**Officials stay silent, SA Senate passes resolution**

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**by Rachel Rustin**

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Aside from the student association resolution, little official comment was made in the week following head football coach Ken Hatfield's comments about homosexuality in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

"If a member of a student organization submits a letter to the Chronicle of Higher Education, we need to have the courage of our convictions to respond," said Attila S. Sherman, president of the Student Association. "I am concerned that people unfamiliar with the university will get the wrong impression of Rice." Gillis said. "We will keep this a place where we judge people by the quality of their minds and not by irrelevant factors, and sexual orientation is one such factor." Hatfield told the Houston Chronicle Friday that he does not believe he has done anything to disrupt the student body, saying "[t]heir job is to go to school, and our job is to have the best team we can to represent Rice."

In a letter to The Thresher editor (See Story, Page 9), Hatfield wrote he would carry out Rice policies and said that to the best of his knowledge he has "never taken any action in violation of Rice policy."

The controversy on campus has been covered across the nation, with an Associated Press story running in papers such as the Los Angeles Times and on Web sites such as www.rgje.com (See Box, Page 12).

**More than 400 vote despite waits**

**by Mark Benenson**

About 400 students, staff and faculty waited in lines in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center for as long as 90 minutes to vote in the national election Tuesday.

Democrats swept the major races in Rice's precinct, contrary to national trends.

Director of University Relations Gabriel Marshall ('97) said the long waits were both a good sign and an indication of a problem.

"It was reassuring to see people cared that much that they were willing to wait to vote, but they never should have had to," Marshall, who headed up the Rice Vote Coalition, said. "This is a problem that needs to be fixed."

Rice's precinct had four new electronic voting machines, and Marshall said that in past elections, Rice had at least eight of the punch card machines formerly used for voting.

"The county gravely misjudged how many machines we needed," Marshall said. "I don't know what the county expected."

Some students said they knew of people who decided not to vote because of the line.

"Voting at Rice was kind of hard, because they only had four booths, and I had to wait in line for an hour, and it discouraged a lot of people from voting," Martel College senior Vasco Bridges said.

From Van Nxis, election judge, said lines started forming around 9:30 a.m. when students came on the way to class or after class. While the wait time changed, Van Nxis estimated it averaged 45 minutes throughout the day, before peaking around 10:30 a.m. when students came on the way to class or after class.

"The poll closed at 7 p.m., and the last voter got out after 8:30 p.m.," Van Nxis, Hasenstaub College senior, said.

**TEXAS ELECTION RESULTS**

**by Olivia Allison**

Monday morning left some students even more bewildered than usual when they saw shuttle buses headed the wrong way on the north side of the Inner Loop.

The loop's direction was temporarily changed while workers repaired a gas leak between the Wexler-Grant and Baker Colleges' Masters' Houses, which required signs along the loop to be closed for safety reasons.

Despite the repair of the leak, Monday, a lingering gas smell was reported Wednesday. "The wet ground kept the gas visible," Galton said Wednesday he did not know why the smell remained. He said it was possible gas pockets that had remained in the soil were coming to the surface. The wet ground kept the gas visible, Galton said. "With a drying out, there may be small gas pockets within the soil that are starting to permeate out."

However, he said it was also possible there was another leak in the...
Misrepresenting Rice

During the past week, the Student Association demonstrated its capacity to collect student opinion and respond to it. They should continue to exert this capacity more often.

The efforts of the SA are to be commended. The SA has developed the ability to function as a viable representative government and has, over the past few years, proven it can deal effectively with important issues in a timely manner. This ability has been exemplified in its response to the KTRU shutdown and, most recently, with the Hatfield controversy. Now is the time for the SA to claim this capacity and all that capacity entails. The SA must take use in all situations, not just crises.

Furthermore, the SA should make this process work more quickly. At the special Oct. 30A meeting, no vote was taken because senators and presidents said they had not had time to collect opinions from their constituencies. This was a false statement because the meeting had been postponed to allow time for this information-gathering; senators should have had the preparation time they were given. If all SA Senate members had done their jobs, a resolution could have been passed more quickly, which would have saved the students valuable time and made sure that students care about this issue.

To continue to improve the SA’s effectiveness, all students must take advantage of their proximity to these important student leaders and administrators and talk to them about their feelings. Students have a right to complain about their representative government, but their claims are only justified if they have worked to make their voice heard.

The Senate must continue to use its demonstrated capacity to represent students for administrative work and to take action on students’ needs. To do this, students must not only contact and communicate with their representatives to the senate, but the senators and presidents should work harder to seek out these opinions. Despite the success of passing this resolution, much should be improved.

Hatfield apology not enough to heal pain

To the editor:

I greatly appreciate The Thresher’s editorial regarding the recent on-campus discrimination. Their analysis was thorough and the editorial is well-written.

I would say that it is important that everyone in the Rice community understand my position on the Nov. 1, The Chronicle of Higher Education article entitled “The Loneliest Athlete” of which the Homophobia is a common problem in many different athletic departments. In the article, I discussed the issue of homophobia in athletics and the importance of making sure that athletes feel safe and supported in their athletic environment. I also talked about the need for more education and awareness about how to handle these situations.

I believe that it is important for everyone in the Rice community to understand my position on this issue, and I encourage everyone to take action to support the LGBTQ+ community. We need to continue to work together to create a more inclusive and accepting environment for everyone at Rice.

Matt Haynie
Senior President
Rice University

SA response

To the editor:

The days of the Rice Thresher editorial staff have come to an end. Our campus news organization has been officially disbanded.

We have sought to make our athletic departments as inclusive as possible, and our staff has worked hard to promote diversity and inclusion. However, we recognize that there is still work to be done.

As Rice students, we are part of a community that values diversity and inclusion. We must continue to work together to create a more welcoming and accepting environment for everyone at Rice.

Thank you for your support.

Matt Haynie
Senior President
Rice University

You were right, the shuttle situation could get worse.

To the editor:

Rice students and employees have used the shuttle service for decades, but recently there have been concerns about its availability and reliability.

The Rice shuttle service is a vital part of campus life, providing transportation for students, faculty, and staff. However, recent changes to the shuttle service have caused frustration and inconvenience for many.

As the editorial board of The Thresher, we believe it is important to address these concerns and work towards improving the shuttle service. We encourage Rice students and employees to continue to voice their concerns and work together to find solutions.

Matt Haynie
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Ken Hafley is a bad employee. In his position as the head coach and director of athletics, he has a fiduciary duty to represent Rice University and administer it with the utmost care and prudence. Yet, his repeated failures to do so have resulted in his suspension from the Bush administration's National Security Strategy, which means that he is no longer a serious threat to the American way of life.

At the Special Meeting of the Student Association held Oct. 30 in St. John's an amazing thing actually did happen. Not only did students overturn the SA to make sure that their views were represented in the proposed resolution for a united student response, but they also accomplished something else as well. The discussion in that room came closest to anything we will ever get as a forum to discussing their true feelings regarding Al Qaeda and what their concerns are. It's time to put down the dehumanizing labels and start looking at humanity as a whole. It's time to move towards greater tolerance, one's own and others'.

Robert Lee

Robert Lee is a Jones College senior and ads manager

Alessandra Gonzalez

Alessandra Gonzalez is a Houston College sophomore

The new strategic doctrine entitled "The National Security Strategy of the United States" is a weapon of mass destruction. It is not an appropriate weapon against terrorism, but it is a weapon of mass destruction. It is a weapon that can be used to destroy the United States as an American or to destroy the Pope as a Catholic. Just as it would have been wrong for President Kennedy to allow his religious beliefs to dictate his actions as president, it is wrong for Hafley to allow his religious beliefs to dictate how he runs his football team. Hafley's personal beliefs should not be relevant in his position as a member of Rice's senior administration, nor should they be relevant in his position as a coach. Hafley's comments are an extreme example of how personal beliefs can interfere with the duties of a public official.

Ken Hafley's lack of respect for the gravity of his situation and the importance of his position is stunning. The publication of the story, the silence in the matter has been deplorable. Hafley has not made a single voluntary act of contrition, has not issued a public apology, has not expressed his own personal opinion. Only when used out of context can these quotes allege that he had broken Rice policy.

