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Fifteen students suspended

Suspicous take-home finals send 22 to Honor Council hearings

by Rachel Rautin

Twenty-two students in a class of about 40 undergraduates have been accused of breaking the honor code while taking their 2002 final in a lower-level science class.

Honor Council hearings began Oct. 30 and ended last week. Hearings involving 18 of the students were completed as of press time. Of those, 14 received an F in the class and a two-semester suspension. One student, who had been implicated twice before in Honor Council cases, received an F in the class and an infinite suspension.

Three students were found not in violation. "Any case involving multiple accused students has the potential of being more complicated than those involving one or two students, but the Council always looks at each person's situation carefully and on an individual basis," Honor Council Chair Joan Shreitler said.

An anonymous honor council member said a majority of the people

U. Court denied RUPD suspensions

by Mark Berenson

University Court has stopped receiving police reports from the Rice University Police Department and proceedings have been interrupted while the court works out an arrangement with RUPD to obtain information on incidents. Several cases have been postponed, and the court will not be hearing any new cases involving the police until a temporary solution is reached.

U. Court Chair Daniel Brickman said the situation began at the beginning of the semester, when RUPD started providing summaries of police reports to U. Court in place of full reports.

RUPD Chief Bill Tailor said his department stopped providing U. Court with full police reports after he was advised by the Office of the General Counsel over the summer that doing so could cause difficulties if Rice wished to handle a case through the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

Brickman, a Brown College senior, said he had been told that if anyone other than the police sees the full reports.

On-campus recruiting falls

by Olivia Allison

On-campus recruiting and hiring have both decreased this year, and proactive and creative tactics are key to attaining employment in this year's competitive job market, Career Services Director Cheryl Matherly said.

Fewer recruiters will be conducting interviews on campus than did last year, and the number of open positions has decreased. These results are consistent with a Michigan State University report "Recruiting Trends, 2002," which was featured in a Chronicle of Higher Education article Nov. 22, and reported that this year's graduating class faces a "tough labor market."

However, Matherly said students should not lose hope of finding a job. She said the best way to find a job — whether for the summer or after graduation — is to actively seek employment, rather than relying on recruiting on campus, because fewer companies have the resources to make campus visits.

"This is not a year you can be a passive job-seeker," she said. "We talk about the downturn in the job market, and it's true — there are fewer jobs out there — but there are jobs, and there are good jobs. What is also true, though, is that people who are being successful are also being a lot more active."

Applicants will have to clearly define the type of job they seek and remain active in the job search. Matherly said. Receiving an updated resume in the RICELink system through the Career Services Center's Web site is important, as is using other online job-finding services.

"Think about what you want to do, why you want to do it, then use as many means as you can to get your foot in the door at these places," she said.

Matherly also suggested looking for creative ways to get experience, such as finding a short-

University improves ID card security

by Mark Berenson

University community members obtaining a Rice identification card will soon be required to present government-issued photo identification, and Rice University Police Department will check official student records to ensure that only currently enrolled students will be given a new ID card.

RUPD Chief Bill Taylor said there is no definite timeline for implementation, but he hopes the system will be active at the start of next semester.

The impetus for the new procedure was that Rodrigues Montano, a 24-year-old male who posed as a student, was able to obtain an ID card during Orientation Week. Montano was caught in September when he went to the Registrar's Office to find out he had no university record, a problem he said he learned of when he could not get an e-mail account.

Montano was issued an ID card because he gave the RUPD clerk a valid ID number, which was what was previously required to get an ID card. Montano also presented a pay stub from a part-time job he had in a Houston restaurant. The pay stub had an Social Security number that matched the ID number he presented.

In the past, students whose student ID numbers did not match the Social Security number on their RUPD card were forced to go through the Harris County District Attorney's Office to obtain temporary ID cards. When the District Attorney's Office was not contacted, students were not allowed to bring their RUPD card into buildings.

"It is a very difficult process if you are not able to get into a building," Montano said.

When RUPD?-stolen ID card was turned in.

"I was able to present a pay stub, and the number matched perfectly," Montano said. "I didn't think it would work, but it did. It was a very easy process."

Report of salaries misleading, Rice claims

by Mark Berenson

A report that head football coach Ken Hatfield received the highest pay and benefits at Rice in the 2000-01 fiscal year is misleading Rice administrators said.

Hatfield's compensation was overstated due to accounting methods.

The Chronicle of Higher Education included the information in the Nov. 22 issue as part of the paper's annual review of salaries of college presidents and the five highest-paid employees at private universities.

The Chronicle reported that

Hatfield had received $810,190 in pay and benefits in the 2000-01 fiscal year. The other highest-paid employees at Rice were President Malcolm Gillis, who received $527,347 in pay and benefits, Vice President for Investments and Treasurer Scott Wier, who received $409,307, Chemistry Professor Richard Smalley, who received $389,800, and head men's basketball coach Willis Wilson, who received $378,057.

