Baseball wins Rice's first team national title

by Jonathan Yardley  
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Baseball team, fans makes us proud

For "what they did over their summer vacation," no group of Rice students deserves more praise than the varsity baseball team, which has Stanford University as its NCAA College World Series in Omaha, Neb. this past June. The team's remarkable season, which included a 30-game winning streak last spring, brought great pride to a university whose sports programs are often ignored or ridiculed.

Second on our summer praise list, though, is the surprisingly large group of students, staff, faculty and alumni who drove to Omaha and cheered the Owls on from the stands. Thanks to the players for making us proud, and thanks also to the fans, who showed the players, their fellow students and themselves that athletics do mean something at this school. Sports at Rice might be even more successful if students would show this level of support for their teams more often, even when they are not competing for a national championship.

Staff member works to kill apathy

When members of the Rice community complain about the Rice community, it is often related to the perception of students, faculty and staff being ignorant or apathetic toward the "real world" outside the hedges. No such complaint can be made about KTRU General Manager Will Roberde.

As vice chairman of Collegiate Broadcasters, Inc., Roberde helped successfully negotiate reduced recent restrictions on small, nonprofit college radio stations — restrictions which were set by the Librarian of Congress and which included high fees for radio webcasts and excessively extensive requirements for record-keeping.

Thanks to Roberde's efforts this past summer, the webcasting fee structure was shaped by canine, tentative and poorly-made Hollywood comedies. Having completed six semesters at Rice with outstanding degrees, I'd like to offer some sage advice to anyone who frankly should have known better.

1. Take care of your friends. Getting sick in college stacks even more than getting sick at home. If you know someone gets a cold, food poisoning or some other nasty bug, help them out however you can, even if it just means e-mailing them paper towels or handing over that single Adib's who gave you a ride to a doctor or pharmacy receipt.

2. Remember to call your parents at least once a week. It will make them feel better, and it will help keep you anchored to who you are. It can also help avoid calls from your parents at inopportune times, demanding to know why you never call them.

3. Don't buy the college system hype. I like the college system, but do not assume that those lifelong friends you're supposed to make are going to materialize immediately and live on your hallways. Hell, some of them might not even live on campus, and you may not even meet them during your first semester. You should try things at your college, whether it's participating in college government, planning activities or playing a college sport. But if it's not a good fit for you, don't feel like a social reject. Just find things to do outside your college to help you find your niche. I met a large majority of my friends outside of college, and this hobby is true for a number of people I know.

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Finally, shoppers and diners get options

We love the grid of cold cut trays and Willy's Pub beer as much as every Rice student (however much that may be), but we are also glad to hear that a Smoothie King and a Target vending machine are coming soon to or already installed in the Student Center.

It is great to have more culinary and convenience options available in the central portion of campus, and it is particularly since students will be able to use their student IDs at the Smoothie King. And since Rice is one of only 100 universities in the nation to have a Target vending machine on campus, the school can boast of having more than just the annual "Best Buy" appellation on its resume.

We hope Rice will continue to expand the availability of amenities on campus. And instead of pigeonholing students into college servers, we also hope Rice will revise its meal plans to include these new options as they become available.

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I'm part of the problem

Surviving on the set of 'Revenge of the Nerds'

Welcome to Rice University. It's like a whole other country — or a "Revenge of the Nerds" movie. Be prepared for the fact that everyone will be out to get you. Half of my visions of academia were shaped by "Revenge of the Nerds" and critically unique independent radio industry. It only proves that this new regulations would have hurt the station, but they certainly helped successfully negotiate reduced recent restrictions on vending machine on campus, the school can boast more than just the a powerful impact on the outside world.

It is refreshing to see an almost wholly altruistic effort by a Rice

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Feminism is only dirty to close-minded.

The word "feminism" has had a bad name for 30 years. Ever since 1972, when Phyllis Schlafly and her right-wing allies launched their campaign against the Equal Rights Amendment — a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would have made gender discrimination unconstitutional — anti-feminist rhetoric has become increasingly common for people to begin femininity-oriented statements with. "I'm not a feminist, but..."

People are afraid to identify themselves as feminists because they think they disagree with feminists on relevant issues. Feminism is now widely associated with the stereotype of the man-hating woman who has an aversion to shaving her legs and a penis for brushing her hair.

You know, that view to funny. I spent my summer as an intern at a women's organization in Washington, D.C., and guess how many times I encountered man-hating women who are in favor of shaving their legs and penises for brushing their hair? Never. A quick survey found that 92 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds who have aversions to shaving their legs and a penis for brushing their hair are American women. This stereotype of women who are man-hating. I'm pretty sure that the population wouldn't be growing right now.

There are many different types of feminism; second-wave feminism, third-wave feminism, radical, cultural — the list goes on and on. The diverse multitude of women is, however, that is people of every generation, race, religion and political stance who should be granted the same political, social and economic freedoms. Correct if I'm wrong, but this principle is really not that revolutionary. In fact, striving for equality in the workplace is only what the man-hating woman who has an aversion to shaving her legs and a penis for brushing her hair would not be intervening directly in.

The New York Times

The recent conflict are Iraq and Liberia. The Iraqis didn't ask to be free from Saddam Hussein; they are still being waited to be liberated by the United States Army.

On the other hand, Liberia's civil war began when the United States sent troops to protect the nearly 20,000 Liberians who were living in the United States. We did, but rather believe that the country. President George W. Bush made it clear that the U.S. would not be interfering directly in the Liberian conflict, but would support the direct intervenion of local warlords.

Bush's lack of consistency and rationality extends far beyond the troubled Middle Eastern and African regions.

In the case of Iraq, America went to war in the Gulf War in 1990 to protect the oil-rich nation. In 1998, it fired a cruise missile attack on Libya. In 1999, it launched a military operation in Serbia. In 2003, it launched a military operation in Afghanistan. It is almost certain that the U.S. will launch a military operation in Iraq at some point in the near future.

But it seems diversity is a word we use constantly without necessarily being conscious of the deeper meaning attached to it. We do this with a lot of words, but with "diversity," it's especially dangerous.

In particular, many Rice students don't know how to realize in what diversity is an all-important keyword. For instance, you can't call 10 out of 10 women 10 percent difference, or you can't. The kind of people who have trouble with this concept, often surprisingly me. They are so often you can't stop yourself to make sense of other people's viewpoint. For instance, I find that many people at Rice will minimize or simply the religious beliefs of others, which is something I think is not harmful but it's a matter of perspective.

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Rice Owls Athletics...
Let Yourself Go
2003 NCAA National Champions and if that wasn t enough the Owls took home the WAC Baseball title for the 8th consecutive year.
Football
The Owls defeated the defending WAC Champion, LA. Tech, in the first ever collegiate game at Reliant Stadium. Two former Owls were picked in the 2003 NFL draft.
Men s Basketball
Kim Lawson became the Rice women s all-time assists leader with a career total of 471.
Women s Soccer
Caitlin Currie was named to the WAC all tournament team, a first for Rice. Rice hosted the WAC championships in 2002.
Volleyball
Rice ended the season with an 18-16 overall record securing its 13th winning season in school history. Rebecca Pazo finished the season with 562 kills, the second-best single-season mark in school history.

Academic highlights
The graduation rate of those who have exhausted their athletic eligibility for the 10 years of entering classes from 1986 to 1995 was 98%, good enough for Rice to rank first in the WAC and fourth among NCAA Division I-A institutions.

The Rice football team has been honored for its graduation rate by the American Football Coaches Association sixteen years in a row, the fourth longest streak in the nation.

Rice is number one in the nation in Golf All-American Scholar Athletes with 20 scholar athletes between 1985 and 2002.

In the spring of 2003, Allison Beckford from indoor track and field and Mandy Mularz from women s swimming both were honored with the prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

For the 2002-2003 school year 21 students have been named Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All District VI. This represents the largest number of Rice student athletes honored for this award during a single year.

For the 2002-2013 school year new student athletes studied abroad. The sports for which represented were volleyball, men s tennis, women s basketball and women s tennis.

For 2003, Adam Davis (men s cross country) and Amanda Felder (women s cross country) were named the Dr. Hubert E. Bray Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Champions On The Field
And Off!!!
Students' lawsuit against Rice proceeding

Temporary injunction denied, trial date set

by Mark Birenson

Mardel College senior Brooke Law and Weiss College senior Krista Law's request for a temporary injunction against Rice was denied in May. The injunction would have allowed Katter Law to graduate despite an Honor Code violation that led to both students' suspension.