Hafley's comments make some people uncomfortable, but this does not justify limiting his ability to express his personal opinion. "One fact that hasn't been as high profile as others is the question of the journalist's objectivity and integrity of the original article. The fact that there is much paraphrasing in the article indicates much liberty was taken in the publication's interest." Hafley is expected to "write from the heart" in order to do his job. Yet, I don't think that future adversaries will look to this move to rationalize the use of military force to achieve "what one knows ends." Not a pretty picture.

Thack, about it from the Iraqi perspective. Under the logic of the doctrine, Iraq should be attacked by the United States. It is clear from enough of a public position that an imminent attack is expected from the United States is indeed a serious concern. It has been made clear that preemption action must be taken to ward off such threats. It is clear that a military strike on the United States should be undertaken.

Saddam Hussein still must likely retaliate with all he has. Thus, even if Iraq is a threat, the threat will not be any less as a result of our policies that are patently responsive to that threat. The doctrine fails the test of reason, if anything, it means more an "exposure of the law of war" than a statement of policy.

The second principle on which we must redefine our new doctrine in the future is that of aggressive warfare. The Bush administration has been re-
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students who have never before heard the clack of their pencils choosing colleges that they are not welcome back and the coach should not do what he or she sees fit for the benefit of the team. However, those actions would be a violation of Rice's nondiscrimination policy.

Hatfield's position on homophobia is his position. It is not his job to work or exert the value of the Rice community by turning away potential students. He does this with indifference, if not outright disdain. We make mistakes, and we punish those mistakes, but we do not do so to people. We must do something so that people who express hate don't get to profit from the mistakes that homophobia is doing great support. Rice must take a stronger stand against discrimination of all forms.

Decision on Hatfield's future lies with Gillis

To the editor:

As the captain of the varsity soccer team, I want to express my concern about Rice's recent decision to fire Head football coach Ken Hatfield.

I believe this decision was made in response to Hatfield's comments at the Oct. 31 football game. In his post-game interview, Hatfield made a remark that he later apologized for. However, this does not change the fact that he has made several similar comments in the past.

I feel that Hatfield's actions are in direct violation of Rice's policy on diversity and respect for all students. As an athlete and a lover of all people, I feel that Hatfield's actions are not acceptable.

I urge that we be mindful of the consequences of our actions and that we hold ourselves to the same standards of behavior that we expect from our athletes.

Natalie Nardecchia

SA Senate must gather more student opinion

To the editor:

Having attended the Student Association special meeting on Oct. 31 from 11 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. I was very surprised that I am currently the SA President and have been appointed with the majority of the student body.

Hatfield listened to several arguments for more than two hours concerning the merits of firing or not firing the coach. Most that most students would not see the decision made is. I understand that the people the situation is. If Hatfield is the kind of leader that we think he should be fired, then I believe that he has made a mistake.

I think that Hatfield deserves no apology letter but about something he has done, but this is not the way to do it. State- ments like these, which clearly go against university policy, are not acceptable.

I am hoping that we can have a more open and direct discussion with Hatfield about his comments and his actions. I believe that this will be a much better way to move forward than a slap on the wrist from an administration that is not willing to listen to the concerns of the student body.

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Ellen Lee

Christianity does not breed hatred or bigotry

To the editor:

I write this as a man, a poet, and a Christian. I have been thinking about this for a long time, and I am not alone.

The comments made by head football coach Ken Hatfield, already made public in The Chronicle of Higher Education, have filled me with a variety of emotions. Among these emotions most directly connected with Hatfield is pity.

I pray that he believes that the team he leads is comprised of "good" people (good enough to neglect considering their rightful place in it). I do not mean this to express my views. I think he must think that his view is so self-explanatory that it need not be proved. I believe that Hatfield is not representing Rice as a community of everyone as I imagine it is.

I think that Hatfield's comments were brought to light, not because of any prejudice, and maybe it is a disgrace to ignore the situation. I strongly imply that he has ignored a lack of accurate information and the need for a sincere apology from the administration. I believe that Hatfield is a homosexual, and I found a very acceptable way of dealing with the problem. I feel that he has done more than just come out: "What changed since the SA Senate at the Oct. 30 meeting."

I am very upset by comments, and certainly afterwards, Hatfield may not know an openly gay man. He may have heard the words of those who are not. I believe that he needs to wake up every day to realize that he is in a position of responsibility, and that he must be mindful of the consequences of his actions.

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Registrar hires new associate

by David Berry

John Bates, a former computer specialist at the University of Arkansas, began work as the first associate registrar for technology last month.

Bates, who earned a bachelor of arts in liberal arts at the University of Arkansas and was employed there until coming to Rice, said he gained familiarity with the program while working as a programmer in UA's Management Information Systems department after graduation.

Montag said the new software system will give SIS Web a different look, allow full-time computer access for students and move the Registrar's Office toward electronic dissemination of grade reports.

"We will probably eventually eliminate mailing grades," Montag said.

Bates said that the implementation of these changes will be his primary focus for the next several months. "The Banner implementation is probably the biggest goal right now," Bates said. "What we are doing now is developing the screens which need to be done before Banner is up, and the future seems promising."

Montag said the initial search for someone with the technological know-how to replace Modellin led to frustration.

"The applicants that we received [for the position of assistant registrar] were either underqualified, overqualified or way out of our price range," Montag said. "So we took another look at the job and upgraded the position and called it associate registrar for technology."

With the creation of the new position, Associate Registrar Laura Bunch was promoted to senior associate registrar. Bunch, who will oversee Bates, said the promotion entails no additional duties other than managing an additional staff member.

John Bates became Rice's first associate registrar for technology last month.

Registrator hires new associate

by Jenny Rees

The Recreation Center Advisory Council requested that Vice President for Finance and Administration Dean Currie provide permanent funding for an evening and weekend custodian for the Rec Center. The Rec Center operating budget currently pays for an evening and weekend custodian, although the Rec Center's budget is intended to provide for replacing equipment, uniforms and towels, Assistant Dean of Student and Recreation Centers Boyd Beckwith said.

No other department on campus pays for its building's custodial staff. Beckwith said. Facilities and Engineering is responsible for providing custodial staff for all buildings on campus.

The lack of permanent funding for an evening and weekend custodian was brought up at the most recent meeting of the Advisory Council, which includes students, faculty and staff members. Tiffany Bludau, the council's student chair, wrote a letter from the council to Currie, requesting that he look into this problem and help solve it by finding permanent funding for the position.

"The Recreation Center would like to provide the cleanest, easiest building possible for students," Bludau, a Sam Houston College senior, said. "With so much traffic between the hours of 3 p.m. and 12 a.m., the Rec Center obviously needed the custodial support this year because the budget denied. F&E and Student Affairs have not been able to help fund an evening and weekend custodian this year, and in October Beckwith began funding a night and weekend custodian for the Rec Center through F&E but using the Rec Center operating budget."

There was increased need for custodial support this year because the Rec Center serves more student and faculty traffic. Beckwith said. In September, students visited the Rec Center 1,100 times and faculty, and staff members visited 1,144 times, compared to 4,454 student visits and 80 faculty and staff visits last September.

In April 2001, the Office of Student Affairs took over the operations of the Rec Center from the Kinesiology Department. Last fall, the hours of the Rec Center were changed so the building could be open earlier on Sunday and later on weeknights. No evening or weekend custodian had been employed in the past, and the facility was usually dirty in the mornings and so Mondays, said Brian Gibson, faculty representative to the Rec Center Advisory Council.

"By morning, dirt and dust has accumulated on the floor," Gibson said. "The locker rooms are dirty with paper towels on the floor. The problem also necessitates that daytime custodial staff must perform larger jobs that would be much more appropriate for late night when the traffic is slightly down."

Last year, F&E and the Office of Student Affairs contributed that the cost of an evening and weekend custodian.

"The expense is well justified and absolutely necessary for the cleanliness of the gym and the safety of the patrons," Gibson said.

In February, F&E requested funding for a permanent evening and weekend custodian for the Rec Center as part of the annual F&E budget request. However, this request was denied. F&E and Student Affairs have not been able to help fund an evening and weekend custodian this year, and in October Beckwith began funding a night and weekend custodian for the Rec Center through F&E but using the Rec Center operating budget."