Vice President for Public Affairs Terry Shepard said the nature of Hatfield's contract inflated his salary for 2000-01.

"Like many coaches around the country, his contract includes a longevity clause," Shepard said.

"That is part of his salary is deferred and he collects it only if he stays a certain number of years."

Hatfield fulfilled a longevity clause in his contract in Dec. 2000 and received five years of $40,000 of witheld salary for each year, Shepard said.

Shepard also said Hatfield's deferred salary for the 2000-01 year was counted as a benefit, which led to some double-counting. Shepard said the level of deferred compensation is misleading Rice claims.

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Tuperware beware

The semi-annual Gilliss-Camacho study break is Sunday from 9-11:30 p.m. in the Student Center. Besides more food than a cruise line's buffet, there will be performances by various student groups.

Breaking for exams

This is the last issue of the Thresher for this semester. We will return Jan. 17, the first Friday of spring semester.
Breaking the code
The Honor Code is one of the things that makes Rice a great place to get an education, but not unless it is respected.

2002 Powderpuff was less rough than before
To the editor:
Today I finished my fourth season playing powderpuff football. While we (Baker College) unfortunately lost to Wiess College today in the first round of the playoffs, I had a great time this year. I'm sorry that Rachel Rustin had an unfortunate experience playing this year ("Final play has no place in powderpuff," Nov. 22), but I would wonder if that could be more attributable to her team than to the sport in general as she says.

 Obviously, I agree with her basic premise that there shouldn't be any cheating in powderpuff. However, since this year has been much less competitive than past years, I can't imagine what would be being cheated. This year, there have been at least as many, if not, "head-first smilers" (but no high-pitched shrieks or giggles — I don't know any team that does that) and as much concern over hurt fellow players as last year.

At the same time, I don't feel that anyone was holding back — I know I played as hard as I could, and I have no regrets about that. Yet, Baker managed to finish the season without any major injuries, as opposed to the three other teams in which I've played, during which I've experienced a concussion and knee of other players who have had torn ACLs, sprained ankles, broken jaws, etc.

If forced, I would attribute the change I have observed to the level of competitiveness to how Wiess has changed since my freshman year. When I arrived at Rice and started playing, they set the tone for the league — it was from them that we inherited the attitude — "win at all costs." But now, because of their evolution to a less bloodthirsty team, other teams are no longer forced to be as tough; this allows skill and finesse to rule the game, rather than brute force.

If anything has impaired my enjoyment of this year's playing, I would say it would be the coaches of opposing teams. Some of them are courteous, yes, but there have been the coaches that have ruined the game for both sides, through excessive negative yelling at their players, even to the extent of telling players to hurt opponents. Luckily, as far as I've noticed, the girls just ignore them. It anything, I would blame the people on the sidelines for any potential decline in "sportsmanship-like conduct" that Rustin has noticed, not the players on the field.

Katie Hallock
Baker senior

Special treatment for athletes widens gap
To the editor:
The Student Association Senate should be commended for the way they handled the Lifeline Physical Activity Program forum. It was a great step forward from the horrid student-athlete debate held last year, which essentially called all varsity athletes stupid and made them defend themselves and their sports while furthuring the misconception between students and athletes. This year it was made clear that for the most part, both parties (athletes and non-athletes) are united on their L-PAP views, which is definitely a step forward for their relationship.

Unfortunately, there is still one person pushing for special treatment for student athletes. While Wiess College sophomore Anna Reeve may have a point that varsity athletics are different from club and intramural sports, she did forget to say that this is similar to three types of athletics. They are optional, and athletes are just extracurricular activities. Whenever you play a sport, go to a club meeting, go to your job or go to Willy's Pub, you are saying that you are studying a second priority. The reason you rarely see student-athletes in Rice theater or as an athlete: They are optional. They may have a point that varsity athletics are different from club and intramural sports, but it is definitely a step forward for their relationship.

Rice College sophomore Anna Reeve

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Listening positively
The Rice University Police Department took the advice of students when they asked for a more secure system for issuing ID cards. (See Story, Page 1.)

RUPD is to be commended for its responsiveness to students and its willingness to continue to work to make the campus a safer environment. The gesture is far from hollow and is definitely appreciated.

We hope other campus departments will follow RUPD's example by being open to suggestions from the student body and willing to make changes, particularly when these changes affect student life.

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

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I cannot emphasize enough that this thing doesn't work with the law. RUPD officers do their best to provide a safe community where we can have fun. When they walk into a party following a complaint, they are just doing their jobs.

To me, the problem lies with both those who allow the alcohol policy and the students who flout it. I know it's hard, but if the alcohol policy at Rice, and we want to keep it, we have to use it wisely.

