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The Baker Institute Student Forum should lobby Baker Institute administrators to schedule a student event with the Vice President while he is here, so that all of Rice — particularly those who actually go here — can benefit from his visit.

If that doesn’t work, we committed to the event that Rice for Peace is holding the night of Cheney’s event. It’s a needed return to a leader whose former business interests seem to be doing considerably better than the public.

Alternately, world on the street is that the Secret Service is surprisingly guilty. Tell them you have work to do in the building, look like you’re going to the computer lab and then jump into the buffer line. You didn’t hear that from us.

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Sinister funding sources degrade Rice

Several weeks ago, the Thresher reported the shortfall is Rice's Next Century Campaign, which compiles the largest fundraising efforts in the university's history. The report details how Rice is facing a potential shortfall in donations, which is a result of the university's failure to meet its fundraising goals. In this article, I will discuss the potential implications of this shortfall on Rice's ability to maintain its academic excellence and its financial stability.

The student body is not the only one to be affected by this situation. Many students, faculty, and staff are concerned about the potential consequences of this shortfall. Students who rely on financial aid to attend Rice are worried about their ability to continue their education. Faculty members are also concerned about the impact this shortfall may have on research grants and funding for academic programs.

In addition to these concerns, there are also questions about the university's ability to maintain its financial stability. If the shortfall continues, Rice may be forced to cut programs, reduce the size of its faculty, or increase tuition fees. These are all potential outcomes that could have a significant impact on the university's ability to attract and retain top students and faculty.

The university administration has been working to address these concerns. They have been reaching out to donors, seeking new funding sources, and exploring ways to increase revenue. However, as the shortfall continues, the university's ability to maintain its financial stability is in question.
Gays simply seek deserved legal equality

The following is the third in a column series on gay marriage.

Hastings IV. I found myself agitated at the prospect of a future where gay couples could be legally mandated to marry. Unlike "Hastings II," I will not try to be logical here. I do not believe in gay marriage. But I do believe that the government should not control my private life.

Love, not kids, is the foundation of marriage

The argument against gay marriage is based on the idea that gay couples are not able to produce children. This is a false argument. Gay couples can and do have children. In fact, gay couples are more likely to have children than straight couples. The reason is that gay couples are more likely to have children because they are more likely to be committed to each other. This is a logical flaw here: heterosexuals are more likely to be committed to each other than gay couples. In fact, heterosexuals are more likely to be committed to each other than gay couples. The reason is that heterosexuals are more likely to be committed to each other than gay couples. This is a logical flaw here: heterosexuals are more likely to be committed to each other than gay couples. In fact, heterosexuals are more likely to be committed to each other than gay couples. The reason is that heterosexuals are more likely to be committed to each other than gay couples.
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The 1992 statistics Hastings employs to support his argument are not only outdated but also irrelevant. Blacks and Jews are minorities in the United States, too, but do not justify discriminating against them. Furthermore, homosexuality is most likely statistically unique to individuals of the same sex, just as alcoholism is to those who enjoy a pint of scotch. Hastings' continued insistence that sexual marriage is unnatural, but instead an unnatural practice, is one of intolerant excuses by Hastings.

The notion of gay men as promiscuous is laughably outdated and even contradicts the issue at hand. Why do they want to get married? Why do they want to keep sleeping around and transmitting AIDS to America? If homosexuals are not satisfied to have their relationships recognized by society, they are perhaps the last hope for the institution of monogamous marriage. But the right to receive equal benefits is what matters the most in this discussion. Hastings' column portrays homosexuals as sex-craved deviants who should be stopped from having marriage simply because they are gay is not only a violation of the American civil right to equality, it is an insurmountable denial of help to those who lose a partner due to an accident, illness, or divorce. Hastings was right about one thing: "Gay marriage is not a fundamental feature of marriage without any help from gays. With some gay couples actually wanting to join this club, perhaps marriage is precisely in need of a queer-eye makeover.

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Student, '03

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Small number of gays does not deny rights

To the editor:
I was appalled to read Pat Hastings IV's column on his opposition to same-sex marriage. From a scientific perspective, homosexuality occurs in many species. Using the term "sick" to describe homosexuals should not be justifiable. Just because homosexuals reproduce within their species does not occur the majority of humans does not mean that gays and lesbians are less deserving of the rights to legally consummate their relationships.

For those who have never known a homosexual person, the prospect of "gays" marrying is not foreign to them. As a result, the question is whether same-sex couples should be legally allowed to marry. As a result, there are many homosexuals who have not produced offspring. Are their marriages invalid?