The trial, which was married last summer, was appealed the judge's denial of the temporary injunction. However, a trial date has been set for next spring should the appeal not be successful.

In the lawsuit, the claims that their due process as described in the honor code's blue book and the university's General Announcements was violated through the nature of the hearing and appeals process, the Law's lawyer, Allan Cusse, said in May.

According to several legal documents the Laws filed in their original request for a temporary injunction, one of the supposed violations of their rights was that witnesses were not present at their second hearing, which occurred when President Malcolm Gillis granted them a rehearing based on procedural errors in their first hearing.

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Associate General Counsel

The action came from the position of the Mardel Chemistry Professor James Tour and Associate Chemistry Professor Seiichi Matsuda, who taught the course, accused the Laws on two separate occasions of collaborating on two exams.

At the May 19 temporary injunction hearing, both the Laws and former Student Honor Council ChairShreel Poddar (Lowett '10), who had presided over both of the Laws' hearings, gave testimony. Harris County District Court Judge Tony Lindsey received numerous council documents as evidence and heard arguments from lawyers representing both sides.

After reviewing the evidence, Judge Lindsey denied the request for a temporary injunction and set a trial date. According to the court's chief clerk, Andrew Bohn, the trial was set for a research window beginning April 3, 2004, although she added that the date could be pushed back if any continuances are granted.

Rice Associate General Counsel Carlos Garcia said he finds the comments made by the judge when denying the appeal of the Laws' case.

'It is important that the judge noted that if the Laws had been able to prove their contentions, she believed that they would be entitled only to a new hearing,' Garcia said. Cease not could not be reached for comment on the denial of the temporary injunction as he is out of town in a legal conference.

On June 6, the Laws appealed the case to the 14th Court of Appeals. Briefs have been filed in the appeal and oral briefs are likely to follow. However, no oral arguments, which are scheduled at the court's discretion, have been planned, nor is it known when the court will rule.

Vice President for Public Affairs Terry Shepard said the university could not comment on Rice having prevailed in May's temporary injunction hearing because of the ongoing nature of the legal matter and the confidentiality provided by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

Rice University's lawsuit is based on sufficient and probable cause, which exists when there is a reasonable belief, on the basis of all facts and circumstances, that a student has violated the Student Honor Code. The lawsuit is part of the university's efforts to protect the integrity of Rice's educational community.

Prior said, "He was obviously hesitant to begin with because he didn't want to be caught." Prior said, "I wasn't until the next morning he voluntarily made a statement of his participation.

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Greenwood Police Officer

The Daily Journal, the Johnson County, Ind. newspaper reported Aug. 8 that Greenwood Police also found numerous credit cards, gift cards in his vehicle, and they suspect that Penny or someone else could have programmed the magnetic strips on the credit cards and gift cards to use them for purchases and ATM withdrawals.

Penny was held on $92,000 bond in the Johnson County jail on eight charges: three identity theft charges, two fraud, one forgery, one obstruction of justice and one false information, according to the Daily Journal.

Campus security is a high priority at Rice, and the university will continue to take steps to ensure the safety of its students.

The university has implemented a number of initiatives to enhance campus security, including increased security patrols, enhanced lighting, and improved access control systems.

The university is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for students, faculty, and staff, and we are dedicated to ensuring that all members of the university community feel safe and protected.

The university will continue to work closely with local law enforcement agencies to address any concerns and take appropriate action to address any threats to campus safety.

The university values the cooperation and support of the local community in maintaining a safe and secure campus environment.

The university will continue to prioritize the safety and security of all members of the campus community, and we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for everyone.

Best of luck to all students at Rice University. We wish you much success with your academic endeavors.

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Fund raising continues

The Daily Journal reported that Penny's parents bailed him out of jail.

Prior said the Postal Authority Federal Task Force that the assistant agent in charge spearheaded the investigation. The charges fell under federal jurisdiction because the penny opened two or three mailboxes through Mail Bags, etc. under fictitious names to mail fraudulent materials, and two packages, one from Canada and one to be shipped to Canada, were also discovered in his vehicle.

Prior said paperwork found in Penny's apartment in Greenwood seems to suggest that he had been in Greenwood since the end of May or early June. Evidence was also found that suggests Penny made stops in Minneapolis, Texas, and Louisville. Ky.

Bill Penny, William Penny's father said, he believed that his son is safe. He declined to comment further.

Bill and Linda Penny filed a missing person's report with the Fort Worth Police Department Jan. 4. A missing person's report was also submitted to Greenwood Penn's drug activity and the police could not actively pursue him.

The Penny's also hired a private investigator to help in the search for their son.

Greenwood Detective Doug Rolla said that the police could not be reached for comment as he is currently on assignment out of town.

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Freshman class size on target

By Ian Everhart

The class of 2007 is slightly larger than recent classes but otherwise very similar, according to Vice President for Enrollment Alan Wright. "It looks as if we came in right on target," Wright said. Rice admitted 717 freshmen and 63 transfer students this year, for a total of 780 new students. Of the transfers, 13 were athletes.

"When we did the enrollment analysis for this year we had a much larger gap to fill with new students than we had last year," Wright said. "We generally deliberately plan to oversubscribe yield rates."

Rice received over 7,500 freshman applications for admission this year, up from 7,079 last year. Of those, 1,850 were admitted, a rate of 24 percent, a figure which held steady from last year. The yield rate was forty percent, with 727 students choosing to enroll.

Figure from daily ridership counts conducted Aug. 4-8 show that demand for the Greenbriar shuttle peaked between the hours of 9 and 10 a.m. (about 6 riders) and 4 and 5 p.m. (about 7 riders). The group did not cut hours from its previous years, 92 as compared to 91 this year. The group was also able to change the route to maximize efficiency. Instead of running through the West Loop and stopping at the bus shelters, Radulescu said, the shuttle will exit the Inner Loop at Alumni Drive and reenter campus at Entrance 1 after stopping at the Graduate Apartments.

A key part of the new shuttle service is a more regulated schedule, Radulescu said. The Inner Loop, buses will complete one loop in 15 minutes. With three Inner Loop shuttles operating during most times, pickups should occur at five-minute intervals from each stop.

"It's basically an early action plan based on enrollment on the first day of classes," Wright said. "We generally deliberately plan to oversubscribe yield rates."

Wright said all these figures are preliminary, pending last-minute changes. Official data are based on enrollment on the first day of classes.

Shuttle budget reduced by 25 percent

"We had to cut from somewhere, and we cut from the lowest demand," said Eugene Radulescu, Transportation Manager.

Rice Student Volunteer Program for the Grant in the 1999-'00 school year. Despite Syrett's large contribution to the CIC, she said it is primarily a volunteer effort. This sets the CIC apart from similar programs at other universities, she said, and allows for more outreach to the community.

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Ostdiek named Asst. Dean

by Mark Berenson

Policy Studies Program Director Don Ostdiek was named Assistant Dean for Student Judicial Programs over the summer after the former police-buddies, Paul Bass, accepted a newly created position as the Western Dean of International Scholarship.

Ostdiek was appointed by the University's Vice President for Student Affairs, and Associate Vice President of Student Affairs John Hutchinson named Ostdiek Assistant Dean in part because of his experience with student affairs.

"Dr. Ostdiek already had substantial experience in student affairs as the Associate Director of Academic Advising, and the pre-law advisor," Hutchinson said.

"Through that experience, we knew that he works extremely effectively with students," Ostdiek said.

Ostdiek said he is most looking forward to becoming more involved with students.

"I have been more involved in the academic side, and this is a whole new side of the campus for me—just a very interesting," Ostdiek said.

Ostdiek said he values bipartisanship.

"There are a lot of competing interests, and it is not my role to represent any of the interests, it is to be involved in the process," Ostdiek said.

"The faculty look at me and say 'Is too many students centered, the students look at me and say, 'He is too much of an administrator," Ostdiek said, "which is not the way everybody wants to be involved with students."'

Ostdiek said his background in politics will lead to a unique approach in pushing the job that the position requires.

"I worked in state government, where not only were all of our committee meetings open to the public, but also all of our conversations," he said. "And to me, the more everybody knows what we are doing, the better it is."'

Ostdiek said his step will be to facilitate better interaction in the Honor Council, which he will oversee along with Paul Bass. "This will be more regular with them," Ostdiek said.

"If you offer yourself as a resource to them," Ostdiek said, "it can't work if I try to go in there and dictate to them what's the last thing I want to do." Honors Council Chair Keith Henneke said he is looking forward to interacting with Ostdiek, and said he expects recent changes in the Honor Council constitution will allow for a beneficial working relationship.