Currie said his office is looking into the situation. The Rec Center is providing Currie's office with information on the budget and current custodial support.
Workers repair the gas pipe leak in front of Wilee House Monday. The leak shut down part of the Inner Loop.

Gas leak repaired without incident

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area because many pipes connect in this area, so the gas company Center Point Gas was called to investigate the smell again yesterday.

The original leak was discovered after a strong gas smell was reported in the area at about 5 a.m. Monday. Plumbers determined it was a leak and called Center Point Gas, formerly Entex, to repair the leak.

The leak was a slow one that had begun a while before, Galloy said. He said he did not know when the leak began, but he did not think it had been leaking for a long time. "It was a very small leak, but it must have been occurring over a period of time, infiltrated through the ground until someone finally smelled it," he said. "I have no idea how long it's been occurring, but I don't think it was a month or anything like that."

Because the underground gas had dispersed into the air and car engines could have caused an explosion, cars were not allowed in the area, and the other side of the loop was opened to two-way traffic for the day.

Rice University Police Chief Bill Taylor said the road needed to be closed.

"It was mostly a safety issue and also an issue of letting the company do the work they need to do as quickly as possible," Taylor said.

Taylor said no major problems occurred with the change and that he had not received any complaints or comments about the two-way loop for the day.

"Most everybody was pretty tolerant," he said. "In a couple places, we had to hold traffic one direction, but it looked like things went relatively well."

Taylor said portions of the loop have been closed before for special events, such as Beer-Bike or matriculation, and construction, such as with the Jesse Jones Graduate School of Management. "We've done that several times," Taylor said. "There are times that that happens but they're usually scheduled events, but obviously this was exigent circumstances."

Some people said they were confused. "I was walking to class and I was like, 'Do they know they're driving the wrong way on the Inner Loop,' because I didn't know the road was messed up, and I was like, 'Oh no, someone's new here," Sid Richardson College junior Catherine Hoang said.

Galloy said gas leaks do not occur often at Rice and that the most recent was a major leak between Will Rice and Hanszen Colleges in February 2001, which sent vapors 12 to 15 feet in the air. Monday's leak, he said, was much weaker. "It was a lot less than the one two years ago — that was a severed gas line," Galloy said. "If that was an eight, this was a two."

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Democrats sweep Rice precinct

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Van Ness said that besides the long lines, everything went smoothly at the precinct.

Rice University Young Democrats President Shawn Leventhal said he was happy with the turnout.

"I'm thrilled with how things went in the Rice precinct," Leventhal, a Brown College sophomore, said. "We had record turnout for an off-year election. People were waiting in line, and that makes the point that people do care."

Rice College Republicans President Kurt Hillsman agreed.

"I think it is important that people vote, no matter what their affiliation is," Hillsman, a Wiess College junior, said.

In last November's mayoral race, 725 people voted and in the 1998 midterm election, 192 people voted.

"The vote coalition had succeeded in increasing turnout. Four hundred two people voted on Tuesday in the Rice precinct," Leventhal said. "We had 763 registered voters on campus this year, which means that over half of the registered voters turned out," Marshall said. "We had a lot of people who were very aware of the need to register to vote, and came out to vote despite the long waits."

Democrats running for positions of U.S. senator, governor, U.S. representative and state representative took the Rice precinct. However, the only Democrat to win one of eight of these races overall was Chris Bell, who was running for District 25 in the U.S. House of Representatives. Hillsman said she was pleased with the national results.

"I am very excited about the choices that were made," Hillsman said. "While I was disappointed about the congressional race, I am going to trust that Chris Bell is going to do as good a job as possible."

Leventhal said despite Democrats' losses, he thinks it is significant so many in the Rice precinct voted for Bell.

"Obviously, it didn't work out nationally, but Chris Bell will certainly appreciate the support he got from Rice," Leventhal said.

Marshall said the vote coalition would continue to be active for both the mayoral election next year and the presidential election in 2004.

"Our number-one priority is integrating voter registration into Orientation Week," Marshall said. "If we can do that, by the time of the 2004 election, more than half of the campus will be registered."

Kavraki has received international recognition for her teaching and research. She was named one of the world's top 100 Young Innovators by Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Technology Review in June, and she received a National Science Foundation Career Award in 1997.

Kavraki said her father had a great deal of influence in her decision to do her undergraduate work in computer science, but once she entered the field, she fell in love with it. Kavraki did graduate work at Stanford University, and she said Silicon Valley was an excellent place to develop this love and fine-tune these skills.

"We are using computers to solve problems that actually relate to daily life," Kavraki said.

"I am very excited about the area we are working with because many people think about computers as very impersonal, but we are using computers to solve problems that actually relate to daily life," Kavraki said.

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Kavraki teaches several courses at Rice, including the undergraduate course Computer Science 380: Discreet Mathematics, the graduate course COMP 482: Design and Analysis of Algorithms, a class in robotics and various seminars related to her research.

"Dr. Kavraki has been an incredible teacher and mentor," Neil Richardson College junior Austin Christian said. "She is always available to speak with her students and goes out of her way to make sure they receive recognition and honors for their work. I consider her to be one of the best professors at this university, both in her teaching abilities and devotion to her students."
Server change to bring 12 hours without e-mail

by Daniel McDonald

Owls will receive e-mail through their Owls e-mail accounts from 6 a.m. Sunday until 6 a.m. Monday. The outage is part of the process of updating the Owls e-mail server.

William Deigaard, director of Educational Technology and Networking Infrastructure, said the outage is necessary in order to move all the mailboxes from one server to a cluster of servers. This will make the e-mail server more reliable, faster and easier to upgrade in the future.

Deigaard (W'80) said students will be able to send e-mails during the outage, but they will not be able to receive e-mails. Deigaard said e-mail received during the outage will not be deleted.

"Your mail will be queued up, and so if somebody off campus sends you mail, it will sit in a queue, and when the mail server gets turned back on, mail will start piling up," he said.

Deigaard said the new mail server will provide better performance because the format of the mailbox is being changed to a format that can be indexed more quickly than the current format.

Deigaard said some people will have to switch the program they use to read e-mail, because the new e-mail program for UNIX users will not work on the new server.

Matt or Jane users might be inconvenienced because they will be prompted for their password twice before they check their e-mail — once when they log in to the computer and once when they log in to the e-mail program — Deigaard said.

"Some students said they think the outage will not be a major inconvenience, and they can tell friends and family to send e-mails to a different account for the weekend," he said.

It wouldn't have a humongous impact on me," Loret College freshman Anes Gordev said. "I have enough e-mail accounts. It might be a pain, because what my girlfriend sends me e-mails to, but I can tell her to send her own e-mail to another account," Rice College junior Ryan Sinekon said.

"It had to be pretty ad-libbed to be affected too much by it," Sinekon said.

Deigaard said the new system will no longer compress inboxes, something that has happened frequently with the current server.

We have to move mailboxes on a relatively constant basis," Deigaard said. "People get a lot of e-mail and let it sit around in their inbox. There is nothing to manage that properly, so as a result we have to push it aside, which is a huge disruption for individuals because they can't get their mail.

The new server cluster will counter this problem by establishing a mail quota of 50 megabytes. Owls users will receive notifications as to what percentage of their 50 MB capacity they are using.

Deigaard said students who exceed the quota will not be able to receive incoming mail until they clean out their inboxes.

"Once your mailbox has been drained below the quota, you will get your mail," he said.

The new server cluster will scan every incoming and outgoing e-mail for viruses, something Owls does not do, Deigaard said.

"Every message that passes through the mail server will be checked for viruses," he said. "If there is a virus, it will be thrown away.

The server can also scan for spam e-mails using a process called spam-tagging, which rates the suspected spam content of incoming messages.

The clustering is similar to this year's changes to the e-mail server that some faculty and staff want. Owlsets currently has a single mail server that has a bunch of disks attached to it," Deigaard said. "The replacement is to take that one machine and turn it into a cluster of machines.

"The upgrade is being completed by Deigaard's Unix staff, and the Owlnet portion of the project cost about $40,000.