In the previous instance, Hastings' point that homosexual relationships are not monogamous. Not all "straight" people maintain fidelity to their boyfriends, girlfriends, husbands, or wives. Nor are all heterosexuals virgins before marriage. It is therefore ludicrous to expect that of homosexuals.

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Rice student dispels racing myths

by Ian Everhart

Most people don’t associate computer-generated and applied mathematics professors with drag racing hot rods. But then, most people haven’t met Richard Tapia.

Tapia, a CAAM professor, shared his years of experience racing and working with students in his lecture “Math at top speed: Breaking myths in the drag racing folklore.” The talk was part of the Undergraduate Lecture Series sponsored by the Computer and Information Technology Institute.

Tapia has been involved with drag racing for over 40 years. In 1965 he and his brother Bobby Tapia broke the world land speed record in a car the two men designed.

Richard Tapia, whose work with racing earned him the cover story in the fall 1999 issue of Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Natives Americans in Science News, began his speech by explaining an important distinction in racing terms.

“Fast describes a good top speed,” Tapia said. “As far as winning the race goes, top speed is meaningless,” he said. “Elapsed time tells it all.”

Fast is the rate by which a car takes to get from the first clock to the second. Elapsed time is the difference in time between the two clocks. When clocks are not placed at precisely the correct points, this mathematical error is actually very small.

This is very significant error, up to three or four miles per hour. For example, a driver who was clocked at 297 mph several years ago might actually have broken the 300 mph mark, and a driver recorded as going 300 mph might not have made that speed.

“Being fast is glamorous, but actually having broken the 300 mph mark, and a driver recorded as going 300 mph might not have made that speed.” Tapia said.

Tapia also deflated concerns that error in measuring racers’ top speeds. Three types of error—mathematical error, clock placement error, and clock resolution error—affect speed measurements in drag racing, he said.

More problematic is clock resolution error, the time clocks only register every 1/1000 of a second, meaning there can be significant error when calculating high speeds.

“Clock placement error is negligible.”

To illustrate, Tapia said because of his discovery, racing records such as the first person to reach a top speed of 300 mph are now suspect. For example, a driver who was clocked at 297 mph several years ago might actually have broken the 300 mph mark, and a driver recorded as going 300 mph might not have made that speed.

Over 60 students wore T-shirts in the SOAR campaign Wednesday. The shirts were numbered to represent estimated annual sexual assaults in the Rice community.
Rice receives $10 million in grants

by Jenny Rees

A Rice professor received an $8.25 million grant Wednesday from the National Science Foundation, a government agency that funds research in science and engineering. The grant will finance a five-year project for creating and using computational grids, networks of supercomputers that will be able to solve large scientific and engineering problems.

University Professor Ken Kennedy (Hammons '67), who was named as the grant leader, said Rice will collaborate on the project with six other schools: University of California, Santa Barbara; University of California, San Diego; University of Houston; University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; University of Southern California Information Sciences Institute, and University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The goal of our project is to work on creating programming tools that will help people write programs for computers, Kennedy said.

"It's a real feather in the cap of the university to have gotten this grant," Kennedy said. "It's one of many feathers in the cap of Dr. Kennedy, who is widely known in the field, and it's something that we have every right to be proud of.

"I think we're going to have a great year this year with [Stein]," Villard said. "I'm looking forward to it," she said.

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Enrollment is limited. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, email allyprogram@rice.edu or call 713-348-4967 for registration and location.

New IM coordinator named

by Rachel Rustin

Evan Stein has taken over the vacancy in the position of intramural sports coordinator.

Brian Mills, who previously held the position, is now pursuing a masters degree so he can further his career in sports programming.

Stein participated in and officiated for intramural sports at the University of Florida and was looking for a job within the recreation field. He said this position seemed like a nice fit in a good location.

"It's a very different environment with the aspect of the size of the schools," Stein said. "I'm curious to see how different programs run and how I can improve that and gain experience from that.

"I think Stein will make positive contributions to the intramural sports program," Villard said.

"I think we're going to have a great year this year with [Stein]," Mills said. "I'm looking forward to it," she said.

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Student charged in ID card scandal

by Catherine Adcock

Lovent College sophomore Phillip Parmet was charged with tampering with a government record late last week, Harris County Assistant District Attorney Katherine Cabaniss said. Parmet will be arraigned Wednesday.

Three weeks ago, Rice University Police Department officers discovered Parmet had sold dozens of fake IDs to other students during the spring semester of 2003 and at the beginning of the fall semester. Parmet turned himself in and is cooperating with authorities, RUPD Chief Bill Taylor said.

Despite repeated attempts, Parmet and his lawyer, Paul Nagner, could not be reached for comment or questioning.