"Because of the changes, Ostdiek will sit on a three-member appeals board rather than hear appeals by himself.

"I think he's using him as more of a resource because we are not in direct confrontation with Dr. Ostdiek, whereas with Dr. Bass, not through any fault of his own, we put in a more conflicting position," Henneke, a Jones College senior, said.

Last semester, the Honor Council and Bass had a public and strong disagreement over proposed Honor Council amendments and the handling of certain Honor Council cases.

Ostdiek said he is planning to move forward.

"I'll go back and try to correct all of that dysfunction. I'm doing the wrong sort of things," Ostdiek said. "It's just spinning the wheels over the past."'

Hutchinson said Ostdiek's experience as a faculty member is a valuable asset because it means that the faculty will be more involved in the system. Hutchinson added that he does not think it will be detrimental to Ostdiek that he does not have the professional legal training that Bass has.

In her new role, Bass will coordinate international fellowships. Bass said she is pleased with her new position, which will centralize responsibilities that used to be spread among several different offices.

"It fits in a lot better with what my interests are and my full-time experience, and also indicates to the Rice community and just the importance of international fellowships and scholarships, but also being part of a global community," Bass said.

Bass, whose office is located in the cluster of the Rice Memorial Center, said she hopes to make it easier for people to apply for these programs. She said she hopes to facilitate outreach programs so students will start thinking about the programs long before they apply.

The agreement reached on Webcast fees

by Catherine Adcock

Following a May 30 agreement between college radio stations and the recording industry, KTRU now faces less stringent Webcast regulations. The recording industry agreed to reduce the fees the stations must pay to play music over the internet.

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College radio stations are also required to display artist, song title and album title in the end verse as they play it, which is something many college stations do not have the resources to do. Robedee and Collegiate Broadcasters, Inc. are actively lobbying Congress to achieve these goals. Many college radio stations have since reinstated their webcasts that were discontinued as a result of the uncertainty regarding Webcasting fees.
Completion of several road projects delayed into the year

by Mark Berenson
The completion of a trio of road projects has been delayed into the start of the academic year. The three projects are an extension of Alumni Drive from Baker Hall to West University Baptist Church, which will also be an overland flow channel; the installation of a traffic light at Rice Boulevard and Shepherd Drive and enlargement of the Entrance 11 roadway; and the repaving of Campanile Road due to sewer work.

The extension of Alumni Drive, which will be accessible to vehicles with a proximity card, will allow cars to drive directly from Rice Boulevard to Main Street. Facilities Planner Max Amery said the project is being partially funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency because the roadway will also allow flood waters to flow toward detention ponds located near the Rice Soccer and Track Stadium.

The project, which began in mid-July, has been delayed by rain. "We have had an unusual amount of rain and when you are working on roads, the day that it rains you can't continue working, and then the day after you often can't work, because it's too muddy," Amery said.

The road will be open to single-lane traffic by mid-September, Amery said. During construction of the road, two of the intramural tennis courts were destroyed, leaving eight courts out of commission.

Assistant Dean for the Student and Recreation Center Boyd Beckwith said he plans to tear down the remaining courts and relocate them to the area behind the Recreation Center, near Rockefeller Park. However, because the project will take place over Harris Gully, and they've been delayed by a combination of factors, including inclement weather, contractor disputes and difficulties working with the City of Houston. The construction should be completed by next week at the latest, at which point the City of Houston must activate the traffic light.

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Construction is nearly complete at the Entrance 11 site, Amery said. The new, expanded, three-lane road will run from Rice Boulevard to the West 1 expansion at laboratory Road. The wider exit, along with a new traffic light, will make Entrance 11 the main northbound exit for the campus.

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The third project nearing completion is construction of an underground storm-water sewer line that runs from Sunset and Rice Boulevards at the corner of Martel College across Abercrombie Lot and halfway down Campanile Road. Amery said the pipeline will be able to remove two inches of rainfall in the area around which the pipe runs.

The project has been impeded not only by the weather, but also by construction-based delays associated with digging near other water and utility lines, Amery said.

"When we get in front of our Central Plant, there are a lot of chilled water lines and electrical lines and gas lines, and so we take a scoop and we need to figure out what the heck it is and what to do about it," Amery said.

Amery said the project will be completed by the end of September. Martel College President Rob Gillette said he has not heard any complaints about the construction, which is going on along one side of the building, though the loss of part of the playing field outside the college may cause some inconveniences.

"We want the field done as fast as they can and construction does supercede powderpuff," Gillette, a junior, said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the University Police for the period May 14-Aug. 17. Items were removed due to space constraints.

Residential Colleges
- Harvill College May 23 DVD player reported missing.
- Wiess College May 23 Tires stolen from bicycle.
- Baker College June 18 Portrait vandalized.
- Jones College June 21 Door damaged.
- Martel College July 28 Two boxes of forks stolen from a room.
- Academic Buildings
  - Sewall Hall May 14 A faculty member reported observing a male subject walk out of his office with one of the professor’s books. Office was unable to locate the subject.
  - Anderson Biological Laboratories May 27 Eight rolls of roofing material stolen.
  - George R. Brown Hall June 26 A faculty member reported mischief involving posters being hung along a hallway.

Other Buildings
- Gymnasium July 1 Copier stolen.
- Rice Memorial Center July 2 Police unit involved in an accident.
- Marriott House July 12 Subject observed spinning on a wall. The subject was issued a university citation and referred to University Court.
- Gymnasium July 15 $75 taken from an unsecured locker.
- Graduate Apartments July 18 Victim purchased items through eBay and did not receive the product. Other complaints from Florida regarding the same subject are also under investigation.
- Rice Memorial Center Aug. 8 Money missing from a staff office.
- Parking Lots
  - West Lot May 21 Victim reported three of her tires had been damaged by her ex-boyfriend.
  - West Lot June 4 Bus hit a curb and damaged a tire.
  - West Lot June 28 Officer saw a suspicious vehicle operated by Facilities and Engineering staff members. Subjects were intoxicated and were remanded to a designated driver.
  - Lovett Lot July 13 Subject stopped for erratic driving. Subject arrested for driving while intoxicated and remanded to Harris County Jail.
- Other Areas
  - Laboratory Road June 6 Bus driver ran over a hose on the roadway, causing damage to the underside of the bus.
  - University Police June 6 Officer observed a subject remove a bicycle from a bike rack and attempt to leave campus. Subject was arrested and remanded to Harris County Jail.
  - Academic Quadrangle June 21 Rice Emergency Medical Services reported five intoxicated subjects in a golf cart. Officer was unable to locate them.
  - College Way July 24 Vehicle stopped for traveling the wrong way on a one-way street. Driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated and the passenger was arrested for public intoxication. Both subjects were remanded to Harris County Jail.
  - University Police Aug. 15 Subject brought disturbing letters to the station and wished to file an information report about the letters.
- Entrance #12 Aug. 16 Vehicle stopped for running a stop sign. The driver was issued a minor driving under the influence citation and the matter was referred to U. Court.
- Entrance #8 Aug. 16 A bartender at Valhalla reported that some subjects were refusing to leave. The subjects were stopped at Entrance #8. The driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated and a second subject was referred to a responsible adult. No one who would take responsibility for the third individual could be found, and as a result the individual was also remanded to Harris County Jail.
Segways scoot onto campus

by Lindsey Gilbert

This summer some Rice employers began traveling around campus at the speed of Segway.

In July, the School of Continuing Studies leased five Segway Human Transporters for use during their annual Advanced Placement Summer Institute, a three-week development program for high school and middle school AP teachers.

Siva Kumari, the School of Continuing Studies assistant dean, said she and other employers used the motorized personal vehicles to maneuver around the campus, solving problems and interacting with participants.

"Just running around the campus is central to what we do," Kumari said.

Kumari said in past years she used her car to get from the School of Continuing Studies building, which is located next to the Rice University Police Department, to other buildings on campus during the conference. Using the Segway allowed her to interact with more participants, she said.

"It's easier and, I felt we had a very personal experience," she said. "There was no shield. If I was driving in my car, I would drive, take care of the problem, get in the car and come back.

"Because there was part of a pilot demonstration organized by Segway of Texas, the cost was less expensive than a three-week golf cart rental," Kumari said. In past years, Continuing Studies chartered an extra golf cart during the conference to accommodate increased transportation needs.

Some RUPD officers have also been trained and use Segways. RUPD is currently testing two Segways to determine if it should purchase a fleet for campus use when they are patrolling the campus or moving around the campus on other business.

