouldn’t probably be on their symptoms currently undergoing treatment.

I don’t think I’ll ever actually be thanked by anybody who despises those habitual pill poppers, but if my hypertensive-battered stomach lining is enough to keep my heart rate from coming up with new drugs, then it’s our duty to give what choice they have?

Instead, what concerns me about the rise in excess of my own and others’ lives is how spoiled our inten- ciate rules for pain might be making us.

If I can’t bear a muscle aches to actually follow the directions on an Ad- in the place of quick thinking.

In that spirit, when growing old and have absolutely no stories to tell your own grandkids, you’ve had time enough; you were already this bor-

The right man’s burden

North Korea’s nukes throw doubt on Bush’s motivations

Last Wednesday, the Bush administra- tion announced that it had accused North Korea of secretly developing nuclear weapons and that the North Koreans had re- sponded with an explicit confession. Immediately before this revelation, President Bush had just signed a congressional resolution granting him the power to use force against Iraq and to dis- band Iraq’s purported nuclear weapons pro- grams.

The problem with all of this is that Bush knew of the North Ko- rean nuclear projects for nearly two weeks beforehand and didn’t bother to tell anyone. By hiding the existence of the North Korean nuclear program, Bush kept Congress from considering all the facts in the war on terror and got the war resolution he desperately needed. That’s why.

On Oct. 4, the existence of a clandestine North Korean nuclear program dropped in the lap of the U.S. officials investigating relations with their counterparts from North Korea. Not that the news about nuclear proliferation has been nothing but surprise.

North Koreans have been work- ing on nuclear-based weapons since 1988, when it was known to be operational almost a decade ago. Some experts have estimated that they may have al- ready manufactured enough plutonium to build two or three nuclear warheads.

Moreover, how could this administration justify keeping congestion in the dust while the world is on the verge of facing off with a regime that is clearly on the verge of being the most dangerous and seemingly ir- rational as Hussein, the most aggressive and seemingly ir- rational of our times.

What we need is a leader more centered on winning the war on terror, and less on settling a score for his dad.

Or someone’s responsible for the attacks, at least. But that’s all too late now. Maybe Muhammad Omar, no leader of the Taliban.

Blake Burton is a Writer from a college earth science class.
Board examines several campus master plan concepts

By Mark Bercovitz

Tidelands Property

One idea proposed by President Kennedy was the development of a new extension of Main Street and University Boulevard. This would be the site of a new master plan, according to the Rice News. "This is a great opportunity to expand the campus and bring in new life," said President Kennedy. "It is a unique opportunity to take advantage of this land and create something special for the students and community." The project would involve the acquisition of several parcels of land, including the site of the current Rice Stadium. The new campus would be designed to accommodate a growing student body and provide new facilities for research and education. The project would require the approval of both the administration and the university's board of trustees.

New Buildings

Currie said a number of new buildings would be constructed on the new campus, including student housing, a library, and a new gymnasium. The new buildings would be designed to be energy-efficient and sustainable, and would incorporate the latest technology in education and research. The new library, for example, would be designed to allow students to access a large collection of books and resources. The gymnasium would be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including a track and field, a swimming pool, and a weight room. The new buildings would be connected by a network of pedestrian pathways, allowing students to easily move between buildings.

Athletic Facilities

The new campus would also feature a new athletic facility, including a new stadium for football and soccer. The new stadium would be designed to accommodate a large student body, and would feature state-of-the-art facilities, including a press box, suites, and a visitors' center. The new stadium would be the centerpiece of the new campus, and would serve as a hub for student life and community events.

On-Campus Housing

Currie said that the new campus would also feature on-campus housing, including dormitories and apartments. The new housing would be designed to accommodate a large student body, and would feature state-of-the-art facilities, including common areas, study spaces, and social spaces. The new housing would be connected to the rest of the campus by a network of pedestrian pathways, allowing students to easily move between buildings and facilities.

The original campus master plan (dark buildings) with current buildings overlaid (light buildings).
Blue light phone to be fixed soon
by Daniel McDonald

The blue light phone by the fields between the Recreation Center and Wiess College should be operational by early next week, as long as there are no further delays. Telecommunications Manager Reggie Clarkson said that the phone was supposed to be in service this week, but repair was delayed because of rain. The phone’s cable, which was damaged during construction, was replaced last week. Telecommunications Manager Reggie Clarkson said that the phone was supposed to be in service this week, but repair was delayed because of rain. The phone’s cable, which was damaged during construction, was replaced last week.

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Commitment to peace

Ayalon began his speech by stressing that Israel desires peace in the Middle East.

"Israel wants peace," he said. "I cannot say this strongly enough.

Ayalon said those who think Arabs and Jews have never lived together peacefully are mistaken, and current unrest could be resolved if the Palestinian Authority made a commitment to peace.

"For centuries Muslims and Jews lived together throughout the Middle East," he said. "The unrest today is the result of an unlimited Palestinian leadership that has actively aided, supported, financed and promoted violence and terrorism." Ayalon said a secure Middle East is in the interest of all Arab countries, and noted that out of Israel's population of 0.5 million, there are about one million Arab citizens who have full rights and representation in the Knesset, the Israeli parliament.

Ayalon also pointed out Israel's willingness to negotiate with Jordan during the Wadi Araba summit of 1994 and with Egypt in the 1978 Camp David Accords.