The Office of Student Judicial Programs is also investigating the matter, and Assistant Dean for Student Judicial Programs Don Ostdiek will handle Parmet's case. Ostdiek said Parmet's disciplinary case will be independent of the criminal proceedings against him.

"The Rice judicial process is not related to how it is handled in the Harris County criminal process," Ostdiek said.

"Taylor said RUPD is conducting an ongoing investigation into the cases of students who bought IDs from Parmet. RUPD is waiting for Parmet's computer, where he stored the name of every person who bought one of the IDs, to return from a forensics lab, Taylor said.

"We're at their mercy," he said. RUPD officers are currently conducting interviews with students named on preliminary lists provided by Parmet. RUPD will also contact off-campus students identified as having bought the IDs.

Once RUPD receive the information stored on Parmet's computer, officers will continue to contact students individually, Taylor said. RUPD has promised the cases of students who turn in their IDs will be handled by Student Judicial Programs rather than sent to the Harris County District Attorney. Taylor said no deadline has been set for students to turn in their IDs and still avoid criminal proceedings.

"This isn't a class," he said. "It doesn't have deadlines. It's a criminal investigation, and it goes until the thing all unfold." Ostdiek said.

While no formal policy has been set, Taylor said the most likely reason a student's police report would be sent to the Harris County D.A. would be if the student bought IDs and sold them for a profit.

"To me, that's the line that's drawn," Taylor said. "If the difference between getting it for yourself and maybe even making some money off of it is getting it for other people."

Taylor said he would prefer to send all the students' cases to Student Judicial Programs. He said none of the cases have yet been referred to the office because he is waiting to send them as a group.

Ostdiek said whether a student comes forward with an ID before being approached by RUPD or turns the ID over to police after being interviewed will have little effect on the decision rendered by his office. Students also will not be penalized for destroying their IDs, as long as they come forward to RUPD, he said.

Ostdiek said he will publish abstracts for all cases. He said he thinks publishing the abstracts will build students' confidence in the student judicial system and will educate them about the case.

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"I will make them public as far as I can," Ostdiek said. "The boundary will be student confidentiality - federal law."

Lack of drug cards causing prescription problems

by April Goldstein

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"We have had very limited feedback," Dorn said. "We have had a limited response to the cards. Students have had difficulty getting their prescriptions filled with the insurance group number and their social security numbers.

Students who have paid the costs for prescriptions out of their own pockets since the start of the insurance plan will be reimbursed upon filling out a pharmacy claim form, she said.

Dorn said the delays in processing and sending the cards happen every year and is unavoidable because many students wait until they arrive at Rice to confirm they want to purchase insurance through the university.

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Smoothie King in RMC may open early

"We find the convenience to the consumer far outweighs the minimal cost of processing," Alfonso said. "In our experience, we've seen sales actually increase with the accepting of credit cards.

"I think we're going to do as well in RMC as we have done in any other location in the country," Escovar said. "We're very excited to be here."

"We've had such a positive response from the Smoothie King so far. He said the store's opening is a direct result of a comprehensive study about food options administered to students several years ago. The addition of Subway and the convenience store also resulted from this study.

"This is a student-initiated endeavor," Sutera said. "All this was done with students in mind, with students being part of the process." Alfonso said he used "grassroots marketing" to advertise the store's opening. Smoothie King served smoothie samples to over 2,000 Rice students during three events earlier this year, he said.

Alfonso said he plans to work on developing relationships with the residential colleges by offering samples during the first three months after the opening.

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Baker Institute celebrates 10 years

"The fact of the matter is, five years earlier, we probably would've tried to get Al Gore to speak," he said. "He's the highest public official we could get."

Meanwhile, Rice for Peace plans to protest Cheney's visit to campus by holding a counter-kickoff. "We definitely feel Cheney is not someone that we would like Rice to be affiliated with, especially because of his blatant human rights violations and breaking of international laws during his tenure at Halliburton," Rice for Peace President Jessica Kimnisky said.

"What specifics of the protest have not been determined, Kimnisky said that she envisions a large gathering of students carrying signs in the field between the Student Center and Herman Smith Field in support of the Baker Institute."

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Open meeting on Sunday

"The consensus penalty is supposed to represent student opinion of what students think the penalty should be," Redman said. "I don't think it will do the job."

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Daniel said the perpetrator must have been bold.

"He took my debit card and he came back and put my card back in my wallet, and he did this all in the time that we went out to practice and came back," Daniel said.

Fowler agreed.

"There are athletes during this time period in there from the weight room, so it's somebody who really had an opportunity and then followed through — it was very easy for someone even attempting to do what they did," Fowler said. "Needless to say, the guys that they took stuff from are 280-pound-plus guys. I don't think they'd want to meet those guys on the street alone."