I've been at parties where someone called a noise complaint and I have found my friends looking on my friends' faces as the officers walked in. It is simple: Keep the drinks in your room and avoid crashes when they're held in cramped indoor quarters, but suck it up. Go outside for a breather if you need to.

The problem is that the parties have to make sure their friends don't wander outside with cups full of alcohol to avoid suspicion of a violation.

It was in elementary school and it's true now: No one likes a tattler.

If we fail to keep our alcohol in doors, then these relationships with students who have with RUPD will deteriorate, a potential crackdown on underage drinking at Rice will become more severe, and the rest of the students who don't respect it and the RUPD officers who are charged with treating the problem will see less reason to go outside to cool off.

The point is, if we respect the alcohol policy and the police in our buildings, they will respect our party as well.

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The main reason this is going on is because the students who are throwing the party are assholes; but regardless, if you dwell ext. 600, you're an asshole too.

We are very lucky to enjoy an environment at Rice that most colleges don't provide. Granted, there is ample evidence that Rice's student-created alcohol policy and Texas state law (some would say every state's law is not consensual-i.e., not consensual-where's the law), but we still lack the freedom to drink without authority responsibility.

An alcohol policy is an important part of our experience, but right now, it's being threatened by students and the university.
Committees look into Hatfield aftermath

by Mark Berenson
Chronicle News and Editorial Staff

Two committees met this week as part of the continuing effort to address head football coach Ken Hatfield's comments about homosexuals in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The President's Council on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Campus Climate met Tuesday for a meeting. The Rice University Athletics Committee, a university standing committee, also met Tuesday.

RUC Chair Robin Siclides, an economics professor, announced that President Malcolm Gillis has informed him that the RUC will conduct the review of the Athletics Department requested by the Student Association.

The Nov. 1 Chronicle article reported that Hatfield said he would probably think hard about removing a player who came out to him. Following the statement, the Faculty Council passed a resolution regarding Hatfield's comments and the SA passed a resolution calling for Hatfield to make a statement and for the administration to conduct a review of the Athletics Department.

Both local and national media covered Hatfield's comments and the reaction of the university community.

The President's Council on GLBT Campus Climate has about 12 faculty, staff and students. Gillis said the meeting went well, and he thinks the committee will be useful.

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### Dr. Bill Wilson grant awards $2150

by Aaron Heckelman

Sid Richardson College junior Bill Robertson, Rice College Junior Tannor Goldwasser, Rice sophomore Phil Levine and Martel College senior Vaso Bridges will use $8,150 to make Rice a better place.

The four students were named this week as the 2003-04 recipients of Dr. Bill Wilson Student Initiative Grants. The grants are awarded annually to students with plans to improve undergraduate life at Rice.

The grant program was established three years ago in honor of electrical and computer engineering Professor Bill Wilson, who celebrated his 30th anniversary as a Rice professor in 2000. A grant committee that includes Wilson reviews students' applications and chooses the most promising projects.

"The guidelines were that the [grant program] should be focused on starting something new, helping something new get off the ground," Wilson said.

Robertson will use his $550 grant to maintain the "Owlbay" Web site he launched earlier this year. He said he hopes to move the site, which serves as an online campus marketplace for students, from its current server to the Rice server.

Photo ID will be required to get Rice ID

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sent the remains of a destroyed ID card.

Taylor said if the proposed system had been in place, Montano would have not gotten an ID card.

"We wouldn't have online, and we wouldn't checked the same record," Taylor said. "We would say, 'yes, you're not on our list,' and we wouldn't sent him to the registrar.'

Taylor said students, faculty or staff coming to get an ID card would need to photo ID which could be a driver's license or a passport. The logistics of accessing only the part of the student record necessary to validate the status of a student are still being worked out with Administrative Systems.

Rec Center opens pro shop

The new "pro shop" capacity will be able to purchase at the Rice Recreation Center. The new "pro shop" also offers items that cannot be borrowed, such as rockets, marshmallows and insect repellent.

"We can provide only a certain degree of quality with our budget," Barnhouse said. "But some people want an additional level of quality. We want to be able to offer it to them at a price.

The pro shop will require no additional staff and is not likely to make a profit, Barnhouse said.

"We are looking to break even and provide a service to the faculty, students and staff," Barnhouse said. Rec Center users can buy items from the front desk during its normal operating hours.

"The pro shop seems like a good idea," Theater College freshman Phil Immo said. "It's a good idea, but I am not sure if I will ever use it. It's too expensive anything they sell, it will be a good service.

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### HOTS scholarship program honored

by Daniel McDonald

The High Order of the Owl Tailgate Society was recognized Nov. 13 for its scholarship program benefitting Rice students who are also descendants of Rice employees.