Students interested in more information on the upgrade should go to the Web site, http://www.cis.rice.edu/show/email_upgrade.html.
College construction nears completion

by Mark Berenson

Two residential college construction projects will be completed by the start of next semester, concluding several years of construction projects at both the north and south colleges. The Brown Commons will be completed this semester, and the old Wiess College building will be torn down over winter break, Director of Project Management and Planning Barbara White said.

The new Brown Commons is scheduled to be completed in December, and to host meals beginning in January. White said all exterior work around the building would be complete in January.

"It will be 100 percent complete when they move in," White said.

North College Servery Manager Angela Riggs said furniture for the commons is scheduled to be delivered Jan. 10.

Riggs said she and the servery staff were looking forward to adding a third college and did not anticipate any problems.

"No. I don't think it will be a problem," Riggs said. "It think it will balance out real well, and as a matter of fact we are looking forward to it.

The opening of the new Brown Commons completes construction of new structures for the north colleges, which began with the April 2000 groundbreaking for Martel College and has included the construction of the North College Servery, and new wings and commons for Brown and Jones Colleges.

The current Brown Commons is scheduled to be renovated to hold Student Health Services and the Health Education Office. The project is currently in the design stage, and White said the final budget and scope of the project needs to be approved by the Board of Trustees, which should happen at the December board meeting.

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White said the project would be almost entirely interior work.

No completion date has been set for the renovation of the Brown Commons, although Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs John Hutchinson was quoted in the Oct. 4 Thresher article "Newest Health Services plan approved" as saying he hoped the facilities would be ready by fall 2003.

Pre-demolition work continues on the old Wiess building, which will be knocked down over winter break. White said most of the current work being done is asbestos removal.

"The asbestos removal is complex but is progressing quickly," White said.

White said all the utilities would also need to be cut off prior to the demolition.

During the demolition, which will last a few days, Wiess Masters Katharine Donato and Dan Kalb and their children will be out of the house, as Wiess House shares a wall with the college.

"It is not an enormous problem — we are just carefully taking care of it," White said.

White said architectural drawings of the college have been consulted to ensure that the demolition can be safely done.

Project Manager Ana Ramirez said the method of knocking down the old Wiess was still unknown, as the bids on the demolition are not due until next week.

White said, depending on the weather, final cleanup work could stretch into January, at which point the college said the fire alarm would be graded and retested.

"The field will be used by the Recreation Center, which plans to put an intramural field and volleyball pit on the site.

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Esperanza next Saturday

by Lora Danan

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the University Police for the period Oct. 29 - Nov. 3.

Residential Colleges

Will Rice College
Oct. 29 — Bicycle stolen.

Lovett College
Nov. 1 — Soccer bag stolen from outside a student's room.

Oct. 30 — Bicycle stolen.

Weiss College
Nov. 1 — Susicious male reported entering the laundry facility. The subject had an outstanding warrant and was remanded to Houston Police Department.

Lovelace College
Nov. 3 — Student reported a homeless person in the commons after the student had asked the subject to leave. Officer attempted to stop subject at METRO bus stop, but the subject ran. In a scuffle that occurred when the subject was apprehended, the subject received a small cut on the left wrist that was checked by Rice Emergency Medical Services.

Academic Buildings

Duncan Hall
Oct. 31 — Vacuum cleaner stolen.

Other Buildings

Allen Center
Oct. 29 — Two cases of beer check reported. Warrants issued in each case.

Parking Lots

Lovelace Lot
Oct. 30 — Graduate student reported riding his bicycle into a gate arm. Gate arm not damaged.

Other Areas

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS


Below Left: Wiess College sophomore May Lin guides Wiess freshman Brian Cohen through his first experience with Wiess's pumpkin caroling tradition.

Far Below Left: Willy gets Halloween headgear from Wiess senior Andrew Swick.

Below: Hanszen College sophomore Brock Gillespie competes in the Halloween Hoops three-point contest while Wiess freshman Michael Kinsella gets ready to hand him his next ball.
Resolution calls for statement from Hatfield, evaluation

HATFIELD, from Page 1

The SA resolution was passed 15-5 at a meeting that lasted only an hour and a half, unlike the meeting the previous Wednesday, which lasted more than two hours. Monday's meeting was structured with limited time for debating and allowed students present to question senate members about their intent regarding the resolution.

The senate receives parts of the resolution after students reacted to its original form at a special meeting Oct. 30 and at forums at each of the colleges. The senate requested a statement from Hatfield instead of an apology and requested an evaluation, not an investigation, of the Athletics Department's practices that may discriminate.

"I think it's about time that we made a statement as a student body," SA President Matt Haynie said. "I think it reflects poorly on us that we hadn't said anything yet. I think it's our job to respond to the administration's response to the resolution, to participate in the evaluation of the athletics department if it occurs and to start that dialogue about the campus climate for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students," Albrecht said.

Jones College senior Chad Chasteen said while he is glad the senate passed a resolution, he does not feel the final resolution conveys the message he thinks the student body should be conveying.

"I feel like the senate made it pretty clear in expressing what their constituencies said, and they said everyone seemed to agree that his actions were unacceptable," Chasteen said. "If they truly felt like that, I feel like asking him for an apology wasn't anything that was too extraordinary - I feel like it would have been completely acceptable."

Chasteen said he thinks the problem is larger than just in this instance, and students should have been more disappointed on both sides. But, he each did our job. If your opinion is more extreme, then it's going to be disappointing." Albrecht also stressed this is not the end of the issue.

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The title of the play refers to a key frame in the film shot by Abraham Zapruder on Nov. 22, 1963, the only reliable footage of President Kennedy's assassination. When Life purchases the exclusive rights to the strip of celluloid, Lynette sits in an secretary to the repeated viewing of this film with her boss Graham (James Black) and ballerinas expert Boyd (Jeffrey Bean).

Lynette is given the responsibility of carrying the film from the Life offices in New York City to Washington, D.C. She returns to lead a normal life and opts to leave corporate Life forever. When she resigns, she learns that she had actually given the government a copy of the film. She is handed the original and is told what she must do when the time is right.

This 1960s scenario is interlaced with scenes from Lynette's back yard birthday celebration in the 1990s, thrown by her children Stephanie (Jenny Maguire) and Tom's wife Marie (Stephanie Kortum). Having spent the last 30 years trying to forget the film and now forced to control with the family drama that consumes the gathering, Lynette really wants is to tell someone about the film.

Playwright Reddin has created a fascinating work of historical fiction that deals with, in one of the least paranoid ways to date, the assassination of the 35th president. The possibility of conspiracy behind the president's murder is presented effectively as a question not only of whether or not the truth was hidden, but as to whether or not releasing that truth was in the interest of Americans. Told in the context of one person's conflict with the truth and responsibility for this truth's revelation, the play allows us to leave behind the "X-Files" image of clandestine dealings.

Designer Kevin Rigid's set works effectively as a divided space, where the memories of an older Lynette are allowed to unfold before her in a cinematic fashion that relates to the importance of film to this play. Lighting designer Rui Rita's scheme ambitiously pursues a similar quality and strength of performance. One has come to expect from plays at the Alley. The faults of this production are far outweighed by the sensitivity of subject matter and all the themes. Many your emotions to this assassination...just as chilling and fascinating and lends itself to a wonderful discussion on truth, identity and role of the individual in the world.

**El Greco and Picasso cheek-to-cheek at MFAH**

Katherine Brill

It seems that every time you turn around another classic art exhibition is coming to you to study break with promises of pizza, Taco Calzone and candy.

"Masterworks from El Greco to Picasso"

Rating: *****

Out of five

However, if you want a calorie-free regale from your Organic Chemistry homework, I suggest heading down to the Audrey Jones Beck Building at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston and checking out an exhibition of fifty masterpieces from the Phillips Collection. Titled "Masterworks from El Greco to Picasso," it is a visual sensation of color and form that will leave you refreshed and ready to crank out that HUMA paper that's due tomorrow.

The first in a "Season of Impressionism," a year-long trib-ute to Impressionist works brought from international col-lections to be shown at the MFAH, the selection of works from the Phillips Collection demonstr-ates the connection between past masters and modern art.