Marshall said she encourages all students to be careful about leaving valuables in a locker room.

"Whether it's the locker room at the football stadium or a party, it's probably not a good idea to leave valuable property." Marshall said. "We've had a number of thefts from the locker room in the past."

Wilson said he has taken extra care with his belongings since the theft.

"I'm not taking anything in the locker room at all now," Wilson said. "It's important it stays at home or locked up."

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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Last weekend marked the start of the 2003 Powderpuff season. (See Story, Page 20.) With it came a host of questions: Will the Wiess Battle Sows continue their domination and repeat as champions? Will Jones finally win a game? How come the North-side colleges just aren’t good at Powderpuff? With these questions in mind, the Thresher presents a pictorial review of last weekend’s games.

Resistance is futile

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A Rice MBA Student seizes on his interest in politics as a candidate for Louisiana’s sixth congressional district

by Brooke Lathram

Every weekend this spring, Jones School of Management student Kyle Johnston will board a Greyhound bus leaving from Dripping Springs, Texas, on a 19-hour trip just to see Louisiana’s capitol or stately plantation homes. Instead, he plans to shake hands, kiss babies and spread the word about his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Johnston, at 24, is the youngest person to file for candidacy in the 2004 Congressional election. A Democrat in Louisiana’s sixth district, he faces an 18-year incumbent, Republican Richard Baker. Johnston will turn 25 in November, making him eligible to serve if elected.

One of eight siblings, Johnston grew up in Louisiana. He said he has known he wanted to enter politics since his senior year at Louisiana State University and cites a political science class taught by LSU Professor David Parent as particularly inspirational.

Support from Rice

Johnston said his experiences at Rice have prepared him well for a political career.

"I was then, and am now, always pleased to see him because he was and is so damned positive and upbeat about most things," Parent said. "I liked the fact that he was intent on being more than just a talker — he clearly planned to act on his ideas."

Johnston graduated from LSU with a major in finance and a minor in political science and then decided to attend business school at Rice because of its "emphasis on leadership communications."

"I was terrible at public speaking," he said. "I dropped public speaking at LSU after four times.

Johnston said he now feels more comfortable giving speeches.

Currently Johnston’s campaign has only one formal member, fellow Rice student classmate Dmitri Millas, a winner of the Jones School’s Dean’s Award for Academic Excellence in serving as campaign treasurer.

Johnston said he has already consulted a number of political advisors but is frustrated by their advice to downplay his youth and his involvement in YouthVote, a non-partisan, non-for-profit organization Johnston cofounded with his friend Rett Morris. YouthVote supports young people interested in politics.

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Balancing Life and Politics

Johnston said he looks forward to spending time with his three-year-old sister, Madison, while in Baton Rouge. In preparation for the travel-filled spring, Johnston is taking 25 hours this semester.

"When you’re on a Greyhound bus instead of by car in part because he suffers from narcolepsy, a condition that causes him to fall asleep unexpectedly," Johnston said he hopes political enthusiasts will go along for the ride.

"If anyone wants to join me on the Greyhound, let me know," he said.

Johnston can be reached at johnsc@rice.edu. His campaign Web site is http://www.johnston2004.com.

Johnston (left) practices answering questions in the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management Building.

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Johnston said he has received many verbal commitments from individuals who want to contribute to his campaign, and he hopes to raise more than $20,000 by the end of the year. Candidates can begin fundraising for the 2004 election Oct. 1.

Reality TV Show?

As the author of a book and youthful challenger of an 18-year incumbent, Johnston has already garnered national attention, but he may soon get even more. If a deal with production companies Hydrefilms or Jillybean Productions comes through, Johnston’s campaign will be the focus of a reality TV show developing a show about Johnston. He said he is currently pitching the idea to ABC’s Nightline and a few smaller stations in the Los Angeles area.

Producer Adiel Eshkinazi of Jillybean Productions said his wife, Jones School lecturer Jill Feute, introduced him to Johnston. Eshkinazi said he liked Johnston from the beginning.

“We had a three-hour meeting, and we just hit it off,” Eshkinazi said. He said he is trying to sell the show to several cable networks, and plans to begin taping at the end of the month.

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Johnston will be balancing his MBA studies at Rice and his campaign in Louisiana for the next year.
Exhibit invites viewers to cut and paste

Catherine Adcock

**THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF**

Paper Sculpture Show blurs the line between artist and observer as audience members are invited to create paper objects designed by 20 artists.