RUPD is in the near end of a four-week trial period, RUPD Chief Bill Taylor said. They will return the Segways at the end of August. Officer Henry Cash said he usually patrols the campus on foot or in a golf cart, but now he often uses a Segway to do his daily duties.

"I had some trouble learning to control the Segway, which he operates at speeds of about 10-12 mph. "It's crazy" he said. "If you want to work in a small space like this, you have to know how to walk around, you can't run."

Kumari agreed.

"It is so intuitive, although it doesn't seem like it when you first look at the machine," she said. "The learning curve is amazing." Segway riders control the machine by pressing their toes down on the footpad, and brake or move in reverse by pressing down their heels. Steering controls are located in the handlebars.

Segway policy dictates that all owners and riders must attend training sessions before they can operate the vehicles. Segway also strongly encourages riders to wear helmets.

Both RUPD officers and Continuing Studies employees have worn helmets while operating the Segways.

Taylor said he is concerned about the safety and practicality of Segways on campus. He said officers have sustained minor injuries while operating the vehicles on a few occasions. In addition, the Segways are not equipped with reflective markings for night use.

In most cases, bicyclists are better options than Segways for officers on patrol, Taylor said.

"It's a really a more maneuverable and gets you across campus faster," he said. "It's also a better program for wellness for the officers.

"There are a number of people who have at least a preliminary interest in us, and we have at least a preliminary interest in them."

—Jim Crowner
Chairman, Presidential Search Committee

The document was useful to convey people information about Rice, and the more educated people are about Rice, the more enthusiastic they are about Rice," Crowner said.

The second purpose of the White Paper is to give the committee an opportunity to determine what they and their constituencies want in a new president.

"We really learned a lot about Rice and what people wanted, and that's a benefit in itself," Crowner said.

In the section of the White Paper which examines the future of Rice, it states three primary ways to enhance Rice's positions as a leading university, which are "strengthening Rice's scholarship and research; expanding the impact of this capacity through collaborative partnerships with others" and "expanding the impact of teaching and scholarship both nationally and internationally."

Along with qualities sought in a new president, the document lists desired professional experience:

"A bicycle is actually more maneuverable on sidewalks and bike paths. We think Segways will arrive in early October."

—Mark Berenson
Graduate Student Representative

The baseball team's recent national championship victory has brought unexpected celebrity to Rice's name, Crowner said.

"It's absolutely ecstatic about it, and there were so many congratulations on that," Crowner said. "Everyone recognized the victory and were excited for Rice because we had done it the right way."

Discussions with candidates will continue through September and October. Crowner said the committee is still planning to complete its search before the end of the year, if not by Thanksgiving.

Once the committee has chosen a candidate, or multiple candidates, the Board of Trustees must meet. However, Crowner said the board's meeting schedule — the Board of Trustees must meet.-file periodically to discuss what that meeting will be — the Board of Trustees must meet.

"Maybe we're lucky if it happens at the right time with a meet," Crowner said. "If it is not to the right time, we will call a special meeting."

"If the right time is when we need to discuss it in September, but I'm not sure we will wait all the way to December."
Rice faces post-Hopwood complaint

by Katherine Adcock

A conservative group has filed a complaint against Rice with the Office of Civil Rights in the Department of Education. The case, filed by the Center for Equal Opportunity, is based on stories that ran in Houston Chronicle and the Associated Press suggesting Rice will revert to race-based admission policies following June's reversal of the controversial Hopwood v. Texas decision.

In the Hopwood decision, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that schools in its jurisdiction could no longer use race as a factor in their admissions.

The CEO said that according to the Aug. 9 Houston Chronicle article, "Rice admissions policy to include race as factor," Rice has decided to consider race in admissions. However, Vice President for Enrollment Ann Wright said Rice has not yet made any decision regarding future admissions practices and is considering what policies will be allowed according to the Supreme Court's recent decision in Grutter v. Bollinger.

Rice has had a completely race-neutral admissions policy since the 1996 Hopwood ruling. Currently, Rice's student body is 7.3 percent black and 13.3 percent Hispanic.

Roger Clegg (Rice '77), General Counsel for the Center for Equal Opportunity, said his organization is concerned that Rice will return to racial and ethnic preferences.

"If this is the decision this summer made it clear that you can only use racial and ethnic preferences if you have considered race-neutral alternatives," Clegg said. "Because of the Hopwood decision, not only has Rice considered race-neutral alternatives, it has found it can achieve diversity with them. Therefore, for them to use racial and ethnic preferences now violates the law."

Rice Associate General Counsel Carlos Garcia said the university has made no definitive determination as to its new admissions strategies, and the CEO's complaint is premature.

"Rice has not changed anything about how its admissions processes will operate," he said. "The position that we've taken is that we're going to look at those decisions, and if those decisions permit and warrant us considering race as one of many factors in the overall analysis in educational diversity, then Rice may move into that direction."

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Wright agreed. "I think it's surprising to have an organization file a complaint regarding practices that are not even being considered yet," she said.

The CEO has threatened legal action against the University of Texas-Austin, but has not yet filed a complaint. Clegg said the CEO perceived that Rice had already made a decision regarding affirmative action, while UT-Austin had not.

"It seemed to us on reading the news stories that Rice had, according to President Gillis the decision that [Rice] was going to use race as one of many preferences, but UT-Austin had not yet made that decision," Clegg said. "Therefore, as Rice had already made the decision, we filed the complaint.

In the Chronicle article, Gillis quoted as saying, "To the extent the decision allows us to go back to considering race as one factor in admissions, we will be doing exactly that."

However, the article also states "Gillis said Rice hasn't yet determined the exact nature of a new affirmative action policy."

According to the Austin-American Statesman in "UT plan for race policy stays," Aug. 10, "UT officials announced recently that they again will consider race as a factor in admissions beginning in Fall 2004."

Wright believes the next year will hold many questions and answers regarding the future of affirmative action.

"Obviously, there are going to be a lot of court challenges and some questions raised over the first year," she said. "I would just rather Rice not be any of the schools that is singled out."

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton University and Rice filed identical race-based programs after complaints filed by the CEO.

"According to the article, if he is not going to let the issue affect students, though it will affect him,

"I was worried about losing time with the admissions deadline, and people like this," he said. "Oh yes. Will this divert me from other things in the next few months? Probably so. Well that's what I'm paid for."

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**Omaha trip brought out the best of Rice**

I drove to Omaha. I, who had never been on a trip that wasn’t well-planned weeks in advance. I, who had made a million other commitments and things going on in my life, went to Omaha. It’s hard to wonder why I made the 16-hour trek at all. I’m not related to anyone on the team. I don’t have a crush on a baseball player. I did not go because it was part of my job, because I am a sports fanatic or because I have always wanted to go to Nebraska.

I went to Omaha to steal the Rockets’ catchphrase to be a part of something big.

Along with hedge-jumping and running Baker 13, a random road trip is often cited as a graduation requirement. Adults frequently tell long, annoying stories of how they hopped into a car with a few of their friends and some cash and made an odd collection of memories.

Now I am one of them.

Being in Omaha was surreal. Not just because of the funny accents and the surprisingly high prevalence of corn fields, but because of the impact that Rice had on the area. It seemed as if half the town was wearing Rice paraphernalia, and running into Rice students happened about as frequently as it does on a Sunday afternoon in Target.

For a week. Rice was cool. Not just cool the way Rice is sometimes cool in the way that ‘regular’ people think of it. Cool as in Seventeen magazine cool.

More important than being cool, though, was that my trip to Omaha brought out the best in the Rice spirit. One might expect that on a national athletic stage, but winning the national championship was about more than just proving that we have the best baseball team anywhere. We will all remember that achievement, but the people who made the journey to Omaha will remember that the athletic pinnacle brought out the best of Rice in each of us.

I will remember the trip to Omaha for the fact that I went with people who had a great time, even though they did not know each other.

I will remember running into fellow Wiessmen at random sports bars.

I will remember how excited and hospitable the Rice parents that hosted us were, even though we arrived at 4 a.m., and some of us didn’t even know their daughter.

I will remember a tent full of Rice supporters and alumni getting pumped before the games.

I will remember the crazy fun session at every game against Stanford — a session that never saturated. The Rice signs every morning and cared more about getting other fans excited than about getting on ESPN. (Of course, I will remember getting on ESPN, too.)

The focus was on Rice athletics, and it did not drop out our academic reputation; it brought out the best of Rice in each of us, and we got to show that to the world.

Rachel Rustin is a Wiess College senior and former editor-in-chief.