Duncan Phillips, who opened his house to the public as an art mu-seum in 1921, strove to illuminate the connection between past and modern artists through purchasing and displaying works of modern art as well as the past masters that influenced them. The 50 pieces se-lected by the Phillips Collection to tour the country while their museum in Washington, D.C., is under renovation aptly capture this defining feature of the collection. For ex-ample, one rendition of St. Peter, one by Francisco de Goya and the other by El Greco, are paired near each other.
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**Eras collide in exhibit**

"French Impressionism: Masterpieces from Copenhagen's Ordrupgaard Collection," which is currently also on exhibit, Old Masters, Impressionists, and Moderns. French Masterworks from the State Pushkin Museum, Moscow (opening Dec. 10) and "Paris in the Age of Impressionism: Masterworks from the Musée d'Orsay" (opening April 6, 2003) are other exhibits in the "Series of Impression." The current French Impressionist exhibit contains several lovely pieces by Degas and Paul Gauguin and is recommended for the unsuspecting with enough time and interest, but the pieces from the Phillips Collection, which set Impressionist and Post-Impressionist masterpieces in the context of larger art movements, are indistinguishably worth a afternoon trip to the MFAH. On Thursdays general admission is free and special exhibits are discounted, so if you feel ambitious you can check out several exhibits at a reduced rate.

Another current exhibit worth mentioning is "Over the Line: The Art and Life of Jacob Lawrence." Lawrence was an African-American artist who explored the plight of blacks at the end of the Civil War and black culture in American. The masterworks from the Phillips Collection, as well as the French Impressionist and Jacob Lawrence exhibits, will be on display through the 5th of January. Drop-in tours, included in the ticket price, are available for different exhibits from Thursday through Saturday. The combination of world-class art and the spacious tranquil setting of the MFAH makes a trip to the museum a rewarding, educational and refreshing break from the campus grind. And, if you feel like you are missing out on the goodies usually provided at a study break, stop by Cafe Express, for trendy cafe fare.

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Football faces conference leader Boise State on the road

by Jason Gershman

The football team will face its toughest test of the season tomorrow, traveling to face conference leader Boise State University.

After three consecutive games against teams ranked in the bottom 10 in scoring offense among Division I-A teams, the Owls will face the Broncos, the nation's offensive leader at 48 points per game.

Boise State has scored early and often all season long. The Broncos' rushing leader is tailback Brock Forsey, who has 1,309 rushing yards and leads the nation with 20 total touchdowns. Quarterbacks Ryan Knowsida and IQ Shreve have combined for 2,631 passing yards and 21 touchdowns. Boise State has averaged 57.3 points in its last six games.

Recently, the Broncos defense has been as strong as its offense, as the Broncos have moved up to second place in the Western Athletic Conference in total defense, behind only Rice. Boise State is on top of its game after dominating San Jose State University 45-8 Oct. 26 and slaughtering the University of Texas-El Paso 58-3 Saturday.

Broncos safety Wes Nurse was named WAC Defensive Player of the Week after dominating San Jose State University with two interceptions.

Rice has a couple of faces up its sleeve. Boise State was unable to stop the Owl rushing attack in the first-ever meeting between the two teams last year, as Rice ran for 430 yards in a 45-14 victory.

"It will be interesting up there playing on their blue field. They wear all blue uniforms and blue helmets and all-blue everything."— Ken Hatfield
Head football coach

The Owls' more timely advantage is in visibility. Boise State is leaps and bounds ahead of Rice in the ESPN's WAC Power Rankings.

"It feels good knowing we still have a chance to go to a bowl game and have a winning season," sophomore defensive tackle Jeremy Caban said. "That should provide motivation for our whole team. There is the kind of situation where it comes down to — with the two big games at the end of the season.

The Broncos enjoy one of the biggest home-field advantages in all of Division I-A football. They are a perfect 6-0 at home since joining the WAC in 2001, winning each game by at least 25 points. They have also won 23 of their last 24 home games.

Part of this advantage is its visibility. Boise State is on top of its game after dominating San Jose State University with two interceptions.

Weather could also be a factor, with the temperature in Boise expected to be in the low 40s with a chance of rain. Rice performed well in similar conditions Saturday against the University of Tulsa, and the Owls also won in wet conditions against Navy and SMU earlier in the season.

In wet games, the Owls have reunited their offense, which has been as strong as its defense, as the Broncos have moved up to second place in the Western Athletic Conference in total defense, behind only Rice. Boise State is on top of its game after dominating San Jose State University with two interceptions.
Owls win twice to qualify on season's final weekend

WA  Soccer Championship Tournament Bracket

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**2002 WAC SOCCER STANDINGS**

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**THE FIELD**

The 2002 WAC Soccer Championship tournament started last night at the Rice Soccer and Track Stadium. SMU entered as the defending champion and Chris Huston made the most important decision of the season.

With a berth in the Western Athletic Conference Championship tournament on the line, head soccer coach Chris Huston made the most important decision of the season.

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For the second year in a row, they've got strength all over the place. They've got two Canadian National Team players — all over the field."

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Lads going national after region victory

The Lads men's club soccer team secured the best-ever region results ever at last weekend's regional championship at the University of Texas in Austin, finishing first in the nation's club soccer championship in Bakersfield, Calif.

It is the Lads' first national championship and the first time the Lads have qualified for the championship of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's men's soccer tournament. Rice carried an 8-1-1 record into the 15-team national tournament, which started with four-team round-robin groups.

"We were expecting to do really well, which is a change from past years — we expected to win," senior captain Blake Boroson said.

The Lads faced Texas Southern University in their first game and breezed by a 5-1 victory behind two goals from midfielder Melford Stephen.

The second game of the tournament proved to be a more of a challenge. Facing top seeded University of Virginia in the second round, the Lads lasted only half the second half, however, and held off Kansas City for a 1-0 win.

Heading into the final game of group play, the Lads knew that a win or a tie in their last match was needed for the quarterfinals. "The most important thing for us this weekend was just to win," senior defender Myron Swatson said. "We need to win and be able to walk away with our heads held high.

As it turned out, the Lads were more than up to their competition. Graduate student Mark Junker, freshman midfielder Simon Hogg, and senior midfielder Alaptop Hersh scored twice each as Rice took a 3-0 halftime lead against one of Texas A&M's strongest teams. The Owls were the final two teams. Veteran head coach Mike Hershaw relied on his experienced players to finish the final quarter, however, and the Owls were awarded the tournament title and the first national championship.

While the national level is new territory for the Lads and the culmination of years of dedication from Hershaw, Boroson said their attitude would not change.

"There are some very, very well-organized, skilled teams at the national level," Boroson said. "But we expect to win."

— Phil Dees

Swim team dominates UH 11th time in a row

The swim team conquered conference opponents at the University of Houston for the 11th consecutive year. Rice won 13 of the 14 swimming events at the UH Student Rec Pool, winning 102-172.

The Owls' 13-20 win was the final day of the Owls' season. "It feels good knowing that we can definitely tell that we have made progress," coach Ken Borgeson said. "We can definitely tell that we are making progress, and the training effort is at work," assistant coach Greg Kristoff said. "Everyone has been so great, we have some great competition in just two days."

— Debbie Miller

Henderson steps in to lead rushing attack in Tulsa rout

The football team dominated the University of Tulsa on both sides of the ball Saturday in a 20-0 rout that was not as close as the final score indicated.

In focus: Football

Record: 4-5

WAC record: 3-3 (4th)

Last week: Rice beat 240 yards and took a 20-0 lead in a 3-1-0 shutout of host Tulsa.

What made the difference: Sophomore quarterback Greg Henderson started in his first game and accounted for 341 yards and a touchdown. The Owls had a 3-0 lead in the second quarter, the second-fastest time of the season by a Western Athletic Conference opponent.

Sophomore receiver Brian Caffi and senior running back Hurd to have a major impact in tomorrow's game.

The Owls are due to face a much more difficult opponent in tomorrow's game.

After a slow first quarter in which the Owls offense struggled with three consecutive turnovers in the second quarter, taking a commanding 30-0 halftime lead.

The Owls started with a touchdown pass from Henderson to receiver Chad Hurd in the second quarter, giving the Owls a 20-0 halftime lead. The Owls continued to score in the third quarter, taking a commanding 20-0 halftime lead.

Henderson starred in his first game and led the Owls to victory. "I'm so happy for him," head coach Seth Huston said. "He's been a key for us this season, and he deserves this chance."