HOTS was named the 2002 Outstanding Fundraising Program at the Association of Fundraising Professionals’ annual Philanthropy Day luncheon.

The organization, which promotes institutional endowments in the Houston area with budgets of less than $250,000, is a national networking organization among those who have the opportunity to give or raise money for the schools.

"That's an easy policy change," Jerry Montag said. "I can't believe they haven't done it yet."
Jones Graduate School graduates' job offers plummet

Rice University is committed to maintaining an environment free of Sexual Harassment.

**Examples of Sexual Harassment**

Unwelcome Physical Advances
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- Air kisses, hugging, or other physical contact

Unwanted Sexual Advances
- Making reference to the sex of another person
- Encouraging participation in sexual activity

Unwelcome Verbal Behavior
- Unwelcome and unwelcome verbal requests
- Sexually suggestive jokes or innuendos

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**Where to Go for Help**

You may bring informal complaints to the attention of any of the following persons, as appropriate:

- College Masters
- Assistant Dean of Student Judicial Programs
- University Security
- Academic Deans
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Athletes make up majority of suspended

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We received no comment regarding these cases to the Honor Council, said she.

The Chronicle compiles this information from the University of Rice's Student Government Services Weekly, which is the tax returns of non-profit organizations, including higher education institutions, complete.

In terms of student conduct, any suspensions and deferred suspensions are results of community standards, which exclude the student conduct office.

**Gillis**' compensation ranking falls

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Hail to the Chief

Secretary of State Colin Powell's Chief of Staff, Colonel Lawrence Williamson, shared his thoughts on the effect of having two career military men heading up the State Department Tuesday. Williamson's visit to Rice, held in Farnsworth Pavilion, was sponsored by the Career Service Center and the Baker Institute Student Forum.

SA committee proposes spring calendar changes

by Ian Everhart

A special Student Association committee made academic calendar recommendations to the University Standing Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum in a memorandum, which the SA approved Monday.

The SA Ad Hoc Committee on the Academic Calendar wrote the memo regarding the 2004 spring semester vacations. The memo called for the addition of a two-day recess around Presidents' Day weekend to interrupt the long initial part of the semester and divide the semester into two "lobes" of seven weeks apiece.

There is not yet a definite schedule for the spring 2004 semester, but the intention is to fit the university's vacation periods to those of the Houston Independent School District. Speaker of the Faculty Jack Zammito, a history professor, said at the Sept. 11 faculty meeting. The HISD vacation periods have yet to be announced.

"We understand why the faculty wants to have the spring break later," Bryan Deblin, a Wiess College junior and member of the Ad Hoc committee, said. "It's a big deal having spring break with your kids.

He said the concern of the committee was the tentative HISD spring break schedule for spring 2004 would put the weeklong break after the ninth week of classes, rather than dividing the semester into two seven-week parts, or right and six and six.

Deblin said nine weeks is a long stretch for any student and changing the schedule would shift the semester more evenly, like first semester with fall break and Thanksgiving break.

"We do understand that there is a contingent of the faculty who would rather not have the two-day break to make the semester days more even," Deblin said.

He said concerns about an even number of complete five-day weeks, needed for labs, are unfounded because there are 13 full weeks in both semesters.

James Pomerantz, chairman of the CUC and psychology professor, said although the committee received the memo, it does not plan to take any action until January. He said there was not time to discuss scheduling issues at Wednesday's meeting. He also said the committee does not usually discuss such issues.

"Students had mixed reactions to the memo. Some, like Myers College sophomore Kipster McCollum, said they favored a short recess early in the semester.

"The nine and five (week division) without a break somewhere would be a bit much," Cole said. "I know when fall break came, I was completely worn out and I needed those two days to recover."

She said delaying the recess would send students back into classes right after midterm exams.

Others, though, like Wiess senior Ben Johnson, said they didn't mind the lack of a break in the first half of the spring semester.

"College kids get an ample amount of free time throughout the rest of the year," Johnson said. "My problem is that this continues the trend of lack of communication between the administration and the student body. The parking gates, the commencement speaker, key to the kitchen... are all examples of miscommunication."

"Wiess senior Tom Hayes said he also thinks there was a problem with the response."

"Student interest is reactive instead of proactive," Hayes said. "Right now people are reacting to the fact that schedules are going to change this year, and [it] was a couple years ago that they actually changed it."

"Hayes said the tactic of reacting to an imminent problem is flawed because any changes that occur now will only be implemented several years hence."

"The administration should have asked our input but a secondary problem is that students didn't do anything at the time," Hayes said. "And now everybody's up in arms."

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U. Court working on permanent replacement for police reports

The majority of our cases would never end up in Harris County, as well as the fact that there have been any problems in the 15 years of our existence." Brickman said.