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Toward a Palestinian state

Ayalon noted that out of the six states, including Israel, that contributed money to the Palestinian cause in 1994 after Arafat and the Palestinian Authority moved their headquarters back to the West Bank from Tunis, Israel is the only state that has kept its promise.

Ayalon said the goal of the Israeli government is to transform the Palestinian territories. He said the current Palestinian leadership has more than enough time to establish itself as a viable state, but the current leadership was not interested in the Nakba, the Palestinian territories that dropped to just 3,500 from 6.5 million, there are about one million Arab citizens who have full rights and representation in the Knesset, the Israeli parliament.

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In response to another question, Ayalon said charges that Israel reacts to Palestinian violence with excessive force are unfounded.

"They did not come to build a [Palestinian] nation — they came to destroy ours," Ayalon said.

"We were embarked on a peaceful road ... and then the terror began," he said. "But do not believe that we would not be in the territories." Ayalon said the goal of the Israeli government is to transform the Palestinian territories into a viable state, several fundamental changes are necessary, Ayalon said.

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**TABC investigates Baker Institute event**

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) is currently investigating an event at the Baker Institute this month, but they weren’t concerned with an undergraduate party.

**Office was concerned about a James A. Baker III-hosted book launch reception.**

Baker Institute Administrator W.O. King said two TABC officers showed up at the reception, which was held at the Rice Energy Summit Oct. 2, also hosted by the Rice University Police Department to notify them that the office had received a complaint about the event.

Baker Institute Events Coordinator Jay Guerrero said the TABC responded to the complaint by offering to work with the university to review the events and that they were satisfied with the efforts the university has made.

Guerrero said the event was a reception to celebrate the publication of a book written by a well-known political figure.

**Students may park in Central Campus Garage**

Students may now purchase a contract to park in the Central Campus Garage, located under the Jesse H. Jones School of Management. Contracts will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for students, faculty and staff.

The first baseline payment of the two-year garage service is $1,000, and parking lot visitors must have a student, faculty, or staff ID on file with Parking Services.

Burton aired Wednesday and Thursday, and there is a link to the online booking system for parking permits on the university’s website.

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Wiess hosting NOD in commons tomorrow

by Rachel Rustin

The building may be new, but the party is the same.

Will Rice College hosts its annual Night of Decadence tomorrow night in its new commons. The party, with the theme Cosps and Robbers: ANOD to Authority, will feature professional lights and sound systems.

Wiess Social Vice Presidents Ryan Baker and Emily Matuzek hired a professional club designer, at a cost of $7,000, who will set up the commons with lights, sound, a shadow box, confetti cannons and a DJ.

"We hired Shelle Ray from Texas Entertainment to set up a club Wiess in the commons," Matuzek, a Wiess sophomore, said. "Shelle has worked on every major club in Houston, and he's putting in all sorts of lights and effects and a shadow box where people can dance."

Ditman, WRC president, said college members chose the theme at a meeting after the social presented a narrowed-down list of options.

"Once we got here and we started thinking about the new commons and new building, we thought, 'We gotta make this thing huge,'" Ditman said.

Baker, WRC next in line for improvements

JONES, from Page 1

Baker College senior T.J. Hargett said she thinks the current maintenance procedures have created inequalities among the colleges.

'I seriously doubt that Jones needs [improvements] as much as we do."

― Joe Hallbouy
Will Rice College freshman

"Baker is in need of repairs," she said.

"It's unfair that all students have to pay the same amount and some have crappier living conditions."

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Wiess College junior Jill Browning and senior Jay Henderson take part in a beer tasting Friday at Wiess. It smells like ... barley?

H&D taking steps to minimize mold

Ditman said there is not enough time or resources to execute major improvements at Will Rice or Baker in 2003.

"We recognize that Will Rice and Baker are much larger projects, and we plan to commit the greatest part of the capital budgets of 2004 and 2005 to these," Ditman said.

While the maintenance work at Jones will consume only $25 percent of the 2003 capital budget, improvements to WRC and Baker are projected to consume 75 percent of both the 2004 and 2005 budgets. Other funds in the capital budgets are allocated for both general and college-specific maintenance, Ditman said.

"Will Rice and Baker will undergo preliminary work to prepare them for the upcoming improvements. New electrical feed improvements will be installed. Ditman said and minor maintenance work and safety improvements will continue at these colleges as needed.

MOLD, from Page 1

Ditman said H&D is currently working on an air-conditioning quality-control program to maintain residential air-conditioning units.

The Will Rice Diet voted to remove carpeting from all rooms in Old Dorms and replace it with other floor or hardwood to combat mold infestation. Carpet runners, which can be easily removed and cleaned, will be installed in Old Dorm hallways.

In addition, students in Old Dorms have been advised to watch for signs of mold in their rooms and asked to help maintain their air-conditioning/heating units.

"Other buildings with baking water pipes, reduced lighting and poor air circulation are particularly susceptible to mold, which thrives in hot, humid environments. Mold at Will Rice has been found in carpets and as a black-greenish sludge in air-conditioning units, among other places," Joe Wolst said.

Reports have described black or green discolorations or growths, sometimes fuzzy in texture and with whitish spots.

H&D has received 20 mold-related work requests from Will Rice this semester, mostly from residents of the college's Old Dorms. The majority of complaints have been due to musty odors, Ditman said.