— Phil Imus

Philips leads Prestigious golf in California

Having successfully guided his team to victory, head coach Clay Homan’s advice to his players at last weekend’s championship in Bakersfield, the national men’s club soccer event. The Ijtds move on to their next competition.

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Men's cross country battling injuries

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Winning Team Information

Attendance — 217

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WAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women’s 10K standings

1. Rice 902

2. Tulsa 85

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4. UTEP 63

5. UN 56

6. Rice 55

7. Louisiana Tech 47

8. Fresno State 40

9. Tanya Wright 18:22

Rice women's 5,000-meter (field of 77 runners)

1. Rice 10:49

2. Tulsa 10:59

3. UN 11:02

Rice men’s 5,000-meter (field of 77 runners)

1. Rice 14:34

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RICE 162 HOUSTON 122

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Students demand monkeynaut Commencement speaker

by Ben Johnson

More than five hundred students protested outside President Malcolm Gillis’s house Wednesday night before being dispersed by Rice University Police Department officers and Harris County canine units.

Two students were arrested for trespassing, public intoxication and urinating in a private swimming pool. Minor damage was also done to Gillis’s garage, car and lawns.

EUPD Sergeant Noah Ferguson said the silver BMW 330 convertible, with a 24-valve six-cylinder engine, dynamic stability control, all season traction and power aluminum hood “will be okay.”

Students were protesting the administration’s decision for the 2003 commencement speaker, Shannon Lucid. Because the speaker is a government employee, she cannot accept a speaking fee—a fact protestors say will save the administration $20,000.

Gillis disputed accusations that the administration was being shortsighted.

“The year we wanted somebody who gives where no other speaker has gone before,” Gillis said. “So really [Shannon Lucid] makes perfect sense, especially President Johnson knows she’s been to space. Plus she’s free. Her speech will pay her shit. For it’s beautiful.”

The protest, students shouted slogans calling for an amendment to Article XXVI of Rice constitution, which prohibits the dispensation of honorary degrees. Gillis responded by goading protestors with a fire poker and a donut from the safety of his second story balcony.

If you’re going to give a monkeynaut for commencement speaker, Shannon Lucid will work,” Gillis said.

Michael Johnson, a Rice student who was not on board at the time of the protest, Johnson said he wanted somebody who could save the administration money and pick up at Rice. Cell: (713) 348-5238.

Akin Johnson said he didn’t want to see any change, but he can still barely put two sentences together. “He has to get drunk on Thanksgiving just to make table conversation.”

Baker College sophomore Johnson says if you’re gonna get an astronaut at least get an astronaut.

Missclass

“You can’t do it if I’m not shaving.”

“College was great.”

“I didn’t even say first time, I’d be shocked, too.”

“College was great.”

“A good guess. It’s not a good guess, cause it’s wrong.”

“I’m a great student. You’re learning. It’s too difficult. We’re in good grades.”

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Someday, the City, we're fascinated with sex — who is doing it, who isn't doing it, why they're doing it and if they shouldn't be. But there's a Rice aspect to all this sex-crazed madness. Because we come from a specific culture and interact with specific people in a specific set of circumstances, our sociological network is different than that of students at bigger or less academically oriented schools. As a result, there's a distinctive Rice aspect to this topic that you're beat over the head with day after day.

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I remember the first time I was in love. Well, I remember the first time I thought I was in love. I was in ninth grade, and I'd never left Texas except for one short vacation to Disney World and a few educational trips for middle school students. Looking back, I'm quite sure that I had no real conception of love. In fact, I'm not really sure that I have strong opinions about what love is now, but that's what makes life fun. At least, that's what I'm told.

All this cogitation about love and relationships past and present brought me to talk about these issues with several good friends, and I realized that even though we are all great friends, we don't really agree on many issues central to love and relationships. It sparked my interest in campus-wide feelings on the subject and brought me to this juncture — the Relationships and Sex Issue of Lifestyles Magazine.

I have never claimed that Rice students are like other students. In other editor's notes at other times, I've been happy to say, "Hey, we're different." But we've hit on a magazine topic that connects us to other college students all around the country. Just like students at Harvard and students at community colleges you've never heard of, Rice students are faced everyday with sex.

We see it on television and read about it in anthropology textbooks. Whether we're talking about Sigmund Freud or Carrie on Sex and the City, we're fascinated with sex — who is doing it, who isn't doing it, why they're doing it and if they shouldn't be. But there's a Rice aspect to all this sex-crazed madness. Because we come from a specific culture and interact with specific people in a specific set of circumstances, our sociological network is different than that of students at bigger or less academically oriented schools. As a result, there's a distinctive Rice aspect to this topic that you're beat over the head with day after day.

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Sex and the Hedges

MELISSA DOMINGUEZ

"Sex is an enjoyable activity and there is nothing wrong when conducted in a safe manner and environment." In other words, let's get it on. This was the response of one Will Rice College junior when asked about his feelings toward sex.

Sex is an enticing general topic of conversation for the majority of college students around the world, but what is discussed and what actually goes on are different stories.

Many students at Rice consider sex to be one of those subjects in which people are free to make their own choices and form their own opinions.

"People at Rice are open-minded and respect each others' views for the most part," Lovett College freshman Estefania Quesnel said.

Despite this open-mindedness, Rice students admit that precautions are a virtue when in sexual situations. Sometimes it's even hard to talk about the issue — sex is still a taboo subject.

"People tend to make a big deal out of it. It's like I can't believe they had sex," Hanszen College sophomore Faith Dorny said. "So many more people are having sex than we actually realize."

Rice students for the most part choose to keep their sexual activities confidential.

"Rice is such a small community that everyone knows everybody and everybody knows everything," Wiess College freshman Daniel Chang said. "That makes for really uncomfortable situations with respect to sex because if something does happen, your entire college knows the next day, and some people like to keep those kind of things on the down low."

The amount of sexual activity that goes on at Rice is highly disputed. Many argue that it varies from college to college and from individual to individual. From speaking with people at each college, it seems that attitudes toward sex are more lax at some colleges than at others, just as some people are just more sexually inclined. For instance, Wiess hosts Night of Decadence which wouldn't fly everywhere.

"Rice students are definitely getting a lot less action compared to other colleges," an anonymous Brown College senior said. "My friends at bigger schools like University of California-Los Angeles and University of Texas-Austin say that there is definitely a lot of sex on campus. Does that mean that Rice students are just less promiscuous than students at other universities? Or are Rice students too intelligent and busy for that kind of action?"

There isn't a lot of room for sex in a Rice student's busy schedule. "Most of the time the sex that goes on at Rice comes from two sources, either a drunken hookup or a relationship-type thing," Martel College junior Jordan Rule said. He believes Rice students suffer from sexual repression. "Everyone is so caught up in school with classes to worry about and really don't have time to further worry about sex and the whole relationship ordeal."

Most also agree that Rice students are extremely cautious and aware of the consequences that accompany the deed. Rice students tend to be extremely goal- and career-oriented and little unexpected surprises do not seem to be in anyone's future plans.

But what does it take for a Rice student to actually go for the gold? Everything from drunken hookups to being in the right place at the right time to being in love. Rice students can give just about every explanation in the book in their defense.

A table full of Hanszen College sophomores agreed that sex could possibly result from a steady relationship or love, but it should not come out of obligation. Others agree that sex should be a sacred action to be engaged in only upon marriage because of religion or personal choice. There are those who beg to differ, stating, "If it happens, it happens."

That's actually a really great way to put it. "If it happens, it happens." Sex does not appear to be that pivotal of an issue on campus. After all, it's your body, your life, your choice. Only you can choose what to do with it. From the varied responses on the topic, it looks like Rice will support your choice on sex. 

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STD test sites in Houston

If you are sexually active, you should get tested — no ifs, ands or buts.

Your decision to engage in or abstain from sex is your own, but abstinence is obviously the best method of STD prevention.

If you choose to be sexually active, realize that you are at risk and have yourself tested for STDs on a regular basis.