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This tour page special to the 2003 College World Series National Champions Rice Owls has been created so Owls fans young and old are able to always remember these glorious days in Omaha. Enjoy.

**NATIONAL CHAMPS**

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**CWS run capped amazing season**

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o tell the story of the 2003 Rice baseball team, one starts — counterintuitively — at the end. After all, Rice’s mere presence as a Division I powerhouse was a fact of traditional logic and convention. Yet there were two out of three games from CWS veteran StanF

ard. Two of the Rice wins were of the walk-off variety, and two more featured seven-run sixth innings.

There were individual highs and lows and even a few lows during the season, there was adversity — key injuries and a late-season slump — but Rice righted itself for a postseason spurt to capture the university’s first-ever national title in any team sport.

**Minor-league alumni revel in Owls’ title**

The College World Series may have been the largest alumni gathering ever outside the state of Texas, but many of the alma mater’s interests were in the world.

Former Rice baseball players like Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance Jason Gray and Mike Lorch, an Omaha native, had good seats for the action, but more than 10 others were watching on television from their posts in the baseball world.

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Regional Seed: 6th nationally. Rice hosted at NCAA regional tournament as No. 1 seed for the third consecutive year. The Owls had to advance past No. 2 University of Mississippi, No. 3 Wichita State University and No. 4 McNeese State University May 30-June 1 in the double-elimination tournament. 

After an opening-game, extra-inning scare from McNeese State, won by Rice on a 10th-inning single by Craig Stansberry, Rice beat Wichita State twice for the regional title behind dominant outings from Jeff Niemann and Wade Townsend. The latter won the first and third games of the regional, while Chris Kolkhorst was named Most Outstanding Player.

Super Regional

While Rice breezed past Wichita State, the University of Houston, a No. 3 regional seed, scored a stunning upset with twin 7-6 wins on Sunday over host and No. 1 seed Texas A&M University to advance to the super regional for the third consecutive year, this time at Reckling Park.

UH won the opener 5-2, but Rice faced elimination and won in a big way, pounding UH 16-2 to even the series. Then came a dramatic 5-2 win on Monday that set up a showdown for the College World Series in the fourth seven years. Niemann and Townsend were once again up to their usual tricks for a 2-1 series margin, and Babela drove in the go-ahead run.

College World Series

At the College World Series, Rice was faced with a daunting double-elimination bracket with Cinderella story and relatively local favorite Southwest Missouri State University (No. 3 regional seed), defending national champion University of Texas and No. 6 national seed University of Miami.

Rice 4, SMS 2

Niemann showed why he was the best pitcher in all of college baseball in 2003, turning in one of the most dominating performances in CWS history. The 6-foot-tall hurler allowed just one hit, a bunt single that trickled out of his hand, and overpowered the minimum 21 batters in the first seven innings. Cramping in the hot weather, Niemann walked a batter in the eighth and surrendered back-to-back runners to open the ninth before giving way to Aardsma for the save.

In retrospect, it was a relatively tame win due to Niemann’s dominance, but it was Rice’s breakthrough opening-game win at the College World Series and set the tone for the entire week.

Rice 12, UT 2

In Monday’s winner’s bracket, Rice defeated rival UT, the Owls broke open a tense 3-2 battle with seven-run sixth inning on their way to a shocking 12-2 rout.

Tompsett struggled early, giving up two first-inning runs. Trailing 2-1, Rice tacked on two, two-run shots in the sixth inning, allowing a third run to score on the play. Rice added three more runs to make a stunning 10-2 lead and cruise to victory.

Rice 4, Stanford 10 (10 innings)

Facing elimination, Stanford again won back-to-back starts to advance to best-of-three championship series. 

Stanford 3, Rice 2

Four times in seven innings, Kolkhorst was on the brink of giving the Owls an insurmountable lead off the inning. Matt Cavanaugh hit a double to centerfield. Kolkhorst forced the second out, then walked Trackert and was dominant in the 10th, striking out three in a row to keep the score 3-2 in the top of the ninth.

Rice batted the bases against UT reliever Bradley Jordan, but the lefty reliever recovered to leave Rice in danger of falling to score. In one of the tensest innings in the tournament, Kolkhorst then worked a 3-2 walk to force in the fourth run.

On Wednesday, Humber had so much on his pitch that he could not control them, hitting three consecutive batters in the first inning and walking four more in his 3.2 innings. Humber struck out eight, however, carrying a no-hitter into the fourth inning.

Things finally fell apart in the top of the fourth, as UT got to Humber for three runs.

Rice came right back in the bottom of the inning with four runs of its own. Street sacrificed for a double-play ball, and the Owls were in business.

A ground-rule double from Babela and an even more important two-run single from Babela punctured a no-hit effort on a 4-3 lead.

Reliever Josh Jakub scored three runs and allowed just one run to keep it a 4-4 contest into the eighth. UT’s only run against Babela came at the result of a questionable call at second base, a play which earned Graham national infamy for his be

Rice 4, Stanford 3  (10 innings)

Unbeaten ace Niemann started for Rice in the championship series opening game against Stanford No. 2 starter Ryan McCally, but it was Niemann who blinked first.

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During the tournament, it became clear that the final four teams stood out from the rest of the competition.

The first face-for-face meeting was against the San Diego Padres and Stanford beat Cal State Fullerton on consecutive days to advance to best of three championship series.

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FRI DAY, AUGUST 22, 2003

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Absolutely the MVP of the CWS for Rice, Kolkhorst had a phenomenal week in Omaha from his underclassman days through the national championship. He led the Owls in the CWS with a .383 average and added the back-breaking two-run double in the 10th inning to break open Rice's 12-2 win.

One of the surprising heroes of the championship run, Davis had the unmistakable mark of his only lifetime game at the plate. He broke open Rice's 12-2 win with a huge two-out single against UT that broke open Rice's 12-2 win.

Penndorton walked in to pitch the key in the postseason.

Baker was the No. 3 starter during the regular season, but had limited success. He didn't get past the second inning against McNeese State in the 10th inning. His only other starting experience was in two games in the super regional and beat UT in 12 innings. His placement also reflected the greater expectations for him.

Although he saw only limited action, junior catcher Cruz had a tremendous season. Along with outstanding hitting average, Cruz turned in the postseason game tying his CWS single-season record in 9.


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Pitching depth, experience expected to lead 2004 squad

Champs following late '90s success

ALUMNI from Page 13

Junior college transfer and outfielder Marc Ramos, now pitching for the Oakland Athletics' AA affiliate in Midland, Texas, said the success in '97 and '99 was nice to go back and enjoy, and to see them dogpile was a real nice moment for those guys. "I'm real good friends with Gwyn, and I speak to him while he was there," Landry said. "He kept me updated, and to see them dogpile was a real nice moment for those guys."

Landry was also part of the trailblazing 1995 team, which began Rice's current run of nine consecutive NCAA tournament appearances and was honored with a banquet at the beginning of the 2003 season. "The [1995] team was the first real winning team at Rice — it seems like we really established the winning tradition," Landry said. "It just feels good knowing that we had something to do with it. I'll remember Graham getting tossed and running a mock and then just seeing them dogpile."

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— Mario Ramos Rice alumnus

Chris Kolkhorst cannot believe he was called out by home plate umpire Al Davis while trying to score on a wild pitch against Stanford's Matt Manship in the 11th inning of the decisive Game 3 against Stanford June 23.

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While Graham's home run was perhaps the most memorable moments of the series, Arnold and other alumna also enjoyed bragging rights over all of their teammates. "I was there, too," Arnold said. "I had a little bit of a personal light with [former Stanford third baseman] Craig Biggio, a great batsman on the team, and we had a lot of fun with it."

While Arnold was able to enjoy a post-season victory over Stanford, the tournament run also brought him memories of great CWS experiences. Former Rice pitcher Marc Gwyn, now pitching for the Oakland Athletics' AA affiliate in Midland, Texas, said the success remained with older teammates. "I wish I could've been there," Gwyn said. "It was nice to go back to '97 and '99, but there's nothing like winning it all. We were there when it all started, so it was nice to see how it finally ended up."

Gwyn also said he hopes recruiting will not be the only Rice aspect affected by the championship. "I'd like to see the recruiting not be the only Rice aspect affected by the championship. That'd be great," Gwyn said. "For a while, students really didn't like having the athletes in the dorms, and just because they'd improve that standing. Hope it helps that situation more than it helps the recruiting because obviously they don't need to do any better in recruiting than they already are."
A spacial odyssey into cosmic themes

Catherine Adock

To comfortably handle the themes of cosmic time, death and renewal, Russell Crotty needs only a piece of paper, a pen and his home-made observatory.