However, a college had to receive outside medical attention earlier this semester after a severe allergic reaction to mold in her room, and two others had to be relocated while their room was sterilized and renovated.

In addition, a mold found in the Will Rice House earlier this year was removed by a team specially trained in handling hazardous materials.

Although some types of mold can be toxic, no incidences of toxic mold have yet been reported to H&D. Mitigating these types of mold is done through health-related responses to mold, Ditman said.

H&D has received many more mold-related work requests this year than in past years. Ditman attributes the increased concern in part to Tropical Storm Allison, which caused dangerous mold infestations in several Houston-area buildings during the summer of 2001 and raised awareness about the microscopic fungi.

Will Rice junior Mardi King-Grill said she did not file a mold complaint two years ago, but now suspects her dorm room may have been infested.

"I lived in Old Dorms as a freshman, and dorms were very clean, so maybe mold in my room," King-Grill said. "But now when I left, it smelled, and there must have been mold in the carpet."

Ditman said H&D has been working for the past few years to alleviate mold and mildew on the Rice campus by waterproofing basements, replacing roof water spouts, repairing roofs at several colleges and keeping the colleges air-conditioned over the summer.

Some Will Rice students said they are satisfied with the speed and efficiency with which H&D has handled the college's mold problem.

"H&D is not necessarily the best at it, but they do have a lot of work to do," Will Rice freshman Michael Lowrey said.

Some students also credit Will Rice's new masters with bringing the issue to the forefront.

Ditman said students should take an active part in the anti-mold effort.

"An important factor for maintaining the highest quality air in residential space is getting citizens involved, specifically knowledge of problems and dusted and reporting leaks as soon as they are spotted," Ditman said.

If students notice unpleasant discolorations in air-conditioning spots or on vents, musty odors, water stains or walls, they should submit a work request to H&D, Ditman said.
Leading by example

Houston Mayor Lee Brown gives a talk about leadership to the Black College Student Association in the Shell Auditorium in the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management Building Oct. 15.

POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the University Police for the period Oct. 8 - 22.

Residential Colleges

Lovett College Oct. 12: Officer observed several students using a Disability Support Services golf cart back to another student. Officer took the golf cart back to the student who had the cart and advised student on proper use of cart. Shortly thereafter, officer observed several students on the two-person golf cart, and all were issued municipal citations for minor consuming alcohol.

Baker College Oct. 14: Weiss College student un jihadist off campus. "Student was advised that changes of minor consuming alcohol and disorderly conduct would be filed with University Police.

Academic Buildings

Weiss College Oct. 18: Sign stolen from Student Center recovered. Four students were referred to U. Court for theft, and another student referred to Court for criminal mischief.


Baker College

Oct. 14: Weiss College student un jihadist off campus. "Student was told to cut classes." Officer observed several students on the two-person golf cart, and all were issued municipal citations for minor consuming alcohol.

Office, but said he hopes U. Court will "get him" to go on at this point, so it's "a little improper, business-wise."

"When the professor arrived, he was upset with the parking lot. The professor was walking down the street and was told by a student that some students were parking in the parking lot. The professor then told the student that they needed to go to the parking lot."

"Our options were to let him go to the District Attorney, or go through U. Court, which we allowed as a kinder, gentler soul."

"No suspects in most vandalism cases"

Baker College

Oct. 18: Student reported CDs missing from his vehicle.

Other Areas

Enterance Oct. 9: Officers on foot chase two male subjects reported to have damaged a gate arm and fled the scene. Investigation is underway. (See Story, Page 1.)

Entrace Oct. 9: Tools stolen from a construction trailer.

Merits of costly speakers debated

"It's nice to have somebody outside of the community of Rice to welcome us into the rest of the world," Charlotte Albrecht, Sid Richardson College president.

However, Baker College sophomore Teresa West said she thinks many professors would make better speakers than celebrities.

"There are a lot of great professors, and I think the students would actually like to hear what they have to say. If they look up, especially if they're someone you personally know, and they're someone who was just famous or someone who was labeled as a good graduation speaker," Werther said.

"To me personally, it doesn't matter where the person comes from," she said. "To me it has everything to do with what the content is, someone who can rally the troops, to value where they've come on graduation day and plan for the future."
‘Lady’ is lucrively in Hanszen College production

Raj Wahl
THERESHER STAFF

Once in a while, a young actor or actress gives a performance so powerful that it elevates to near excellence — a film that might otherwise have been a disaster. Such is the case in White Oleander, which owes its improbable success almost entirely to Alison Lohman’s persuasive portrayal of a displaced but brilliant teenager.

Professor Higgins (electrical engineering graduate student Ben Graf (Wiess ’01)) is a phonetics expert both famous and grandiose that I cringed with embarrassment during the scenes where he hisses, as though she were surrounded by cats. Ingrid repeats his Biolos dialogue, which is so stilted and grandiose that I cringed with embarrassment during the scenes where she has no business raising her own children, much less someone else’s. Yet Ingrid’s definition of independence is little different from Higgins’ — she simply expects to take care of her children on her own terms.

So is Hanszen College’s production of My Fair Lady, which is an evening of improvisational guitar music from Annette Krebs, 1919 Houston Ave. $7 for Rice community, $8 all others. For information or directions, call (713) 926-5663.