Here's a rundown of a few testing centers close to campus:

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
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PLANNED PARENTHOOD
3601 Fannin St.
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MONTROSE CLINIC
215 Westheimer Rd.
(713) 830-3000
What's at risk: STDs and you

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If you're reading this, chances are you're already at high risk for contracting a sexually transmitted disease. Why? Because you live in a large urban area, and you're between the ages of 18 and 25. If you're a woman, your risk factor goes up. Don't have any symptoms? Never had intercourse? Been with the same partner for years? Doesn't matter. Many STDs (more technically, sexually transmitted infections) have no visible symptoms and can be transmitted by various kinds of skin-to-skin contact, not just intercourse. And, of course, for any STI, all it takes is one experience. Just one. You — yes, you — could be at risk.

Does all of this sound scary? Well, it should, because it is scary. After all, one in five Americans has an STI. You have to admit, that's a lot of people. And please don't assume that this won't happen to you. It might.

Chlamydia
Chlamydia is the number one bacterial STI in the United States, as well as the fastest-spreading STI. Because it's often symptomless, chlamydia can go undetected for months or years, after it's already done serious damage. Out of the four million Americans infected each year, 100,000 of them become infected with chlamydia. This isn't just a man's problem, either. Women are increasingly being diagnosed with chlamydia because they are often asymptomatic. Chlamydia can be cured with antibiotics, even if they have no symptoms. Chronic or repeated infections can cause these symptoms: pelvic pain, bleeding, and infertility, as well as many others. For people who are significantly infected, the bacteria can move from the vagina to the fallopian tubes, causing PID (pelvic inflammatory disease). The rate at which it is becoming an epidemic is very high, so if you are sexually active, you must be tested regularly.

Syphilis
Recently making a dramatic comeback, syphilis is extremely prevalent on college campuses (surprise!). Also a bacterial infection, it works in three stages, and the final stage can be fatal. Partners must be tested and treated, even if they have no symptoms.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
HIV, unlike many of the above infections, is only spread through the transfer of bodily fluids and is, therefore, less infectious, but more dangerous. In spite of increased information about the disease, HIV (which leads to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or AIDS) is still spreading, with Texas ranked fourth for the greatest number of new cases annually. As I'm sure you're well aware, there is no cure.

So how do you know if you have one?

Though many STDs are symptomless, especially in their early stages, there are certain signs you should look for, including sores, bumps or blisters near the mouth or genitalia; burning or pain during urination or bowel movements; flu-like symptoms including fever, chills and aches, and swelling in the groin area. Women should also be aware of unusual odor or discharge from the vagina, pelvic pain, burning or itching around the vagina, unexpected bleeding, pain during intercourse and the increased severity of menstrual cramps or an abnormality in the menstrual cycle. Specific symptoms for men include discharge from the penis and pain in the testicles. Of course, the best way to find out if you're infected is to get tested.

What do you do?

If you think you may have an STI, go straight to the Rice University Student Health Services Center. They offer, at a discounted rate, tests for HIV, syphilis, herpes, chlamydia, gonorrhea, and HPV. Blood tests are required for HIV, syphilis and herpes, while the others are tested for in two ways: For women, a Pap smear administered during a pelvic exam, and for men, the insertion of a swab into the urethra.

Hepatitis B
Hepatitis B is spread by exposure to bodily fluids of an infected person. This virus is 100 times more infectious than HIV and can lead to chronic or fatal liver disease. A three-part vaccine, safe and (relatively) painless, is available. It appears that maybe there's a vaccine because we have one! You can get hepatitis B from men, women, and children, and the older you are, the more likely you are to get infected. It's estimated that 170,000 people are infected with hepatitis B each year. Hepatitis B can go undetected for months to years, after it's already done serious damage, and can appear in a matter of weeks or years and must be treated and/or removed.HPV vaccine is available, and warts are often tiny. It spreads rapidly and increases the risk for cervical cancer in women.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HIV, unlike many of the above infections, is only spread through the transfer of bodily fluids and is, therefore, less infectious, but more dangerous. In spite of increased information about the disease, HIV (which leads to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or AIDS) is still spreading, with Texas ranked fourth for the greatest number of new cases annually. As I'm sure you're well aware, there is no cure.

But you still have questions...

Luckily, there are a million resources for you not only on the Internet, but also in our great city of Houston and on Rice's campus. Here are some numbers and Web sites to keep you safe and informed.

Student Health Services
(713) 348-4966

The Health Education Office
(713) 348-5194

The Centers for Disease Control National STD Hotline
(800) 227-8922

AIDS Foundation Houston
(713) 623-6796

WWW.UNSPEAKABLE.COM
This Web site has clear, concise information about STDs — descriptions, symptoms and treatment. Unique features include the risk proflie quiz and detailed suggestions on talking to your partner about safer sex and STIs.

WWW.GOASKALICE.COLUMBIA.EDU
This site, which is designed and maintained by the Columbia University Health Education Program, has frank answers to dozens of questions not only about STIs, but also about general issues, such as health, sexuality and sexual responsibility.

And you think Rice students don't hookup?

If you're one of those that swears that good, honest Rice students really aren't hooking up, just take a look at the picture of Night of December three years ago. It appears that maybe there's a little more action going on than some of us would like to admit, but hey, that's fine too.

All we're saying is be careful. Be sure to follow all of the safe sex precautions, and don't be pressed into any situation that you aren't comfortable with.
tell us your favorite:

| campus study spot | party spot | make-out spot | building on campus | party or event | administrator | faculty member | rupd officer | class | museum | performing arts venue | movie theater | tourist attraction | live music venue | music store | video rental store | bookstore | room accessories store | supermarket | drug store | public park | bowling alley | off campus hangout | road trip destination | liquor store | place for margaritas | place for martinis | nightclub | bar | gay club/bar | strip club | after-hours club | late-night restaurant | mexican restaurant | italian restaurant | chinese restaurant | vietnamese restaurant | greek restaurant | indian restaurant | thai restaurant | sushi bar | date restaurant | pizza place | burger joint | place for dessert | restaurant for brunch | vegetarian food | fast food | smoothie shop | ice cream shop | chips and salsa | restaurant for groups | outdoor dining | cheap food | coffee shop | donut shop | shopping area/mall | department store | salon | shoe store | vintage/thrift store | brand | store for men | store for women | lingerie store | most stylish student | most stylish professor |

here's how:

Here's your chance to recognize your favorite things, again. For the second year, we'll be surveying your choices in everything from restaurants to recreation facilities. L&S Magazine's next issue will salute everything that makes life at Rice great. Fill out the ballot and bring it to the Thresher office (second floor Ley Student Center), campus mail it to MS 524 or send your responses to cedevine@rice.edu by Nov. 18. Look for our next issue on Dec. 6 where you'll find the winners from the survey.

VISIT THE RICE CAMPUS STORE!!

Having trouble keeping up with your prox card? Now you can purchase a SWATCH "Access Snowpass" watch which can be programmed by the Parking department to open your parking gate with the flick of a wrist! The Campus Store has 5 cool styles for you to choose from (prices ranging from $64.95-79.95). Drop by and check them out soon!
While the cat's away...

There is a breed of college students whose eyes are simultaneously glued to their inbox, AOL Instant Messenger and cell phone. They are of the same stock of those whose desks are littered with phone cards, flowers, stationery and small, framed photos. To find them, one can simply follow the phone cord to a closed door. The cause for all this unusual behavior is the long-distance relationship (LDR).

For those of you who don't know what it's like to be in an LDR at Rice, there are many students living among you who will tell you it's not easy. Baker College freshman Emily Hannah admitted, "It's really hard to keep a relationship together when it's long distance because there are so many outside influences that can get in the way."

For many, the time to meet new people and really connect. Those in LDRs are committed to someone else but also exposed to a sea of new people. Weiss College freshman PJ Teh has "to deal with feelings of loneliness and loneliness... but it isn't hard to overcome these emotions — you just have to focus on other aspects of your life."

Many relationships don't survive freshman year, but Lovett junior Sam Jones begs to differ. "At first it can be a little trying. Freshman year is traumatic enough, let alone when you are trying to keep a long-distance girlfriend," Jones said. "But we had made up our minds that it was going to work for us, and we never looked back."

What is a LDR? What makes it work? "If we argue, it's sometimes hard to solve them in the way a normal couple would. And of course there's the lack of face-to-face contact that really makes things frustrating," Lovett College sophomore Lanny Bose said. The LDR can be a very complicated thing and much effort has to be made on both sides. The University of Missouri-Rolla Web site says the keys to success are effective communication, demonstrated commitment by both parties, willingness to take risks, solid and secure trust, and independence. Many Rice students agree that open communication is essential.

