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Obese America a problem of will, not flies

Please be on high alert: The War on Waistlines has escalated from orange juice to more stringent measures. Today, the federal government named obesity both an "epidemic" and a "disease." Americans are eating too much and exercising too little. And the government wants to do something about it. Is the real cause of obesity that people are eating too much and exercising too little? Or should the federal government get involved? Should we see restaurants for serving "too much food?" Should the federal government take an interest in how much we eat, what kind of foods we eat or how we brush our teeth twice a day?

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If we inject more organ transplant policies into our health system, the result will be more public service announcements and warning labels. That doesn't make us safer or healthier.

While the American public probably believes Americans are overweight, it must be emphasized that the government on its own — or given the health department's budget, be moral. You should have no problem eating or exercising too little.

Having identified the right culprit, many insist that the government must come to ensure comers from the culprits that make them fat. While obesity is a serious health issue, the government probably cannot do much about it. Government programs to ban the war on shirts and regulations tend to encourage health-conscious behavior among Americans. The government has no resources involved in another component of the war on obesity. Moreover, if we give the government the power to ban or tax any behavior that might lead to disease or injury, the United States Senate is in a logistical nightmare. Portions sizes in the United States, for example, have grown larger than in France. Should we see restaurants for serving "too much food?" Should the federal government get involved? Should we see restaurants for serving "too much food?"

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The Athletic Department would like to familiarize you with the procedures related to athletic events student admission.

Undergraduate students are admitted free to all home sporting events by presenting their valid Rice ID. Graduate students (and their spouses) may pay the athletic fee at the cashier's office. Visit www.riceowls.com for all athletic schedules. All student ID's will be swiped to enter Rice sporting events.

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Freshmen have difficulties creating Owlnet accounts

by Ian Everhart

Obtaining a username and password proved to be more difficult than expected for some new students, who encountered slowly loading pages and repeated error messages when they applied for Owlnet accounts Sunday afternoon.

Senior Systems Administrator Dean Lane said the volume of the application requests overloaded the server.

"We had a much higher turnout than we expected, and the server that this process was running on was not able to feed all the requests that people were making on it," Lane said.

Will Rice College adviser Elizabeth Stephens said some members of her group had trouble when they tried to register for accounts at Ryon Engineering Laboratory Sunday afternoon.

"We were told that the server wasn't able to handle the load all at once, and it was just ridiculously slow," Stephens, a Will Rice senior, said. "That was the time — that space between saying goodbye to parents and finishing unpacking and Matriculation — was kind of designed for campus tours, setting up Owlnet accounts and settling in."

She said five members of her group were able to register, but the computers two students were using froze, so they were unable to register.

"Probably the biggest impact that it had was that it was a negative introduction to Rice's IT system," Stephens said.

Lane said IT staff upgraded the application site to a faster server Sunday afternoon when the problems were discovered.

"As soon as we noticed that the server was overloaded, we started to take steps to resolve the problem," Lane said.

Many students applied for accounts Monday, but Lane said no other issues of overloading occurred.

Interim Registrar Diane Havlinek said she does not anticipate any problems when new students register for classes today.

Havlinek said incoming students were randomly divided into four groups and will register sequentially in one of four hour-long time slots starting at 8 a.m.

According to Havlinek, new students were mailed their ESTHER login PINs in July and have been able to review course selections online since then.

She said the randomization means that unlike in the past, no particular college's new students will have the advantage of being able to register first.

ACTIVITIES FAIR!
Friday, August 27th, 2004

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For more information, e-mail Holly Williams at hollyw@rice.edu

Come Worship with Us!
West University Baptist Church invites you to worship, the study of God’s Word, and fellowship.

We have both contemporary and traditional Sunday worship services, as well as a college-level Sunday school class that is attended by many Rice University and Medical School students and taught by Dr. Jim Tour. Free breakfast is always served in the class, along with an opportunity to take the Lord’s Supper each Sunday morning.