Perspectives 138*
Russell Crotty
Rating: *** 1/2 out of 4 Stars

At the Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Free.

His exhibit "Perspectives 138" is showing at the Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston until Oct. 5. It consists of 14 pieces that confront the cosmos.

From his self-constructed observatory on a hilltop in Malibu, Calif., Crotty takes detailed observations of the sky through a 10-inch f/6 Newtonian telescope. Crotty reads the skies in 360-page paper renderings of skylines, astronomical formations, and space and time without any aid from photography or computer imaging. Imagination and empirical observation collide in all of his works.

The visitor is greeted by "The Lenslord Meteor Shower" (2002), a snapshot moment of an active meteor shower. The work is comprised of a skylight littered by buildings and signs outlined by text before a sky full of flashing dramatic lights.

The text of old quotations and technical information, a recent characteristic in many of Crotty's works. The piece relies on the artistic structures and contrasts them with the awe-inspiring power of the celestial meteor shower. The text highlights how awkward the man-made formations seem against the tremendous power of the meteors.

The main component of Crotty's exhibit is the massive sketchbook that fills several 22-page books, some of which measure as wide as fax paper. The most impressive of these is the "Jupiter Strip Sketchbook" (2002), which consists of 960 drawings that span views across time. It reads like a flight of morphing drawings.

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The artistic community in Houston is an interesting breed. Houston is a big city, with lots of choices. Here are 10 basic steps you can take to save your artistic soul.

1) Go to the galleries. Ian Garrett

If you weren't able to figure this one out on your own, you aren't trying. Houston has world-class museums. The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston attracts all the touringstrips and hosts quite an impressive collection of itself. It hosts excellent lecture and film fare. All of this comes for a student admission price, and the museum collection is free for public viewing on Thursdays. Also free is the MFAI Collection, featuring one of the largest collections of modern art in the world. Go to the Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, at 1001 Travis at the corner of Bissonnet and Montrose, showcasing the best of its namesake.

Stroll up Main Street to the fascist Contemporary Crafts and the Texas Book Arts, Art and Performance Center. I speak from experience when I say many of us are within walking distance of all these. You need the exercise anyway.

2) Go to the theater. Houston has one of the largest and most respected theatrical communities in the country.

Play with tools and fancy lights, dance, sing and act. We'll take all types.

You have the Tony Award winning Alley Theatre in the heart of the Theatre District. Visit their Web site at www.alleytheatre.org for their "Piece of the Week" which you can get for a minimum of $2.

Check out Stages Repertory Theatre, which staves off new plays from the last five years and offers student rush tickets. Mix these great deals by ordering tickets with the Rice University Theatre Program and the Rice Players.

Don't miss the annual Threadgill's Broiler production for the most original theater at the broiler, which becomes a club after every show. It is not as prestigious as the Alley, but it is as good. And don't even try and tell me you don't go to the Houston Grand Opera or the Houston Symphony — it is catered to the Theater District — for a night of beauty and classy entertainment. Houston has the most beautiful, well-staffed, and symphony shows in the country for some of the lowest prices. Enjoy it while you can.

Do you know what you need to get involved? Nothing. Play with tools and fancy lights, dance, sing and act. We'll take all types, so you have no reason not to get involved with the sheer number of productions available.

4) Volunteer at DiverseWorks. Garrett@diverseworks.org

With a rotating cast of wide international combustion creators, the folks at DiverseWorks (diverseworkshouston.org) help operate the station, get to work on the outdoor show — or at least listen. It's free, and anyone can do it.

5) Check out the annual Art Car Parade. Garrett@diverseworks.org

With a rotating cast of wide international combustion creators, the folks at DiverseWorks create the streets of Houston every year to challenge your idea of the automobile. Keep your eyes posted for a wandering member of this creative caravan the rest of the year. You'll know one when you see one.

6) Volunteer at DiverseWorks. Garrett@diverseworks.org

Nationally known for their ground-breaking exhibitions, scions and galore, DiverseWorks is the Mecca of all things alternative. DiverseWorks is constantly seeking volunteers for these events. Send an e-mail to garmentshires@workstreet which will give more information on how you can get in on the action — and if you can't help — do yourself a favor and just go anyway.

7) Attend openings at the Rice Gallery. Gillis@rice.edu

All right — so you don't have a car, and you don't have friends and you fear public transportation. The Rice Gallery has a constantly changing roster of big time artists.

Housebomb with artists and the art department big wigs over wine and cheese in Sewall Hall. Want to know the latest gigs for art tasks? Be sure to contact Darleen Haren with Rice's student art society, artSCENE.

8) Take a class. Garrett@diverseworks.org

This seems like the most basic step you can take to achieve artistic redemption in the information age. Drawing, painting, photography, film, sculpture, and art history are all right here, ready for you to enrol. Maybe it sounds a little mundane, but you'll thank yourself for it. Unlock your creative potential.

The folks with the Art Car Parade cruise the streets of Houston every year to challenge your idea of the automobile.

9) Take a walk along the Houston Bayou. Garrett@diverseworks.org

Stroll up from a nice day on a nice day to find a wonderful outdoor sculpture collection in a park setting. Get some fresh air while discovering this little-known Houston art resource.

10) Go to Galveston during the day. Garrett@diverseworks.org

Did your Orientation Week group go to Galveston in the middle of the night? Go back during the day and check the island out. The Strand has a number of galleries, especially glasswork, in some of the nicest old buildings you'll see in Texas. Don't miss Galveston's museums, theaters and architectural treasures. And if all else fails, go to the beach!

Think you can handle it? Jump to it, Rice students. Your artistic soul is at stake.
Welcome freshmen! Excited about college life? The parties, the late nights, the studying, the professors, the papers — it's a lot to plunge into. So, we here at The Rice Thresher submit the following films as recommended viewing. Hopefully, with the help of these movies, you will be able to juggle all of your classes effortlessly, get a full eight hours of sleep each night and party in moderation. (Short laughter here.)

**PARTY ETIQUETTE:**

*Animal House (1978)*

Perhaps the quintessential college film, this look at 1960s fraternity life launched the career of famed comedian John Belushi and made the toga party in vogue. While all of us have had wild nights, this film takes these nights to the extreme, with one character ending up passed out in a shopping cart after a night of boisterous partying.

Van Wilder (2002)

Like *Animal House*, this film depicts the party life. Meet Van Wilder, the "big man on campus" who is entering his seventh year as an undergraduate. I'm sure we all can think of at least one hardcore partier who ends up staying year after year after year. While the film's antics are often funny, let it be taken as a lesson: Partying is great, but if you reach year seven, it's time to get serious.

*PCU (1994)*

Alas, another film about a diehard partier. James "Droz" Andrus (Chevy Chase) is entering his seventh year at Fort Chester University, also known as Political Correctness University. His actions, such as throwing meat on a group of vegetarian protestors, react against the PC movement. When a prospective student visitor, his antics hit an all-time high.

Van Wilder lives every undergraduates' dream: owning your own golf cart, being loved by nearly all and enjoying campus life, minus the responsibility.

**BEATING THE ODDS:**

*Love Story (1970)*

Who hasn't seen this overly sentimental tale of an underdog trying to reach his dream of playing football for the University of Notre Dame? When we were in middle school, this film was the administration's favorite inspiration movie. Whether you are aspiring to join the cutthroat world of Rice football or are just a wee bit nostalgic, then check out this Academy Award winner.

*Legally Blonde (2001)*

Oh, Legally. The bulk of the film's action takes place at Harvard Law School, not in the land of undergraduate academia. Still, its message about overcoming adversity is pertinent to Rice's student body. I recommend this film to any bubbly, pink-clad California Rootie who has his hopes set on the land of undergraduate academia. Talk about a culture shock.

Reese Witherspoon (far right) in *Legally Blonde* portrays the unusual scenario of being the weird white girl. I recommend this film to any bubbly, pink-clad California Rootie who has his hopes set on the land of undergraduate academia. Talk about a culture shock.

**COLLEGE LOVE:**

*Love Story (1970)*

"Love means never having to say you're sorry" is the tag line for this melodramatic moerk that explores the relationship of a preppy Harvard Law student (Ryan O'Neal) and a meek girl attending music school at Radcliffe College (Ali MacGraw). Though less popular now than in the 1970s, it is still regarded as one of the top cinematic representations of young college love.