Today the telephone, which Sid Richardson of a 'perfect date' is to have a long talk with [my girlfriend] over the phone, AIM in the morning, letters, messages and care packages are the keys to success necessary in an LDR. Over long distances, little surprises mean a lot.

On a deeper level, communication must be explicit and honest. Director of the Rice Counseling Center Lindley Doran said she believes the most painful thing in a relationship is when one person's feelings begin to change, and despite the hurtful truth, they must acknowledge this fact to resolve problems, which can mean breaking up.

Commitment, which can be a blurry issue, brings in the factor of expectations. Some couples allow each other to date other people, while some are exclusive. Both people must make this decision and follow through. Jones freshman Chris White has a strict view on commitment. "You are either fully committed to a person or not, and it is both of our feelings that too many people think of college as a time for freedom to explore relationships. What we have is great and it is harder to not explore, but you decide from the start," White said.

Trust is another thing. "Trust makes it work. I have always felt that jealousy is a petty emotion. When you are a thousand miles away from the person you love, you just can't afford to be jealous. You'll go crazy," Jones said. Once someone has overcome worrying about the other person, one must focus on independence by getting involved in organizations, clubs and social life on campus.

So, on a general basis, is the LDR working? The answer is yes. Students at Rice who are willing to put themselves in a long-distance relationship know what it takes to make it work. When problems arise, most of the time things can be worked out fine on their own. There's always the option of seeking the Rice Counseling Center for help. They see a mix of men, women, new students, upperclassmen and graduate students alike. They welcome anyone to stop by their office and pick up a brochure.

Doran said it is important to acknowledge the fact that long-distance relationships can be done, but that distance does make having a relationship challenging. "I'm with a person who I really and truly love, and that means that the distance doesn't take away from what we have. I think in the end, after all is said and done, our relationship will be stronger for it," Bose said.

It seems like this group of Rice students is doing just fine.

Books for the dumped

So, you've just been dumped? You're feeling bad about being single, and you wish you could get your mind off of the guy or girl that has, in your mind, ruined your life.

Don't wallow in your sorrow. Instead, read something that will truly make you feel better about yourself. Stop by your favorite bookstore and pick up a copy of anything by Brett Easton Ellis.

From his cult classic Less Than Zero, which was recently made into a movie, Ellis focuses on the screwed-up relationships of college students just like you. The good part? These novels are fast reads filled with the conspicuous consumption for which the 1980s are famous. There are drugs, sex and violence but not of the gratuitous kind. Instead, Ellis' books are character-driven pieces that have reached rock bottom.

When you're feeling bad, it's always nice to know that someone out there has it worse than you.

One of the brilliant though tragically disturbed stars of the recently-released Rules of Attraction. What could be nicer than cutting up with a few hot, deranged kids from the 1980s when you're feeling sad and lonely?
I'm told that sitting down together at a table to share a good meal often puts an end to their animosity, so I'm guessing that allowing two people that already like each other sit down to a good meal can end in love.

When picking a restaurant for the big meal, consider your alternatives. I never like to pick anything too formal for the first date. If the date goes horribly and you've taken your new friend to Houston's most expensive restaurant, you've wasted a good part of this month's paycheck. Plus, expensive restaurants put undue stress on you and your potential new mate. Unless you're Bill Gates, you probably don't eat five-course meals at every sitting. You probably don't observe all the niceties that go along with eating five-course meals, either. Picking a formal restaurant will only make you uncomfortable, and your true personality won't come through. It's a bad idea.

That said, pick a spot with good food that won't break the bank. Consider noise levels — I'd never go on a first date to Buca Di Beppo because I doubt I'd ever hear anything my potential sweetie had to say. Pick somewhere you can feel part of the scene while still feeling separated and somewhat intimate. Houston's Restaurant, for example, is so dark that it's hard to read the menu, never mind trying to see the person across the table from you.

Most importantly, the first date restaurant you choose says something about who you are as a person. Did you pick somewhere chic, somewhere stodgy or somewhere where the waiters know your name? Is the atmosphere fun or heavy? All in all, you want this experience to be as painless as possible. Perhaps you could even try to have some fun.

To get you started on this quest for the perfect date restaurant, I've selected Hugo's (review at right). Even if it's not your style, it'll be able to stimulate conversation. If you're eating bland food, expect the same in dialogue.

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Before I ever went to Hugo's, a friend described the interior as "Mexican chic." I'm all for descriptive language, but my notion of "Mexican chic" is oxymoronic, so I was excited to see what the interior was all about. It is, in fact, elegant in some ways, but I wouldn't describe it as chic. Instead, the designers have thrown out the gimmicks that make most Mexican restaurants so formulaic. You won't find any busted plaster walls or painted murals that say things like "crayon-dipped air." Instead, Hugo's is appointed in rich earth tones accented with rustic wood and some wrought iron. Comfortable, high-back chairs and big open windows make the restaurant a cozy place to get to know someone while retaining an element of formality and event-worthiness to the scene.

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The best men's underwear is whatever is clean, right? What guy cares? Wrong. Sure, for quite a while, guys were not allowed to care about what sort of Skivvies they were slipping into, but now, fashion designers are sucking men everywhere into the vortex that was previously a strictly feminine realm. So what's your decision: Boxers or briefs?

Of course, you should wear whatever is comfortable. I mean, that seems logical. If it works for you, that's all that matters. Unfortunately, significant others everywhere see it as part of their business.

The famous sex columnist Dan Savage recently ran a "Tighty Whities" contest wherein he heralded the sexiness of plain old briefs. However, more than a few Will Rises frowned when they heard me talking about briefs. Apparently, those beloved white Hanes remind people of little kids and old men. When you're trying to be sexy, I don't think you want to be a member of either of these categories.

However, here's the answer: To my notion, they're just asumpy. They bunch and bind, and I'd have to argue that they'd only add to your allure — I'm trying to keep you away from all things silk, leopard-printed or otherwise ridiculous. Those underwear are a waste. Someone out there (who is wearing dignified underwear) is trying to keep you from getting any. How do I know this? Take off your pants to reveal your sexy extra thong to someone you love — see how they react. I promise, you won't be pleasantly surprised.

So here's the compromise: Try a boxerbrief. I mistakenly thought that almost every guy on the planet had started wearing these a few years back, but I was wrong. When wandering about, clipboard in hand, trying to ask people about their underments (without making a fool out of myself), I realized that not many guys out there wear boxerbriefs. It's sad, too, because my non-scientific poll revealed that most everyone who likes seeing guys in underwear prefers to see them in boxerbriefs. My statistics skills are rusty, but there's a correlation there somewhere.

In the end, you may have to adjust to the likes and dislikes of your sweetheart, but I urge you to be safe and satisfied with your underthings. Wear what makes you comfortable, but realize that someone, sometime, is going to have to see those highly personal garments, and I'd like to spare you all the embarrassment I possibly can.

If you love G-strings and pasties, more power to you. If you're more into cute days-of-the-week matching sets, that's fine, too.

Lingerie can be whatever you want it to be, whether it's the structural reinforcement offered by a bustier or corset, or the smooth comfort available in old-fashioned cotton — it all creates an image.

One of the great things about lingerie is that it is hidden. You might have to wear a blue-wool suit for a job interview, but no one can stop you from hiding your skankiest things underneath the corporate exterior. Lingerie is one section of your wardrobe that will forever allow you to play dress-up.

For those of you that aren't hardened lingerie junkies, studying the Frederick's of Hollywood catalogue or walking into Erotic Cabaret might be a little daunting. If you're uncomfortable, start with some easy shopping. Macy's in the Galleria has an excellent and expansive lingerie department that carries just about anything a novice lingerie-buyer could want and offers more variety than strip mall favorite Victoria's Secret.

If you're going for sex appeal, go for what looks good on you and what you feel comfortable in. If you put on a fuschia lace corset and feel like an idiot, you're not going to feel attractive. The bottom line is that no matter how much your significant (or insignificant) other might enjoy what's hiding under your jeans and T-shirts, it's still a personal decision.