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Astrid Magnusson (Alison Lohman) bonds with her foster mother, Claire Richards (Renée Zellweger), in White Oleander.
**Director Ronnie Yu has the right ingredients for wicked ‘Formula 51′**

Jan Kimmol
**THE RICE THRESHER STAFF**

I was pretty sure what to expect when I walked into Edwards last Tuesday to see Formula 51. Gigl Action/Science/Technical Drama. Samuel L. Jackson beatin’ ass and cursing like he did in Pulp Fiction, only in a kit. Edgy Bob Robert Carlyle acting crazy & a Tramp! All this, with absolutely no plot and even less artfulness. It seems that nowadays, the viewer is usually correct in assessing this worst-case scenario. Usually, not always.

‘**Formula 51’**

Rating: ****** (out of five) in theaters

First, a review of the characters and what they do. Our main man is none other than Mr. Jackson. His character, Emo McElroy, was bused for pot in the ’70s right after getting his Ph.D. in pharmacology, i.e. (in the present) a crazy cool drug-cooker, who will take you on a date with heaven with his new concoction, POS-51, aka Formula 51.

He is under the reins of The Lizard, played by Meat Loaf. Dr. Motherf%kin’ Meat Loaf! As his boss, The Lizard (Mark DeSilva) joins forces with Felix DelSola, played by Carlyle. As things start to sour between the overbearing Lizard and McElroy (including attempted murder of the former by the latter), Dena (Emily Mortimer) is dispatched by The Lizard to repay a gambling debt by offering everyone around McElroy to make sure that he can’t get through the night alive.

We should remember that this formula is in his head; it’s so simple and revolutionary! Speaking of gunshots, there are plenty. There’s also a nice car chase with the boys in a Jaguar, being pursued by a policeman in a Peugeot. We also enjoy shots of extreme agony courtesy of Lawrence, and extreme agony courtesy of being blown up and sprayed all over the place. Smokestack thugs and bag-ass losers alive are treated to elbows, golf club beatings, and general disruptions in their well-being.

Dakota, The Lizard, Emo and Felix double cross each other so frequently throughout the movie that it would be amusing, if not for the plot twists and the accompanying comic relief. The fast pace of the movie leaves you laughing half-way into the next scene, so what-ever awkward moments or incongruities there are just pass before they stand out too much. This is definitely a movie for those who like to think quickly and move to the next sequence, so what-ever we have here is an American-flavored, GOF Ritchie type movie. Director Ronnie Yu offers more gore with less thoughtful conversation than Ritchie, although there are some nice gems that rely on subtlety instead of gunshots.

The very suave, very British and very debonair Luther Fox (Jagger) is dispatched by The Lizard to take care of his family, his career and his life.

**‘the man from Elysian fields’**

Rating: ****** (out of five) in theaters

Andy Garcia and Mick Jagger star in The Man From Elysian Fields, a breathtaking work of art that could have been great. In fact, it wasn’t so bad.

The chemistry between Huston and Jagger is apparent, and these few scenes give the film a deeper meaning.

Byron (Andy Garcia) is the editor-reject, but he finds out that most people think his book was crap. With no book deal, no job and no money, Byron has nowhere to turn; all his doors are closed, except for one: the very suave, very British and very debonair Luther Fox (Jagger) offers him a job at the Elysian Fields.

Luther Fox (Mick Jagger) gives struggling writer Byron Tyler (Andy Garcia) a job at Elysian Fields.

Enter Andrea Doccia (Giulia Wil- liams), Byron’s first acquaintance. She “has the face of an angel,” and by date number two, his marriage vows are unravelled by the demands of his job, as well as his own desires. And so begins a pattern of deception with Dena, with Byron explaining to her that his evening absences are due to pre-publica-

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Jagger’s performance surprisingly strong

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find outside sources of companionship. A strange love triangle ensues. Byron and Tobias become friends, but one cannot help but wish.

Luther Fox (Mick Jagger) is a debonair British escort. Granted, the story was about Byron, but one cannot help but wish.

The cinematography is normal, nothing too breathtaking. The Pais-
dora mansion of the Alcotts is beautiful.

The set design really paid off to create the feeling of creativ-2

on the intriguing subject of Byron’s rejected manu-

script, though. Tobias comes up with an ingenious solution: Tobias

will rewrite the manuscript with an ingenious solution: Tobias

and charm, but not enough. He plays

Garcia pulls off pathetic with grace

worth the box office admission price.

The Man From Elysian Fields

is a morality tale with an ambiguous mes-

sage. No one seems really happy ex-

cept for Tobias, who is dying. So perhaps the message is that it all gets better when you are dead. I prefer to think that it is tale about a man who would do anything wrong, but misguided, to succeed in a horrid world.

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The Ring (2002) is a little

more than the one. This isn’t a

foreign film, but a remake of the

Japanese film Ringu. In my de-

ference, the one I haven’t seen is the original. It’s that it’s not

available in the United States, since DreamWorks didn’t want it to take away from the remake’s box office earnings. How typical, yet

nevertheless, The Ring, which

follows a nosy reporter’s (Naomi Watts) investigation of a video

that kills whoever watches it, works perfectly well on its own terms. Despite some flat perfor-

mances and an occasionally in-

convenient storyline, The Ring

turns and tells a version of a story that stays with us long after the movie is over. Call me a

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Touching take on immortality bogged down by predictable love story

Raj Wahi
THE THRESHORB STAFF

Here's something you don't find every day: a movie about immortality that's only 90 minutes long. How cool is that?