**IS THIS RICE?:**

*Reality Bites (1994)*

Famous teen Ben Stiller's directorial debut follows a group of recent college graduates lamenting about life and love tragedies. They're in Houston, and they're smart, so why hasn't Rice put them in Rice? Rumors exist that the screenwriters based these rambling 20-somethings on Rice students, but unlike most of us, Winona Ryder has remarkable options.

**SUMMERTIME:**

*American Pie 2 (2002)*

No film better captures that awkward summer after freshman year in which the worlds of college and high school collide than *American Pie 2*. The whole gang is back from their freshman year, and so are their bodily fluids — the butt of most of the jokes in this mostly funny sequel.

**AND FOR MY NEXT ACT:**

*The Graduate (1967)*

No film catches life after college better than Mike Nichols classic, *The Graduate*. Dustin Hoffman stars as Benjamin Braddock, a disillusioned college graduate who spends his summer floating in his pool, being seduced by his would-be girlfriend's mother (Anne Bancroft as the iconic Mrs. Robinson). One of the film's many quotable scenes comes when a family friend tells Benjamin that his future is in "plastics."

**PROFESSOR PROBLEMS:**

*The Paper Chase (1973)*

This is the film to watch when you can't take any more from an annoying, demanding professor. While your situation may be bad, it could not possibly be as torturous as Charles W. Kingsfield Jr. (John Houseman in an Oscar-winning role) would make it. As a legendary Harvard Law School professor, Kingsfield makes life miserable for first-year James T. Hart portrayed by Timothy Bottoms.
Welcome Back!

**Rice Recreation Center**
www.rice.edu/recreation

- **Welcome Back!**
  - **6 - 7 p.m.**
  - **Tuesday, August 26**
  - Rec Center Employment Info Session

- **Open House - Rec Fest**
  - **5 - 8 p.m.**
  - **Wednesday, Aug. 27**

- **Operating Hours**
  - Mon. - Thurs. 6 a.m. - Midnight
  - Friday 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
  - Saturday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
  - Sunday Noon - 10 p.m.

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  - **7 - 11 p.m.**
  - **Tuesday, Aug. 26**

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  - Tues. - Thurs. 7 a.m. - 2 a.m.
  - Friday 7 a.m. - Midnight
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**Student Employment Opportunities**

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Job descriptions and applications are available in the "Employment" sections of our respective websites. Stop by the Rec Center Operations Desk or the Student Center Information Desk for an application.
You entered Rice on Sunday knowing that you would be going to an academically renowned school and you were probably expecting to spend Orientation Week taking countless placement tests and spending all your remaining time choosing your courses. While O-Week is about tests and courses, it is also about so much more — getting comfortable with the college environment.

When you look back on O-Week, you probably won’t remember the midnight trips to Galveston, making five trips to Target in one day or any of the other things you did over the week. But most of you will remember it as one of the best weeks at Rice and the time when you first knew that you belonged here.
Class gathers for all-campus speakers

Matriculation

The matriculation ceremony is traditionally the formal entrance of new students into Rice. However, in the past few years, the ceremony has had some informal surprises. This year’s ceremony — although President Malcolm Gillis did not throw hula hoops from a balloon, like he did during the 2001 ceremony — was no exception.

Gillis began his speech with an interactive segment. After asking for the biggest Rice baseball fan in the front row, he presented the lucky baseball autographed by Coach Wayne Graham the night Rice won the 2003 College World Series.

Continuing to celebrate the non-academic accolades that Rice has recently received, Gillis temporarily donned the dark sunglasses he has worn to commemorate Rice’s designation as Sportsmen magazine as the coolest college in the United States.

After celebrating the things that make Rice unique, Gillis settled into listing facts about the members of the Class of 2007 and the university. He then issued several pieces of advice.

Gillis first advised the students to stay humble.

"Many of you, later in life, may have to learn to handle fame, so it would be good now to avoid humility," Gillis said. "Remember that fame, power and glory — for individuals or nations can be fleeting."

Gillis also discussed Rice’s unique strengths, which include its faculty and the college system. Before concluding Gillis cited the annual plea to students to relax and to remember to smell the roses.

Next to speak was former Honors Council Chair Keith Hennessee who spoke about traditions at Rice.

"Not all our traditions involve alcohol, coed mixers and/or bawdiness," Hennessee, a Jones College senior said. "No tradition is older, more important or more unique than our Honor System."

Hennessee told the students to remember that they are here primarily to learn, and to never put anything above that. He also advised students that they might need to lower their expectations some.

"I stand for 'Don’t have to take it again,'" Hennessee said.

Student Association co-presidents Bryan Debinski and Michael Leggett were next to speak. Leggett started off the pair’s speech by noting how Rice students think.

"We do things differently here, and the only explanation we give is 'This is Rice,'" Leggett, a Wiens College senior said.

Leggett and Debinski, also a Wiens senior, spent the remainder of the speech doing things differently by sticking to short snippets of advice, which included: "Please get over the fact that your high school had more students than Rice. And realize that it didn’t have more teachers — especially ones that cared." and, "Read the directions, even if you’re an engineer."

Concluding the speeches for the night was Kyle Frazier (Sid ‘83), the president of the Association of Rice Alumni, who commented on how most people feel about Rice.

"As students we loved Rice — maybe not every day, but most days. It was challenging but fun. Our experiences were unique yet similar.

The incoming students then marched around the campus and in through the Sallyport to represent the beginning of their time at Rice.

Faculty Address

Sociology Professor Bill Martin prefaced Monday’s faculty address with a disclaimer, saying, "I should probably resist the temptation to reminisce, but temptation is one of my very few weaknesses."

Martin’s speech was full of remembrances, both lighthearted and solemn.

Martin reminisced about when Sid Richardson College towered over campus in all its "glacial splendor" as the last all-male residential college.

He also reminisced about when Rice was not as racially diverse as it is today.

"My early class consisted of almost entirely of people with names like Allen, Anderson, Baker, Bell, Clark, Davis, Fisher, Graham, Johnson, Jones, Miller, Scott, Smith, Thompson, Walker, and Williams," he said. "You really needed to like white people if you were going to be happy here in 1960."

Martin quickly moved from the past to the future, encouraging the class of 2007 to maintain the university’s tri-fold purpose of teaching, research, and performing public service.

He gave the usual nod to the talent and intelligence of Rice students, but attributed much of the group’s success to blind luck.

"You are an exceptionally talented group of people," he said. "You know that, and it’s all right to know that, as long as you remember that you didn’t have to do your own talent."

Genetics and resources have much more to do with intelligence than work ethic, Martin said, invoking the many who will never realize their full potential because of poverty, politics or other insurmountable obstacles. Martin urged the class of 2007 not to squander their incredible luck and, instead, to uphold the excellence of the university they chose to attend.

"Mark Berson and Lindsay Gilbert

Top Left: Freshmen cheer inside Stude Hall prior to Monday’s faculty address.

Middle Left: Student Association Presidents Bryan Debinski (left) and Michael Leggett (right) pose to discuss some of their advice.

Bottom Left: Sociology Professor Bill Martin is recognized by the crowd after giving the faculty address on Monday.

Right: President Malcolm Gillis wears his ‘coolness’ sunglasses during parts of the matriculation ceremony.

Willy sez: Spend Mom and Dad’s money!

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RICE JAZZ

with Director of Jazz Studies, Larry Stezak

Rice Jazz Ensemble and Rice Jazz Lab offer both big band and small ensemble performance opportunities. Open auditions are held at the beginning of the fall semester for placement only. One academic credit hour may be earned (MUSI 342). Jazz improv lessons are also available (MUSI 345). For more information, contact Larry Stezak at the Rice Bands Department:

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Contact Mark Berenson at thresher@rice.edu for more information.

the Rice Thresher

In the interest of all those new (and returning) students who may be unfamiliar with Rice's athletic options, we in the sports section invite you to support all Rice student-athletes, not just the ones that are traditionally best known.

No. 1 — Harber Twins

Go see identical twin senior tennis players William and Richard Harber play doubles together. Not only are they the defending national indoor champions, but the Harbers from Solihull, England, are fun to watch because of their matching accents and styles of play.

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THRESHER SPORTS/ COMMENTAR Y

Top 10 sports things to do while at Rice

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Lad y Owls’ European vacation

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The past depth of the Lady Owls — five of the players on the team are over 6-foot-2 — allowed McKinney to experiment with different players, like junior Michelle Wood and senior Elisa Irman at small forward. Senior center Joanne Paytes averaged a double-double over the duration of the tour, but McKinney said it was the breakthrough play of Neaves that had her excited.