**'paper sculpture show'**

various artists

Rating: **** (out of five)

Through Nov. 15 at DiverseWorks, 1117 East Freeway, free. www.diverseworks.org

At the same time, the items mass-produced by the audience members, channel images of reproducible pop art. The analogy between reproduced art — screenprinted versions of famous paintings — and the reproduction of each paper sculpture doesn’t hold. The mass production of the pieces makes the viewers — the audience — into artists as much as it makes them into the craftsmen or fine-tuned machines. Each piece carries the vision of the artist mixed with the vision of the audience member.

As line between artist and audience is blurred, the artist is humanized. Certain sculptures require the same inordinate amounts of determination and time that many artists are willing to devote to their craft.

"Crumple," by Janine Antoni, is a single sheet of paper, with over 500 markings. The audience member is instructed to fold along each marking to produce a crumpled sheet of paper. My companion couldn’t handle the medium required by "Crumple." After laboring for a half hour, she became bored with the task and declared, "There, it’s done.”

Other sculptures further viability of paper as a medium. Rachel Harrison’s "Straw and Spittle" gives the audience the tools to make both the straw and the spittles. Yes the project is creative — the ease of simply using plastic straws themselves, as opposed to cutting out, taping together and maintaining paper straws is unquestionable.

The spittles and straw aren’t normal either — they’re composed of dildos and dongs. An exhibition, defiling the worth of documenting and displaying her own work, is not her work itself. Taking the spittles in your next art history class might be the way art historians would appreciate a way to inject your new viewing habits into the craft.

In "Homemades MCV Student F " audience members use easily accessible tools — paper, a typewriter, a camera and a laminator — to make fake student IDs, “to get student discounts.” The IDs evidenced the potential created by each visitor for the ID. In some ID photos, only faces of heads could be seen, and, in another photo, a woman was taking a cell phone. Someone with handwriting and glasses was typed on a typewriter.

Would these simple IDs work at an AMC movie theater? They were entirely in place but in Houston that doesn’t necessarily threaten their stability. My only suggestion is that if you are going to try and use one, pick the youngest student ticket seller and take a hefty Hispanic accent.

Other highlights include "The Art Guy’s "Paper Students" consisting of a white male face, complete with a uni-brow and graying hair. Viewers can make an airplane, content or a poster out of the sheet. The experience would be appreciated as a way to inject contemporary art.

Some of the exhibits truly are too hard to complete in one sitting. This, if anything, is the exhibit’s drawback. At the same time, the artists conceived of something that masses together and maintaining paper straws for an unsophisticated audience, the show would have had substantially less worth.

Overall, DiverseWorks’ high marks for its conceptually dense but easily accessible showing. The Paper Sculpture Show offers something to both the modern art connoisseur and the art neophyte — showing appreciation for the past works while acknowledging hands-on exploration of today’s art.

**The Little Matchstick Girl**

Raj Wahi

THRESHER STAFF

Memo to the makers of Matchstick Men, and to all others who wish to make a movie about con artists: The presence of one or more big twists in a screenplay, the use of world-weary criminals, and OCD elements in a blender, presses “pub” on Ridley Scott’s Matchstick Men.

You have to do some heavy lifting to put these elements in a genuinely interesting context; otherwise, you’re relying on a safety net of irony, and that’s really annoying. It’s so late 90s, Tubular Scotty Ridge Scott’s Matchstick Men at least tries to do an intriguing spin on the aforementioned twists, world-weary criminals, and OCD jokes — namely, it puts these elements in a blender, presses “pub” on the sport, and declares Matchstick Men a masterful send up of the resulting smorgasbord all over the theater walls. It doesn’t entirely work (it has one hit and a miss), but it will give the movie credit for trying.

Cage plays Roy, a con man with various neuroses he barely manages to keep under control when he’s working his victims. His partner, Frank (Sam Rockwell), alternates between a motherly concern over Roy’s condition (“Have you been taking your meds?”) and an irresistible urge to push his buttons — the funniest image in the film is Roy’s horrified expression as Frank recently eats a cheeseburger over Roy’s immaculately kept carpet and then apologetically picks up the crumbs with his grocery fingers.

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I’m about ready to give up on Ridley Scott.

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**Binding Site by Stephen Henderson**

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Focus on ticks and quirks annoying

Frank (Sam Rockwell, right) comforts his partner in crime Roy (Nicolas Cage) during one of his overly emotional episodes.

“This is the lowest moment of my career, and I’m not ashamed of my career.”

The songs I’ve sung along to the loudest have never been about believing in love. Sometimes, singing “Going to the Chapel” by the Dixie Cups is nowhere near as much fun as belting “You Don’t Own Me” by Leslie Gore. At the risk of feeding the anti-old-songs-before-dictionary. I’ve compiled a list of some of my favorite ...".