"In one case, Brickman said a summary stated an underage student was wearing a wire band, when both the student and the officer involved in the incident testified in U. Court the student was not wearing a wire band. Brickman said he would be even more concerned if the summaries were accurate based on the police report, because it implies factual errors exist in the police report.

Another problem occurred at a trial on Nov. 20, when an officer was called to testify at the formal hearing for a case. Brickman said he spoke with the officer about a week before the hearing and the officer was cooperative. However, when the officer testified at the formal hearing, he was too vague, at which point Brickman said he asked the officer to be more specific. The officer said Taylor told him he could not describe details verbatim from the police report.

Brickman said information in police reports remains privileged if an officer testifies about the police report if he doesn't read verbatim from it. Taylor said RUPD would continue to uphold police reports from U. Court.

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Brickman said he felt there was a significant chance that in this case, the sanctions would have been more severe if U. Court had received full testimony from the officer or received a police report.

Taylor Garcia, Vice President for Student Affairs Zenado Caruncho, Assistant Dean for Student Judicial Programs Patricia Bass and Brickman met to discuss the situation and the concerns Brickman had with the current reporting system. Bass did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Brickman said that in cases in which information in a police report could impact the outcome of the case, an officer would be invited to come to a hearing if U. Court felt that was necessary.

Taylor said he felt the only workable permanent solution would involve a written summary.

"I feel that some sort of factually correct, written summary that contains all the pertinent details is one of the most feasible solutions, and maybe the only solution," Brickman said.

Taylor said part of the reason for the situation between U. Court and RUPD in Brickman is dedicated to U. Court's effective functioning.

"Daniel has put a lot of work into his responsibilities with the court," Taylor said. "What it has created is that he cares that the information he uses is accurate — that's what we're after.

"Taylor said RUPD and U. Court have similar goals.

"We appreciate [Brickman's concerns] — these things should be treated with the level of importance," Taylor said. "We are on the same page that they are, and we want to make it that they are able to go through cases successfully."

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**FAR FROM HEAVEN**

Jonathan Schumack

The film's heroine is Cathy Whitaker (Julianne Moore), the quintessential 1950s wife and mother. Her husband Frank (Dennis Quaid) is a high-ranking executive at the Magnatech Corporation. Together, they are Mr. and Mrs. Magnatech, the perfect couple.

"Far from heaven" is a delicious look at difficult era. In the 1950s, homosexuality was considered a medical condition that could be "cured." After Cathy walks in on Frank kissing another man, he is shocked off of a psychiatric treatment. He is particularly heart-breaking scene, a tired, gray-eyed Frank explains that he just wants to heal this thing — homosexuality — as if he were suffering from a disease like cancer. Haynes does not allow Frank or any of the other characters to turn into caricatures. He is determined to show everyone's humanity and internal conflicts.

Though he appears to be the ideal husband, Frank is hiding his homosexuality from his family and community.

At the beginning of the film, their lives consist of late nights at the office and for Frank and cocktail parties with friends. A couple, but this does not suit the surface. Hidden desire and dark secrets lie beneath the shiny exterior.

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**LONE SURFER**

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**THE LONE SURFER**

This is the story of a drifter who, despite his hatred for his job, excels at it. His work takes on the job of building a wave for a surfer. This story is told by a young Japanese surfer. His name is Tadashi. He is Japanese and is a surfer. He is related to the main character in the story. He is the fourteen-year-old daughter of one of the protagonists who works in the beach bums and the new tradition. Rothbart's story is so carefully constructed that as a reader, the narrative is a girl is only 14 easily slipped my mind. Instead of living the story of an ordinary teenager, I experienced his long, aching and self-disguising.

The greatest strength of Rothbart's stories is that no matter how seemingly bizarre his characters are, they are.

- The Lone Surfer of Montana
- Kansas

Granted, not every reader may be willing to accept the emotional agony from what is, aside from its emotional authenticity, a book of light reading. Only 124 pages long, "The Lone Surfer of Montana, Kansas" will probably take no more than three hours for a fast reader, perhaps six for an average reader. Unlike thrillers work particularly well on you to which case you might find yourself slogging through (and bored by strangers), the book makes a good read for a flight home.
WHEN NUCLEAR FAMILIES EXPLODE

Jonathan Schumann
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Going home for the holidays? Worried about that awkward family dinner, those weird aunts and uncles and those annoying little cousins? So your mom may be overprotective, and your siblings may have moved into your old room, but it could be worse, right? If you think your family could not get any worse, just check out any one of these films; they are guaranteed to make your family look normal.