Rating: **1/2
(out of five)
in theaters

Well, unfortunately, it's not quite as cool as it sounds. Tuck Everlasting contains a compelling, mature story about life and death, but the movie is barely half over before the screenwriters get around to telling it. Until then, the narrative is largely taken up with a generic love story involving a repressed upper-class girl who falls head over heels for a free-spirited country boy. Basically, the first half of Tuck Everlasting is the romance from Winnie's high school, being overbearing.

It's only when Jesse and Winnie begin their secret courtship, complete with pastoral music and appropriately daffy scenery—tortoises, lath trees, sprawling fields of grass—all of which, I must admit, are beautifully photographed and are reason enough to see this movie. Then Jesse does a bomb—shell, only this time it's more interesting than the usual "I'm already engaged." Instead, he reveals that he and his family are all immortal, having drunk long ago from a magical spring that essentially "freezes" them at their present ages.

Winnie therefore faces a dilemma: Should she drink from the spring and spend eternity with Jesse, or should she choose mortality to avoid the eternal loneliness that torments Miles? The question becomes especially urgent when Winnie's parents send out a search party for her, led by the sly "Man in the Yellow Suit" (Ben Kingsley) who plans to exploit the Tucks' secret for profit.

It is at this point that the film reveals the full extent of its perception. It covers all the bases associated with the natural human desire for life and the ways we struggle to reconcile that desire with death.

Winnie Foster (Alexis Bledel) is a 14-year-old rich kid charging under the disagreeing stars of her материалистичная, overprotective parents. One day she skips out to go for a walk in the woods, gets lost, and eventually finds herself in the care of the mysterious Tuck family, who live in a hidden cottage in the forest.

The orchestra, conducted by music student Jamie Oliver, sets change that interrupts the context of the story. The Winnie-Jesse romance is as tiring and hollow as they come. The second half of the movie is as dignified—risky, even—that it's a shame the film suffers from as many flaws as it does.

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It is at this point that the film reveals the full extent of its perception. It covers all the bases associated with the natural human desire for life and the ways we struggle to reconcile that desire with death. Difficult questions are raised and explored: Have the Tucks forfeited their sense of fulfillment and growth that comes with the natural cycle of life and death?

Is it wrong to fear or resent death? I won't reveal the conclusions at which Winnie ultimately arrives, but they feel right, at least within the context of the story.

The Winnie-Jesse romance is as tiring and hollow as they come. The second half of the movie is as dignified—risky, even—that it's a shame the film suffers from as many flaws as it does. The Winnie-Jesse romance, as I mentioned earlier, is as tried and hollow as they come, though in all fairness it is essential in setting up the central conflict that sends such resonance to later scenes.

Additionally, the acting is frustratingly unconvincing. Bledel is excellent throughout, and Kingsley has some affecting moments as the wizened Miles, but the rest of the cast doesn't come off well. William Hurt, who has been turning in one performance after another lately, appears not to have been very successful, and with a croaky accent to boot. Spacey and Jackson do slightly better, but neither leaves much of an impression. Even King, who was so entertaining as the bad guy in Sex, really, doesn't seem to be having much fun here, although in his defense he has to work within the constraints of a PG rating this time.

Yet I can't be too hard on Tuck Everlasting, because its heart is so clearly in the right place. More importantly, it accomplishes what it sets out to do: take us through a serious examination of mortality and still send us home feeling hopeful and happy.
Miracle kick grounds Owls

by Jason Gerlach

A 59-yard field goal is out of range for most kickers, but not for Franci Zanne.

The University of Texas-El Paso kicker, who was injured in an earlier game, had been out for 13 games, and his return to the field had been at the request of the Owls' coaching staff.

The Owls had been without a kicker since the non-conference game against Kansas State on Oct. 19. They had been relying on punter Hunter Ferguson, who had been successful on 13 of 17 field goals in the previous 13 games. However, Ferguson had missed the previous two games due to injury.

The Owls were down 14-10 to the Miners at the start of the fourth quarter. With 11 seconds remaining, UTEP was facing a fourth down and 10 on the Owls' 35-yard line. Zanne stepped up to the challenge, and his field goal attempt went through the uprights, giving the Owls a 17-14 lead.

"I was just trying to get it up and over their heads," Zanne said. "I knew they were going to go for it on the next play. I just had to make this one count."

The Owls went on to win the game, 17-14, and secure their second win of the season. They are now 2-1 in Conference USA play and 4-3 overall.

Volleyball leaders in conference: a new sign of unity

The Rice men's tennis team continued their strong run in tournament play over the last two weeks, getting individual and team performances in both the South Carolina Invitational and the ITA All-America Round.

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Butler knocked out of the running for a second straight year in the event. "He is an outstanding worker in practice," head coach Ron Smarr said. "He stayed positive and his work ethic, which is a major key for him, was commendable in his performance.

Although Mason led into the tournament as the fourth seed in his bracket, he was eliminated in the second round of the 32-player draw. While the tournament from Georgia Institute of Technology has been a success for the Owls, Mason said the tournament has been a positive experience for his team so far this season.

"I really need to go to the next level in my game and compete harder for an entire match in order to build up my mental strength," Mason said.

"Right now, I am not doing that."