Liz Phair proves she’s smart, petite and a freckle-enhanced bunny Deborah Harry is beyond my comprehension. “The Divinyls turn feminine masturbation, so...
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*Returning students only please. This is due to the lack of fall 03 information for 1st semester students in Esther at this time. Thanks for your interest!*
Both Owl cross-country teams dominated their city rivals at the 29th Annual Rice Invitational on Aug. 30, will lead the Owls against Texas tomorrow at Reliant Stadium.

Sophomore defensive end John Syryna said defending against UT's triple option offense will be "the most difficult part was being unable to get a rhythm going because of all the changes in the pace the course required."

"Men's cross-country head coach Jon Warren (Jones) told me to run a smooth race because of his performance in such tough conditions. "It's much harder for some of the faster and lighter runners to get through this type of course — the most rhythm and getting their pace run."

"The course was extremely difficult," Snyder said. "Even if you worked hard through the race, the course didn't seem to get any easier to get through."
Junior William Barker won the Crowne Plaza invitational singles title and teamed with twin Richard Barker for the doubles championship.

by Adam Tabakin

It was a familiar scene Sunday at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium, as senior twins Richard and William Barker came away with the doubles championship of the Crowne Plaza Invitational.

William Barker added to the top-ranked duo’s hardware with a singles title of his own, winning singles Flight A — the most competitive flight — in a grueling three-set championship match.

The tournament, which featured visiting teams from the University of Notre Dame, the University of Tulsa, Rice’s first action since the NCAA tournament last May.

Senior Barker brother had played a competitive match since, but the Barkers rolled to the title, beating No. 7 Bryan Fisher and Jabeau Mok to finish fourth in doubles.

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"We really enjoyed (the doubles final)," William Barker said. "I found out a few things I have to work on in my game to take it to the next level.”

Mok had a chance to win both of the matches he lost, as he lost in straight sets in the second round despite leading 4-1 in the second set. He also lost a third-set tiebreaker in the final round. Smarr said he believes experience will help Mok.

"We’ll learn to lose those matches out,” Smarr said. "He played hard, he played well and he’s got some talent. We’ll just have to want to see, but I was pleased with his efforts.”

Except for the informal Rice Reunion Classic Oct. 16-17, the Owls will not be in action at home until January, but they remain busy with individual tournament action next week at the Tulsa Invitational.

On a lighter note, William Barker jokingly verified last week’s Drinker Backpage linking the Barker twins with volleyball stars Rebeka and Olaya Pazo.

"Our doubles success can definitely be attributed to our current relationship with the Pazo’s, William Barker said. Neither Pazo could be reached for comment.

Tennis twins take tourney title

by Jonathan Yardley

After its fourth 1-0 loss of the season, the soccer team hopes home-field advantage will prove the difference in a pair of games this weekend.

The Owls, now 0-4-1 on the year, lost in overtime to the University of Georgia Sunday at Meyer Park in Spring, Texas, at the Women’s College Classic. Rice faces the University of Alabama tonight at 7 p.m. and Northwestern State University Sunday at 1 p.m., both at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium.

"I think that our momentum and our practices this week have proved that we’re ready for the home games,” redshirt sophomore Ashley Lindey said. "We’re not going to ever lose on our home field — that’s one of our team goals.”

"Physically, I felt like I was still getting back from my ankle injury," Anderson said. "As the game wore on and the environment and all the fans were getting into it, our level of play started picking up.”

Locked in a scoreless struggle in the afternoon heat before a tournament crowd announced at 1,000, Anderson had two chances in the final 16 minutes as Rice dominated the end of the second half.

"It’s going to be a total battle. Hopefully, the home advantage and the fans will take us through.”

— Lauren Shockley
Junior goalkeeper

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Additional information can be obtained by contacting Heather Masden, Director of Student Activities, at x-4097 or hmasden@rice.edu

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It's been four years since Rice has faced the University of Texas, and in football terms, not much has changed.

The Longhorns still expect to be national contenders every year, while Rice fans just hope for a winning record.

UT may be nationally ranked, heavily favored and out for blood after losing to Arkansas Saturday, but we have traditionally made life difficult for the Austin juggernaut.

Tomorrow's game might be the predicted blowout, but we can look to the past — to two games 40 years apart — for inspiration and proof that the little guy can pull it off. (Especially in nationally-televised night games in Houston.)

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**99 Years of Rice-Texas (UT leads series 63-21-1)**

Above:
Rice football players and cheerleaders celebrate Rice's 1994 upset of then-13th-ranked UT at Rice Stadium, televised on ESPN.

Left and below:
A Thresher extra celebrates Rice's 1944 win at old Rice Stadium (now the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium).