Sibling Rivalry

Sadie and Georgia Flood, Georgia

In this excellent independent film, Jennifer Jason Leigh stars as Sadie Flood, an aspiring singer with motivation to spare but no talent. Former Brat Packer Marc Winemiller is Georgia, Sadie's successful but passionless folk-singing sister. Leigh is smug as a woman who will never escape her sister's shadow, while Winemiller is a revelation in a subtle, restrained performance.

Jane and Blanche Hudson,
What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?

Talk about bad relations. In this classic camp horror film, Bette Davis and Joan Crawford star as the quintessential pair of dueling sisters. Joan (Davis) is an aged child star who has never gotten over her early stardom. She lives in an unkempt Hollywood mansion with her paralyzed sister, Blanche (Crawford). Jane is cruel and tortuous to Blanche, perhaps most memorably when she serves Blanche a plate of raw fish for dinner. In the just-fun-to-see classic performances of the two iconic actresses slumming it in B-movie territory.

Samantha and Terry Prescott,
You Can Count on Me

In Kenneth Lonergan's flawless character study, Laura Linney and Mark Ruffalo excel as Samantha and Terry Prescott, two estranged dysfunctional siblings. Samantha is an overbearing single mother in upstate New York, and Terry is a has-been drifter who bounces from small town to small town across the country. When Terry drops in for an unexpected visit, control freak Samantha loses it. Lonergan perfectly captures the complex relationship grown-up siblings have, and Linney and Ruffalo have never been better.

Hank and Jacob Mitchell, A Simple Plan

When brothers Hank and Jacob Mitchell (Bill Paxton and Billy Bob Thornton) find a bag full of money in the middle of the woods, their lives are changed forever. Should they find the owner of the money? Report it to the police? Keep it for themselves? These are the questions that plague Hank, who has a pregnant wife (Lindsey Fiorentino) and a thankless job, and Jacob, who leads a sad, lonely existence. The money that initially brought hope and promise eventually drives a stake between the two.

"Families don't get more eccentric than this."

There are some deeper problems here ...

The Hood Family and the Carver Family,
The Ice Storm

Ang Lee's portrait of family life during the sexual revolution is a searing look at infidelity, loneliness and the search for fulfillment. Kevin Kline is Ben Hood, a Connecticut businessman who is sleeping with his next door neighbor (Joan Allen), while the family is shown in a state of flux as traditional portrayals of these characters as sympathetic, tragic figures, their children mirror their reckless behavior. Lee is smug as a woman who will never escape her sister's shadow, while Winemiller is a revelation in a subtle, restrained performance.

Well, I'm glad she's not my mother ...

Lilly Dillon, The Grifters

Not only does icy con artist Lilly (Angelica Houston) scam gamblers at the horse races, but she also carries on a not-too-savory relationship with her small-con played by John Cusack. She battles for his affections with a sleazy femme fatale, Myra, played by Annette Bening, who has hopes of pulling off one last big scam. So what does Lilly do? Only what every heartless, gun-toting mafia moll would do — she shoots Myra in the head, and after failing to win over her son, she slits his throat, takes his money and hits the road. How's that for motherly love?

Marietta Pace Fortune,
Wild at Heart

In David Lynch's perverse dreamscapes of Southern romance, Marietta (Diane Ladd) attempts to rein the romance between her daughter, Lula (real-life daughter Laura Dern) and Sailor (Nicolas Cage). To do this, Marietta unleashes a motley team of hit men and assassins to chase Lula and Sailor across Lynch's vision of the Gothic South. In the end, love wins out, but Marietta's shell crackles resonantly on the background.

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I like unique people, but these families are just a little too weird ...

The Tenenbaum Family,
The Royal Tenenbaums

Wes Anderson's comedy about an abnormally eccentric New York City brood has already become a cult classic. Gene Hackman is Royal, the patriarch to a family of burnt-out child geniuses. Gwyneth Paltrow is Margot, a former playwright; Ben Stiller is Richie, a former tennis star. Anderson's deadpan sense of humor is top-notch, while his choice of music is refreshing. And let's face it — families don't get more eccentric than this.

The Larson Family, Home for the Holidays

In Jodie Foster's sophomore directing effort, Holly Hunter plays Claudia Larson, a recently fired art restorer who visits her parents on Thanksgiving. Joanne Woodward is her chain-smoking, wig-wearing mom, and Charles Durning is her compulsively eating father. Add in Robert Downey Jr. as her gay, eccentric-peddling brother and Cynthia Stevenson as her seemingly perfect, super-mom sister, and your family looks pretty normal by comparison.
I haven't seen this, so I don't know what to say, I hope Santa brings everyone from the Scooby Doo gang a change of clothes, because they have been wearing the same stuff for years.

Frosty the Snowman and Frosty Returns
Dec. 14, 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., CBS
Frosty taught me all about life and death and that poinsettias are tropical plants.

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
Dec. 15, 8 p.m., NBC
Upon seeing this movie, did anyone else think that a squirrel would come screeching out of their Christmas tree?