"Lauren played really well over there, and it was great that she was able to go and play and get some experience playing with everybody else in game situations," McKinney said. "It was exciting to see what she did and that added depth she's going to give us this year. She's going to push our upperclassmen for minutes, and that's a good thing."

In July, long-time assistant coach Woody Hanchett accepted the head-coaching position at Sam Houston State University, but it didn't take long for his replacement, Todd Steedman, a successful high school basketball coach in North Carolina, was named in August to join Shane Sandfort and Carlos Zuniga as assistant coaches under McKinney. According to McKinney, Sandfort will assume Hanchett's position of recruiting coordinator.

"Todd's a great guy," McKinney said. "He's known as a good teacher of the game and helps players get better. He grew up in Houston, and he still has friends and contacts here, so he feels like this is home. He used to come work the camps when I first came here for about three years, so he's familiar with the program. He's going to be a really good addition to the program."
Men’s track team academically sound

After much national coverage during the College World Series on the quality of Rice student-athletes, the men’s track and field team proved Rice’s excellence once again by being named the top academic team in the nation by the United States Track Coaches Association.

Rice’s team cumulative GPA of 3.32 beat all other Division 1 schools, including St. Francis (Penn.), Dartmouth, Davidson, Francis and Mary and Drake.

Two members of the 2003 team received individual honors, ranking among the nation’s top 25 students in the sport. Senior Adam Darvis led the nation with a 4.00 GPA in economics and kinesiology. Darvis was the winner run at the Western Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships meet and led the team to a second place finish at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Erik Mazza (Will Rice ‘03) was also named to the top 25, graduating in May with a 3.81 GPA in political science and developmental studies. Mazza finished second behind Davis in the outdoor 100 meters and ran the anchor leg of the 4x100 meter relay team.

—Rice Sports Information

Ellis named new head golf coach

Dick Ellis, a special assistant to Rice athletic director Bobby May and head football coach Ken Hatfield, has been named the Owls’ new golf coach, May announced Saturday.

Ellis, 58, replaces Clay Homan, who resigned this summer to become head coach at Mississippi State University, Oxford.

Dick brings a solid background in golf and in athletic administration to this new assignment, said May. “With the young talent we have returning to our program this year, we are confident that he will be able to increase our wins.”

A former athletic director at Baylor, Ellis has been on the Rice staff for the past two years. His wealth of college experience has included stints as a recruiting coordinator at Arkansas and major involvement in athletic fundraising efforts at Air Force.

Clemson, Baylor and Rice. He has 21 years of college coaching experience.

Ellis’ golf experience includes three years as the assistant varsity coach and head junior varsity coach at his alma mater, the U.S. Air Force Academy. Among his duties as a physical education instructor at the Academy, he helped develop the institution’s exercise physiology laboratory and served as the director of the basic and advanced golf instructional programs. He taught golf at the Academy for 30 years and published a manual for golf instructors.

In addition to his undergraduate degree from the Academy and a master’s degree from Texas A&M, Ellis holds a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Denver.

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Junior defensive tackle Judd Smith was the only double winner. He took home the James W. Gantville Award for academics, academics and integrity and the “Bloody Joe” David Award for rising above pain and injury.

“Judd’s toughness not only helps him on the field, but also shapes him for a successful life,” said defensive coordinator B.J. Ferguson with the Joe Lipuscum Award as the team’s outstanding true freshman.

The Owls finished the 1998 season with a disappointing 5-6 record, but their 5-3 Western Athletic Conference record was good enough for second place in the WAC Mountain Division.

—Rice Sports Information
**STANFORD 3 RICE 4 (10 INN.)**

May 23, 2003  —  Reckling Park  

**Score by innings**  R  H  E

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**UN  4 RICE 5**

June 16, 2003  —  Rosenblatt Stadium, Omaha, Neb.  

**Score by innings**  R  H  ER  BB  SO  BF  Pit.  

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June 18, 2003  —  Rosenblatt Stadium, Omaha, Neb.  

**Score by innings**  R  H  ER  BB  SO  BF  Pit.  

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**RICE 10 WICHITA STATE 1**

May 25, 2003  —  Reckling Park  

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Wichita State  000  000  1  —  0  3  0  

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May 29, 2003  —  Rosenblatt Field  

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**FRESNO STATE 1 RICE 5**

May 26, 2003  —  Reckling Park  

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**SAN JOSE STATE 8**

May 27, 2003  —  Reckling Park  

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**RICE 6 SAN JOSE STATE 8**

May 28, 2003  —  Reckling Park  

**Score by innings**  R  H  ER  BB  SO  BF  Pit.  

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June 17, 2003  —  Reckling Park  

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CALENDAR  aug. 22-29

FRIDAY  22  Thresher is back

The Thresher returns for the first issue of the week. And we apologize to our three loyal readers for the lame-ucational suckery of this week's calendar. It'll be better next week, we swear.

SATURDAY  23  Outreach Day

Wake up early and participate in Outreach Day today. After tonight, you'll need the karma points.

O-week ends

O-Week ends at 12:01 p.m. The first leg stands of the year end 21, 35, and 38 seconds later.

Dis-Orientation

The Door-O party is relocating to the Brown Masters (Hutch and Paula) will also be hosting an open house with movies, games and socializing for any students who wish to drop by.

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SUNDAY  24  Open house

Today from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., there will be an open house in the Gay Student Center. All students are invited to come by and see what's available.

Soccer exhibition

The varsity soccer team will host state rival Baylor in a preseason exhibition game at 7 p.m. in the Rice Soccer and Track Stadium. The exhibition is free to the public.

MONDAY  25  Classes begin

Today is the first day of classes for the Fall 2003 semester. Get registered

Registration continues for graduate and undergraduate students until Friday, and the penalty-free and period continues until next Frisby, Sept. 9.

Bookstore open

The Campus Bookstore located under the Campus Store in the Rice Memorial Center is open for business from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every weekday. Sell back your used books from previous semesters for cash today and tomorrow.

Seminar

Today from 12 to 1 p.m., Dr. George Bennett, professor and chair of Rice's Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, will present his seminar “Meeting ground with Micronutritional Metabolism.”

Theatre Fair

There will be a campus-wide theater fair tonight at 8 p.m. in Hamman Hall to coordinate productions and get in touch. To reserve a space, send an e-mail to lan Garrett at garrett@rice.edu

TUESDAY  26  SPAF form deadline

If you have an on-campus job for the fall semester and want to be paid on the first pay period, you must turn in your Student Personal Action Form today by 5 p.m. to Student Financial Services in the Allen Center. For more information, call (713)348-5410.

NCAA Championship celebration party

The Student Association, the President's Office and Student Affairs are hosting a campus party to celebrate one of our champion baseball teams. Free catered food, drinks and activities will be available in the Taylor Court and the Rice Memorial Center from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Willy's Pub will open at 5 p.m. to continue the celebration.

WEDNESDAY  27  Recruiting orientation

The Career Services Center is holding a recruiting orientation for graduate students. It will be held in the Career Services Center office on the second floor of the Rice Memorial Center from 4 to 5 p.m.

Recital

Percussionist Matthew Zechiedrich will be performing his doctoral recital at 8 p.m. in the Duncan Recital Hall.

Thresher recruiting meeting

Ever wanted to work for the Thresher? Now's your chance. Come on over to the recruiting meeting held tonight at 9 p.m.

THURSDAY  28  We the People:

Don't miss this exciting interdisciplinary seminar on the question of how to define "the people" in North and Latin America!! What did the first proponents of democracy (e.g. Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, Simon Bolivar) understand by a government for and by the people? How is the impossible unity of an entity such as the people conceived and represented from the times of independence to the present? We will look at documents, speeches, art, literature, and film on topics as diverse as education, feminism, the Cuban revolution, MLK, student activism, and immigration.

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Malcolm Gillis, president of Rice University, woke up Monday in cold sweat after realizing that this would be his final year as president of Rice.

“I was like, shit, dude. We're seniors now! This is the last time for us to be young and stupid before we go to the ‘real world.’ Crazy,” Gillis said while consuming a beer at Yallahu and drunkedly hitting on a squirrel.

Gillis graduated at Rice in 1980, the same year that present Student Association co-President Michael Leggett entered Rice.

“I decided that since my good buddy Leggett is finally getting out of here after four major changes and ten years, I should join him at my next campus,” Gillis said. “Man, are we ever going to have fun.”

The Thresher has conducted interviews and random searches (it's cool, Attorney General John Ashcroft signed off on what we are doing under the guise of the Patriot Act — what a great piece of legislation, but we digress...), and has discovered Gillis’ plans for the year.

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