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**EXTRA**

This Thresher is in the nature of an extra and a memorial combined. It was decided that the great Owl victory over Texas should not go unrecorded, so we have put out late — but not too late, we hope — this edition. It will stand as a permanent reminder that there is more to a football team than old men, high salaries, and publicity agents. It will stand as a permanent rebuke to an earlier and unmerciful score of 38-0. It will stand as a permanent thorn in the side of a once-arrogant university. So keep this paper. Fold it up and put it away. Then, later or when things seem tough, life is real and earnest, pull it out and gloat over it, remembering and taking heart from the fact that once upon a time, there were a good many people feeling worse than you feel then.
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Football is often cruel to kickers, and winter Beano Skenes's experience Saturday was no exception. Skenes booted a 34-yard field goal attempt wide left to overtime, as Duke University beat Rice 25-24 Saturday in Durham, N.C. Skenes had made a 46-yard field goal, the second-longest of his career, as the Owls called from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to tie the game with three seconds left.

By NCAA rules, each overtime period consists of a possession beginning at the 25-yard line. Each team gets a turn, beginning at the 25-yard line on total number of eligible entries received. Participation in this Sweepstakes is voluntary. No purchase is necessary to enter or win. Open to legal residents of the U.S. and Canada (excluding the Province of Quebec) and students residing at a U.S. or Canadian school. **KAPLAN** reserves the right to award a prize of equal value or greater in the event of any unclaimed prize. This offer is void where prohibited by law. **KAPLAN** is not responsible for any taxes or other costs associated with acceptance of the prize.

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"Going into the game, it's a big game just like any other big game," Henderson said. "We played Michigan State last year—a sea of green, a sea of orange, it's all the same. We have to get ready for whoever we play."

Henderson's composition may be the exception to the rule among the Owls. Rice has not played in a bowl game since 1961, and for many players, the game against UT is the biggest of their career. Hartfield said emotions on both sides will run high.

"I hope to heck they are emotional, playing the Longhorns," Hartfield said. "I believe they will be. When you have an opportunity to play any of the old Southwest Conference teams that were part of the great rivalries, it brings back the more fond memories of what the conference was all about."

As for the fans, supporters on both sides should be treated to some of the best college football in the nation.

"We'll have our fans behind us, no doubt," Henderson said. "Texas is a big game, and they are starting to get that rivalry back into play. It's college football—anybody can beat any team at any time no matter who you are."
Senior midfielder Julia Jackman (front) defends against the spike as junior outside hitter Rebeca Pazo prepares for the dig. Rice won the Tuesday match against UH in three straight games, 30-26, 30-27, 30-20.

**Volleyball rebounds against UH**

by Scott Selinger

Although the volleyball team lost its first five games, the Rice University Miners Classic last weekend, the Owls rebounded to crush crosstown rival Brigham Young University Tuesday at Autry Court. It was just Rice’s seventh win over UH in 58 all-time meetings.

“I think we learned something at the tournament,” senior Rebecca Neal said. “We made adjustments and convened on the games, and we did a good job knowing our level of success.

In the UH match, junior co-captain Rebecca Pazo scored an additional double-double (21 kills, 10 digs) and six aces in the Rice record books for career kills with 1499. Freshman Texas booster DuPont also brought some fire to the court, recording all three of the team’s aces.

Rice will look to continue its win streak tomorrow, as they host Ole Miss at 5 p.m. at Autry Court.

**Tennis split weekend tourament**

by Debbie Miller

The Rice and University of Texas tennis teams had their weekend split send the Owls’ record to 3-1.

In their second match, the Owls produced another strong showing side cross to the goal. Rob Beiler测制ed and completed the Owls second goal to extend the lead to 20.

Christine Lujan played the entire Sunday game in goal, shutting out Texas State. Rice, however, Schaefer credited the entire defense for not allowing many scoring opportunities.

“The other teams don’t get a lot of shots on goal because the defense has been playing as well,” Schaefer said.

With this year’s increased roster and promising freshman players, the team is excited about playing as a whole. This past weekend however, the team was missing four of their strong players.

“We have a lot of depth and we like that as much as we were missing players playing a role in the loss,” Schaefer said. “We are still settling in, playing down our formations and fighting out our strengths and weaknesses. Our midfield is able to pass the ball to the forwards on the ground, and our forwards have even better ability to get the ball directly from the defense. That gives us the added advantage of moving our midfield up to play offense too.”

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**Defense boasts WAC’s leading GAA**

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responsible, and we needed to get some goals,” Houston said. “I think that defensively (Baylor) did a better job, but we can get one of them off the offensive side in some games, that might help us a lot.”

Furin and freshman midfielder Maria Pinao were also improving an attack that is a quick finisher. Junior goalkeeper Lauren Shockley led the defense by making six saves to earn Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors.