I can never get enough of Ralphie and Randy and that lamp that looks like a woman's leg.

Fat Albert Christmas Special
Dec. 23, 8 p.m., NBC
Hey, hey, hey! It's Christmas time!

That is just a brief selection of the shows. I thought some of us might want to return to, to help us reflect upon our youth as we enjoy yet another holiday season. For a schedule of more holiday shows, go to www.tvguide.com, as they have been so kind as to set up a whole section devoted to detailing every show with any remote connection to the holidays is airing.

For some reason, after watching The Rookie, I have come into my own as a filmmaker. I suggest that he will continue his success in film. Every detail, from the pitch-perfect production and costume design to the lously written, directed and produced films of the last several years. Every detail, from the pitch-perfect production and costume design to the occasionally stilled dialogue in the win of Leave It to Beaver, is intentional and carefully placed. Almost reminiscent of American Beauty in its portrayal of the family and the search for the American ideal. For From Heaven emerges superior. It substitutes American Beauty's use of shock with emotion; here it is what you don't see that is most disturbing.

For From Heaven will certainly emerge as a favorite when awards season comes around; expect the film and its performers to make Oscar's short list.

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**Lady Owls open home slate with weekend tournament**

**by Adam Tahakis**

After a rough four-game road trip to start the season 1-3, the Lady Owls finally play their first home game of the season this weekend in the Gene Hackerman Rice Invitational.

Rice faces Idaho State University tonight at 7 p.m., following the 5 p.m. game between Northwestern State University and the University of Arkansas. Tomorrow night will see another doubleheader, with the consolation game at 5 p.m. and the tournament championship at 7 p.m.

Many expected the Lady Owls to challenge for the WAC championship this year, but they stumbled out of the gate with losses to Big 12 opponents Colorado and Nebraska before finishing runner-up in last weekend's North Star Invitational in Fairbanks, Alaska. After defeating Elon University 80-69 in the tournament opener, the Lady Owls fell to the University of Wyoming in the championship game. In its three losses, Rice has been outscored by a combined 49 points in the second half alone.

"We didn't have great consistency in different positions on the floor and from one half to the next," assistant coach Woolly Hatchell said. "We haven't played as well as we'd like in the second half of most of these games.

Despite the rough start, junior center Johnetta Hayes said the Lady Owls are not getting down on themselves.

"It's been frustrating, but it's not that bad," Hayes said. "It's been frustrating, but it's not that bad."
Despite loss, UT meet a plus for swim team

Alyson Washington

by Debbie Miller

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2002

The Big Blue could not overcome the Owls on Saturday as the Owls won eight of the 14 events, but the Longhorns prevailed in part because they have 24 swimmers, compared to Rice’s 11.

"It was impressive with the number of close races and how many times we came out not expecting to win," said senior co-captain Elaine Voight. "Elaine has swum incredibly well the last several meets and tonight was no exception. Her start was a little slower than I expected, but she made up for it and won the race.

The Owls were able to show some hostility towards next year, the Owls have to come in and raise their game a little longer than I expected."

The Owls had so much fun. Swimming so close races and how many times we came out not expecting to win," said junior co-captain Laura Healey. "It’s exciting to play around forward to the home crowd for the meet. The Owls have a chance to swim in the pool — you know the walls, and you know the starting blocks. Having your friends there cheering for you makes it that much more fun.

‘Having the meet at home was very important... Having your friends there cheering for you makes it that much more fun.’

— Laura Healey Freshman swimmer

\[\text{The setting situation at the beginning of the season took a little longer than I expected [to straighten out].} \]

— Morales said.

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Pictorial Review Fall 2002

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FRIDAY

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24-7 Prayer

24-7 Prayer continues its week-long prayer meeting in Brown College's new library. It will continue until 1 p.m. on Wednesday. For more information or to sign up, visit www.phractal.net.

"Back when I was a freshman, people actually cared about classes on campus (blah blah blah)."

KTRU is holding a "Shutdown + 2 years" TG in the Kelley Lounge of the Rice Memorial Center from 2 to 6 p.m. Come for free Krispy Kreme donuts and Papa John's pizza. You can also silk screen your own KTRU T-shirt, enter the KTRU sticker-making contest and meet KTRU DJs.

Don't be late, or you might be "Russian" over there!

Director of the Russian Institute for Cultural Research (St. Petersburg branch) Liliyana M. Morosova delivers a lecture entitled "Towards a New Perception of Communication," sponsored by the Center for the Study of Cultures. It will take place in Humanities Building, Room 118 at 6 p.m. For more information, contact culture@rice.edu.

SATURDAY

No rest for the weary.

Self-scheduled exams begin today and end Dec. 18. Since you're procrastinating anyway...