In the singles draw, the brothers persevered, sweeping through the first four rounds without dropping a game, before losing in straight sets to the University of Tennessee's Davis in the final.

"Ultimately, I told them to just keep on dancing on the ceiling and let it flow."

-Shaheen Lathiani
Assistant men's tennis coach

"We just couldn't wrap our heads around the fact that we were in the game in spite of everything," Morales said.

"We dominated the first three games of that match and really shouldn't have lost."

The match at Fresno State saw the Owls go neck-and-neck with the Bulldogs the whole way, losing each game by only one point. For the Owls, this is a positive sign of growth.

In the singles draw, the brothers' performance has been admirable, with both finishing round robin play in the top 16 in the event. "I played well in the first match, and I was happy with my performance," Zanne said. "I played well in the second match, and I was happy with my performance as well."

Zanne has been a key player in the Owls' success, making a name for himself on the court. "I have improved certain areas of my game and have worked hard to be successful," Zanne said.

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Sophomore defender Becky MacAllister sprints to the ball Sunday In Rice's 2-0 win to Tulsa. MacAllister assisted on both Owl goals.

Fau teux treble sinks Owls
by Jonathan Yardley
Rice's team effort was not lacking Sunday but the Owl soccer team was done in by an outstanding individual performance.

Tulsa Freshman forward Danielle Fau teux found her third trick of the year to earn Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors as the University of Tulsa sent the Owls to a 2-0 defeat.

Rice started well, controlling the run of play, and its possession was highlighted by a surging run from sophomore midfielder Marisa Gambetta that forced a diving save from Tulsa goalkeeper Kelly Wil ler. That followed by Wil ler diving to her right to stop a cross into the penalty area from Tulsa's Kailey Wil ler.

The Owls dominated play from the start and created numerous scoring chances including one in the 34th minute on a free kick from the left sideline. Sophomore defender Becky MacAllister crossed into the penalty area, and freshman stopper Erin Droeger rose well to head home her first career goal.

"At the time, I was more excited than anything else because I had my chances that I should've put away," Droeger said.

'Su[teux] was their whole team. She's just a great forward — she has great speed and ability taking players on.'
— Erin Droeger
Freshman stopper

The freshman is an offensive threat every set piece to Rice, but has been just as strong in her individual performance.

"Obviously she's been a very key player for us," head coach Chris Houston said. "We were happy for her to get the goal and for the team." Tulsa responded immediately, however, with a goal in the 39th minute on a quick free-kick taken from the left side of the box. Freshman midfielder Mandy Mulzer, sophomore Kiana Telleri and sophomore Jennifer Vought all won races.

It was a chance for us to see where we were individually and to get some racing experience before we face the big teams," junior Tom Cifelli said.

With this team the heavy favorite, Rice head coach Seth Huston experienced with the lineup in hopes of improving the team's depth and versatility.

"We are still looking for some pointers and turns in the lineup," Huston said.

"Any team we go up against is a team that we want to beat, so there will always be tension," Kristick said.

"It was a very early season match," Huston said. "Something to break the cycle of only training." Next up for the Owls is a duel with Crossroads rival University of Houston Nov. 1 at UH. "It is a team that improves every year," Cifelli said. "There is definitely a rivalry, and we take special pride in winning."

The swimmers had a glimpse of their competition at the Bayou City Relays in the straw meet is to face the Con ners. Unfortunately, the Owls will be handicapped because the meet is taking place at UH and thus includes diving, which Rice does not offer.

"We just need to keep training at a higher level and find some challenges on our meet schedule to get excited about," Houston said. "I think the big swims will come along."
**Owls looking for revenge on SMU**

**by Joonas Gorshman**

After its disastrous loss to hapless UTEP Saturday, the football team intends to rebound with a purpose at Rice Stadium tomorrow.

The Owls are 3-5 and just 1-3 in Western Athletic Conference play, and they saw their faint WAC title hopes gone down the drain in Saturday’s 58-10 loss to the University of Texas-Pan Am. Tomorrow is a chance for revenge and to get back on the right track as they host Rice’s successful 2001 season with a bitter defeat.

Last season, the Owls headed to Dallas to face the Mustangs with an 8-3 record and a chance to win games in one season for the first time since 1983. Rice led 207 at halftime, but the Mustangs came back to take a 37-20 victory. The Owls have not forgotten how they fell after that game and hope to get some revenge tomorrow.

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"We got the best results that Rice has had in a regional event in a long time," Goodrich said. "The weather was a little hard to deal with because of the counters and the rain. But it was a great experience — I am extremely excited for our team play in the spring."

The Owls have been through the growing pains of competing against national teams, which are often strong, but after all, this is their championship, placing five runners in the top 30. The University of Houston finished in 22:16, her best 6K time ever.

"We all went out to start a little slower and then picked up his time," junior Ben Black said. "If he had not fallen, he was at a high finish, but a sloppy and uneven course prevented him from doing so."

Freshman Kate Guru led the Owls and set a new personal record time this season, completing the 6,000-meter course in 22 minutes, 39 seconds — good enough for 12th place overall. Senior Kate Guru was just 30 seconds behind in 18th place.

"It was a big surprise for us," freshman Anna Reeve said. "We did not expect Rice to come out so strong, but after all, this is their biggest race, like the WAC Championships."