Shockley spent two years back- ing up injured all-WAC junior goalkeeper Amanda Garrison, but Houston said her form is not surprising.

“It’s always been a very close race between her and Amanda, so we know she was a good goalkeeper,” Houston said. “Now she’s had the opportunity — she stepped in, the starter and that she’s gained so much confidence. She’s doing a good job controlling the ball.”

Shockley said her performance is the culmination of two years of hard work.

“To be contributing to the team — that’s what I’ve been wanting to do for having been the last two years, and finally get that chance,” Shockley said. “It’s always going to be a total battle, and she’s done a good job controlling the ball. It’s always been a very close race between she and Amanda, so we know she was a good goalkeeper.”

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“At the end of the season, we were the best player on the field,” Shockley said. “We were the best player on the field.”

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Today is the deadline for late registration, adding courses, dropping courses without a fee, and withdrawing or dropping to part-time with a 90 percent refund of tuition. To do any of these, get to the Registrar’s Office by 5 p.m.

Campus Crusade meeting  
Campus Crusade for Christ is holding its Large Group meeting today in Sewall Hall Room 301 at 7 p.m. The theme for this week is “Youth Groups Nite” and the after-group activity is “Come as You Are Prom” at BBQ. For more information, contact p sellers@rice.edu or maranda@rice.edu.

Be there or be left out!  
Come play in the Four Square Tournament being held in the Will Rice Commons. The madness runs from 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

In case you just can’t handle the Four Square Intensity.  
Brown College Pub Night will be held tonight at Willy’s Pub in the Student Center from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Come by and drink some beer, eat some pizza and clip for Eileen.

SATURDAY  

Look out for those fast women.  
The Powderpuff season is back for more today and tomorrow on the Powderpuff Field. Get out there and watch those ladies kick the ass 8-0 out of each other.

Hey, somebody has to beat UT today.  
The Rice Women’s Club soccer team takes on the University of Texas today at 3 p.m. on the club soccer field. Come out and support our ladies as they start off our Texas sweep for the day by beating the Longhorns.

Rice volleyball  
Rice volleyball plays the University of Mississippi at 7 p.m. at Asty

MONDAY  

“Shame, Stigma and Punishment?” Sounds like someone wore their Stanford sweatshirt to Pub one too many times.

The President’s Lecture Series program and the Center for the Study of Cultures presents “Shame, Stigma and Punishment,” a lecture by philosopher Martha Nussbaum. It takes place tonight at 8 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center.

THURSDAY  

A film that may just be better than either of last week’s sold out showings of Jeepers Creepers 2 and Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star.

The Rice Media Center presents Chris Marker’s A Grin Without a Cat, a rumination on radical politics in the 20th century. It will be in French with English subtitles.

Admission is $5 for students and the film begins at 8 p.m. If more information, visit http://ricecinema.rice.edu.

FRIDAY  

Remember that term paper you didn’t write for ANTH class?  
Today is the deadline for changing Spring 2003 grades from a pass/fail designation to a letter grade. It is also the deadline for instructors to change any grades of incomplete to a final grade for a course taken in the Spring 2003 semester.

Philosophy presentation  
The Rice University philosophy department presents University of Houston Professor Paul Saba giving a presentation titled, “Nietzsche was a Kraut: The Semantics of Hate Speech” from 4-6 p.m. in Humanities 117.

More Volleyball  
Rice volleyball takes on the University of Hawaii tonight at 7 p.m. in Asty Court.

Attack of the Rainbows  
Women’s soccer takes on the University of Hawaii tonight at 7 p.m. at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium. So many opportunities to see the Warriors.
Squirrel Scarcity Seems Suspicious

Returning students may have noticed that there are fewer squirrels on campus this year.

"Compared to last year, the few remaining squirrels are a bunch of noseraces. Maybe there was some kind of squirrel war or something over the summer," Terry Shepard, vice president for Public Affairs.

Shepard stated that Rice has been developing and implementing various programs for squirrel weight gain and intelligence enhancement—reminders which are reminiscent of the Soviet super-soldier experiments of the Cold War.

Shepard claimed that the University's goal is to produce the most marketable squirrels, "large and lush, like other tropical life."

When asked about how this new program would affect the campus's free squirrel rating according to "The Campus Squirrel Listings" (http://www.gottshall.com/squirrels/campus.htm), Shepard admitted that the Web site was in fact set up in order to attract the best and brightest of America's squirrel population.

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Terry Shepard  
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Squirrel, like our friend Chubbie here, have been in short supply on campus so far this semester.

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Victor vice president for Public Affairs

"I am Batman! Come, Robin, to the Batcave! Gotham is in danger!"

—Malcolm Gillis  
President