Come for a day of basketball at Autry Court. The men's basketball team takes on state rival Lamar University at 2:30 p.m. Afterwards, the women's team hosts the championship and consolation games of the annual Gene Hackerman Rice Invitational at 5 and 7 p.m., respectively.

Learn to appreciate Destinies on a whole new level.

HACER holds its annual powederpuff game tonight. The procession is from 6 to 7 p.m., and dinner and entertainment will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center. Admission is $4 for students. For more information, contact hacer@rice.edu.

Powderpuff final

The powderpuff championship game begins at 7 p.m., and Riders College takes on Sid Richardson College.

SUNDAY

Studio reports indicate that roles of Gillis and Camacho will be played by Marlon Brando and John Leguzamo, respectively.

Come to the world-renowned Gillis-Camacho Study Brisk, "Going Hollywood." It runs from 9 to 11:30 p.m. in the Rice Memorial Center and features free food, entertainment and picture-taking with Gillis and Camacho.

MONDAY

Come on, you lose more blood in an average powderpuff game.

The Rice Student Volunteer Program and the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center invite all members of the Rice community to participate in the campus-wide blood drive. You may donate in Fannin Pavilion and the Martel Commons from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, or in the Weiss Commons from noon to 4 p.m. tomorrow. For more information, contact crvpg@rice.edu.

Auditions for King Lear

Baker College Theatre is holding experimental auditions for the title role of King Lear for their spring production. Auditions will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Baker College Library. For more information, contact ryeann@rice.edu.

WEDNESDAY

I hope you know that the blood will go down on your permanent record.

Scheduled exams begin today and self-scheduled exams continue. Both conclude Dec. 18.

WEDNESDAY

"You son-of-a-bitch ball, why don't you just go home? That's your home! Are you too good for your home?"

Last call: All take-home exams, last-minute essays and final projects must be turned in by 5 p.m. Basketball game

The men's basketball team plays St. Edwards at Autry Court at 7:05 p.m.

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Saturday, December 6

1. Ladies Basketball Tournament (7 p.m.)
2. Houston Women Invitational (7 p.m.)
3. Men's Basketball Tournament (7 p.m.)
4. Women's Basketball Tournament (7 p.m.)
5. Men's Basketball Tournament (7:30 p.m.)

Rice Student Center

"Let's stand if, okay?"

Today is the first day of classes for the spring semester. Remember, you still have two weeks to shop for classes.
Rice to charge alumni retroactive tuition

by Phil Bunge

In light of a declining endowment and a recent hiring freeze, the Rice University Board of Trustees has announced a new plan to charge tuition to all alumni. The heart's policy will apply to all graduates before 1963, the first year Rice charged tuition. In those instances in which the alumni have passed away, Rice will charge their families retroactive tuition. As to the reasons for such a drastic measure, President Malcolm Gillis said, "We all know there's no such thing as a free lunch."

"[W]e decided to stop inflation adjustment at the year of death," — Nell Bond

Associate vice president for Finance and Administration

Asked for a somewhat more reasonable explanation, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs John Hutchinson responded straightforwardly:

"When you don't know how to do something, you draw triangle. It make them think you're smart." — Dr. Faso

"I'm not talking about sex," Just fooling around.
— Will Rice freshman girl

"Many in the Rice community have been unaware of this recent announcement by the board. Confronted by protests that charging families of deceased alumni is "downward mobility and simply theft," Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration Nell Bond disagreed. "We look into this consideration and decided to stop inflation adjustment at the year of death," Bond said. Present in the house of whether the large increase in funds might lower the tuition cost of student tuition, Bond laughed.

"They're going to eat rice. Fuck, no, I stress ejaculation from my apartment. Goddamn it."
— Wearingレンitive for possible eviction

"The idea is to just be a little bit more conservative."

Classifieds — (n.) a trading place of goods or services. See also: my pants, your pants, and the hedges.

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STUDENT disciplined by Honor Council

Sid Richardson College junior Jeff Bezos was reported last week for working with José Cuervo on a pledge deal-home assignment. Citing stipulations that all workers must be present without the help of another individual, the Honor Council has continued its trend towards stricter interpretation of the Honor Code. In a statement made prior to the assignment, the Honor Council wrote: "We don't care who he did the assignment with. If he got a name, that's enough for me."

Student ready for awkward Gillis conversation

Martel College sophomore Daniel Allison is now emotionally prepared for the uncomfortable exchange he must have with law professor and former SGA member Amy Gillis at the upcoming Gillis-Camacho Study Break.

"It sucks, because he's standing there looking at the food, so you have to talk to him. But no matter how many times you meet him, he's not going to leave."

He said he has been preparing himself for the meeting by talking with strange people at parties with whom he feels his only common thread is going to Rice.