The course was a little over two miles, but that was not the only factor affecting the Owls’ performance. Freshman Matt Davis could have helped the team secure a high finish, but a steep and uneven course prevented him from doing so.

"Davis slipped and fell in a shallow lake — that really put a halt on his time," junior Ben Black said. "We had not fallen, we would have been scored second place, but accidents like that can happen on a really rainy course."

A more urgent worry for Owls was the absence of sophomore Scott Lobes, who is redshirting the season because of complications from a spinal injury.

"Scott is our front runner, and we usually count on him for a low-point score," sophomore Seth Nenciadore said. "Now we are really going to have to work as a team and as a strong pack."

The last stop for both teams before the WAC Championships Nov. 2 in Dallas was Wednesday’s University of Houston Cougar Classic. Davis again led the way, finishing seventh, followed closely by junior Ben Oger, Senior Jer- enn Laffin and freshman David Axel (T) finished 10th and 11th, respectively.

"We were competing against national champions and runners that we’ve seen on ESPN,“ — Anna Reeve

**SPORTS**

**Runners preparing for WAC meet**

**by Melissa D‘Ambrosio**

The Owls are scheduled to run at the Western Athletic Conference Championships this weekend.

The Owls have been warming up for the Western Athletic Conference Championships for the past two weeks. In their first race in two weeks, the Owls finished second out of 21 competing schools at the Texas A&M University Invitational Oct. 12 at College Station. Texas A&M took the team title, followed closely by Rice and UTSA.

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Lads shut out first-place UT

The Rice Lads took a big step forward Sunday, defeating Premier Division leaders University of Texas in a top-of-the-table clash. With the regional tournament in Austin only weeks away, the 3-0 win moves Rice into first place.

Graduate student Andrew Mapo opened the scoring for Rice in the 38th minute, sending home a corner kick for a shock 1-0 lead. The score remained 1-0 at halftime despite late pressure from UT that did not seriously trouble junior goalkeeper Nuno Gatto and his defense.

The Lads made it 2-0 on the hour mark with a goal from senior Bert Kohlykover. Senior Stephen Moletti made it 3-0 with just five minutes to play, as Rice sent the Longhorns home scoreless.

"This win is absolutely crucial to our confidence," head coach Mike Henshaw said. "Such a solid win sends a hearty message to the league that the Rice Lads organization is not to be taken lightly."

The Lads have lived up to their own lofty expectations in 2002, beating every regional top-10 opponent, including No. 1 U.T. No. 3 Baylor University and No. 5 Texas A&M University. Rice's struggles against lesser opposition have been costly, and the Lads need UT and Baylor to lose their season's final match to claim the division title.

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Women boot Sam in finale

The Rice women's club soccer team closed its regular season with an impressive 4-0 demolition of Sam Houston State University Sunday. The Owls clearly outshined SHSU, showcasing their skills and speed.

Senior forward Bonnie Bryan, in her first year with the team, opened the scoring Sunday with a solo run. Sophomore midfielder Jennifer House dominated the midfield to take a 1-0 lead. Junior fullback Gary Printy was a second-half hero, setting up the Owls' third goal from a well-deserved corner kick.

American internationals Mia Hamann, Siri Mullins, Cindy Parkow, Brianne Scurry and Ashby Wambach were among the competing stars, and the standing-room-only crowd was a great success for the event organizer, the Houston Women's Soccer Association, which has a long-term goal of bringing a WUSA expansion franchise to Houston.

— Jonathan Yardley

Friendly triumph for rugby

In true rugby weather Saturday, the Rice women's rugby team dominated Southwest Texas State University 39-17.

Rice led 10-0 at halftime despite the rain behind two of half tries from junior captain Jen Lin. The Owls continued to dominate the Renegades physically on rucks, lineouts and scrums in the second half.

Two tries apiece from senior fullback Caroline Bieden and sophomore president Rachel Davis sealed the victory in a friendly match. Rice is now 2-0 in its five-game fall season and returns to action Nov. 2 in College Station against Texas A&M University.

"We lost six key players to graduation," head coach Mary Graham said. "Our success is due primarily to the tremendous athletic talent of the new freshmen."

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Men's rugby outlasts Baylor

The men's rugby team traveled to Waco Saturday to face Baylor University in its first engagement of the 2002 season and outrun the Bears in a 25-15 victory.

Assistant coach Miles Scotcher said Rice overcame many penalties in the win, especially considering the Owls' disappointing first-half performance. After sophomore center Eric Vigen kicked an early field goal, senior prop Alex Bottoms broke away for 20 yards before pitching to senior captain Gary Kottler for a try and an 8-0 lead.

Baylor bounced back, using its size advantage to take a 12-8 halftime lead. Starnes proved key in the second half, however, as the Owls stormed back.

"Our level of conditioning was a real factor," junior president Jeff White said. "We pretty much ran them into the ground."

Jr/11 fullback Gary Prity was a second-half factor, scoring one try and setting up another with a try-line pass to junior scrumhalf John Braybery.

Rice's next home game is against Louisiana State University Nov. 22.

— Benjamin Drake

Lady Owls picked to finish second in WAC for 2002-'03

The Rice women's basketball team was picked to finish second in the Western Athletic Conference for 2002-'03.

Defending conference champion Louisiana Technological University was picked to win the conference, receiving nine of 10 first-place votes. Coaches are not allowed to vote for their own team in first place.

Rice finished with 72 points, nine behind La. Tech and eight ahead of the University of Hawai'i. The University of Tulsa and San Jose State University round out the top five.

Individualy, junior center Johanne Hayes was named to the preseason all-WAC second team. Hayes, a transfer from the University of Oklahoma, set a Rice record with 70 blocks in her first season as a Lady Owl last year.

The 6-4 Houston native also finished 17th in the country in blocks and ranked fourth in the WAC with 8.2 rebounds per game.

Rice finished the 2001-'02 season with a 21-1 record, losing to cross-town rival University of Houston in the first round of the Women's National Institutional Tournament.

While no Lady Owls were named to last year's postseason all-WAC team, Rice returns 10 letterwinners and four starters to a team that tied for second place last season.

"We're focused on winning it!" head coach Mike Henshaw said.

— Rice Sports Information

Still thinking about studying abroad this spring?

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Don't Forget

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Applications can be downloaded at http://careers.rice.edu/
Wilson out for season

FOOTBALL, from Page 14

his 20th straight field goal," junior
backfield Bobbie Robertson said.
"It’s a tough game to lose after
being so close. That’s the theme to
our season thus far, and we just
have to work harder so that these
games don’t come down to the
end and one big play allows them
to have in these last couple of
hours."

The irony in the game’s finish
is that Rice’s most successful
portion of the game, pressuring
Texas Tech quarterback John
Jarvis, was a situation that Head
Coach Gary Nord had to decide on
the field goal over a punt.

Earlier in the game, senior
safety Greg Gallin blocked a punt
attempt and recovered it in the end
zone. The Owls had a touchdown
and a 14-7 lead. The Owls also
partially blocked another punt, and
those successes may have led Nord
to reconsider punting.

"I was hoping we could block
the punt and have a chance to win
it," Hatfield said. "But they caught
their kicks, and I thought we would
block the field goal, as it needed a
little trajectory to get us from that range. With one-timed kick. I was happy
that we’re playing our best in Chattanooga.

"It gave us a chance to win the
game."

Barkers drop heartbreaker

TENNIS, from Page 14

"I would not be focused on the winning
so much, but rather the tools that would
help us in the future," Head Coach
Bob Robinson said of the only other
three-set match played in the
tournament. "But rather the tools that
would help us improve our game.

"The thing that disappoints
me the most is that Rice’s most successful
safety Greg Gatlin blocked a punt
and we gave them the ball. Unfortunately, we’re
the ones that have a hard time
overcoming the one or two
opportunities we give up."
FRIDAY 25

The rain in Spain
Hanscom College presents the musical My Fair Lady. Contact stacey05@rice.edu for tickets, showtimes and more information.

Get 'er done
The Sanctuary is coming back. Catered dinner will be provided at 6 p.m. The show starts at 7 p.m. and includes a live band, open mic poetry and the poetry slam (including 500 in cash prizes). Contact stacey05@rice.edu to sign up or for more information.

SATURDAY 26

Project Pumpkin
Rice Student Volunteer Program hosts Project Pumpkin, a day of fun for Houston area children. The event will be held today in the Rice Crusader by the Rice Memorial Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Nominees must be juniors, seniors, or graduate students who are eligible for WSU Scholarships. For more information, call 713-524-0526 or email rboyle@rice.edu.

S&M University
The Rice football team takes on Texas Tech University in a WAC game at 2 p.m. at Rice Stadium.

Sure, you can be an engineering major! (stupid freshman)
The Career Services Center is holding interrogation sessions for its College Majors Testing Program. The test battery must be completed at least three days beforehand. Cost for the session is $15. Call Ms. 4055 to register.

Chicks dig the glasses
The 5-D film 5 Came From Outer Space will be shown on Rice Cinema's brand new silver screen at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 3-D glasses will be provided. Tickets are $5 for students. For more information, send an email to rtsf@rice.edu.

TUESDAY 29

Ask him if he loves David Hasselhoff too
The Honorable Richard C. Holbrooke, former ambassador to Germany and the United Nations, will be speaking on "America and the World Today" in Butler Hall at 12:30 p.m. Visit http://bakerinstitute.org/ot2002/conv.htm to reserve a seat.

Good Work
The Good Works Career Fair will be held today in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center from 2 to 5 p.m. Come by to learn about Teach for America, the Jesuit Volunteer Corp, the Peace Corp, and more. Call x5494 for more information.

WEDNESDAY 30

There's a Latin America now?
The Houston World Affairs Council presents an afternoon discussion with Brown University's Watson Institute of International Affairs Professor Thomas E. Skidmore, entitled "Culture, Conflict and Civil Society in Latin America." The event is free and will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. in Sewall Hall 301.

Spice something other than the punch
The volleyball team is at it again, as they play Louisiana Tech University in a WAC game at 7 p.m. in the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium.

THURSDAY 31

BOO-sens
Yes, it's that time again. Spray on the shaving cream or break out the cow costume, it's Halloween. Wouldn't it be lovely?

Hanscom College once again presents its musical My Fair Lady. For tickets, showtimes and more information contact stacey05@rice.edu.

Halloween Hoops
Come by the Rice Recreation Center tonight from 10 p.m. to midnight for free food, drinks, T-shirts and a chance to check out the men's and women's basketball teams as well as some campus celebrities.
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Crazy since 1975

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The exclusive map for this exclusive party.

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