We are located 2 miles directly west of campus, 6218 Auden between University and Rice. Free round-trip shuttle service is provided each Sunday morning leaving at 8:15 AM and 9:15 AM on the loop in front of Rice’s Allen Center. See www.wubc.org for more details, or call 713-668-2319.

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by Lindsey Gilbert

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"He was going to transform Student Affairs and the entire campus toward a philosophy that put students at the top priority," Maliszek told The Thresher.

Ten years and 7,000 names later, Camacho leaves a legacy that many would argue proves Maliszek’s prediction.

Camacho’s sudden retirement, announced in May, caps a career at Rice that included substantial interactions with students, particularly undergraduates. As VPSA he established Leadership Rice, supported rebuilding Will's Pub after it burned down in 1995, antagonized hundreds by temporarily shutting down student-run radio station KTRU in 2001, and established an open-door policy that led the Princeton Review to describe his personal demeanor as one of the university’s strengths.

The name game
Many students said their favorite memory of Camacho is the effort he makes to remember their names and hometowns of every new student.

Last spring, Zenaido Camacho and Steve and Laura Cox said Camacho consistently accosted them with "Hi, Steve and Laura Cox!" and remembered their names.

"We thought he had some kind of memory chip," said student along with them.

The Office of Student Affairs sent a monthly letter to the parents of each student, which included a message from Camacho and VPSA John Hutchinson, to introduce the new campus member.

"[The letter] was a nice snapshot of what it was like when you first met him," said Beth Talley, who joined the faculty in 1994.

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Camacho’s interest in his colleagues’ work and passions was evident to students and administrators.

"He's going to transform Student Affairs and the entire campus toward a philosophy that put students at the top priority," Maliszek said.

As the administrator responsible for overseeing student life in the residential colleges, Camacho not only monthly with college masters and not with the VPSA and student president every Friday for lunch.

A positive attitude
Director of Multicultural Affairs Carla Clack said she appreciated Camacho’s positive outlook, infusing him with his signature smile.

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GLBT center established

by Lindsey Gilbert

This semester will be the first that students have access to a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, Questioning and Allied Resource Center on campus. The center known as GATHER, is temporarily housed in the Wellness Center. Wiese College sophomore Althea Skinner led the student-run initiative to create the center, petitioning the President's Council on GLBT Campus Climate for funding last year. Skinner said she proposed a permanent space that would serve as an resource for the GLBT community.

"When I got to Rice last year in August and began to get acquainted with the school, I found that there wasn't much of a unified gay community."

Skinner said, "There was no place for people to hang out. It's not that it was an intolerant environment, but it was not very welcoming, I think."

The school's Health Center, and appointed Director of Multicultural Affairs Cathy Chick and Director of the Wellness Center Emily Dayton as advisors to the project. GATHER should move into a permanent space, likely in the Student Center, by next fall. Chick said.

The center will have a library of books, movies, journals and magazines about GLBT issues. The current library numbers about 40 books, Christel Miller said, a Brown College student. Millie, along with Skinner is a member of the nine-person board that will raise funds and plan programming for GATHER. The board is in the process of seeking donors from the community. GATHER is currently operating the office through Chick's Multicultural Affairs office.

Johnstone and student advisor Andrew Johnstone, another member of the board, said he thinks the time was right for students to create a resource center. Rice will join a hundred schools across the country with similar centers, including Texas A&M University.

"Any comparable university across the country has a resource center, or has one in the making, or has had one for 20 years," Johnstone said. "I personally think the timing was just about perfect, the campus wasn't quite as divided as it was in the Hallahan incident. It was a perfect time to bring the campus together."

In Fall 2002, Head Football Coach Ken Hatfield told the Chronicle of Higher Education that he would consider removing a player from his team if he found out the player were gay. The incident set off a series of discussions about tolerance on campus, and prompted former President Malcolm Gillis to form the President's Council on GLBT Campus Climate.

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The student representatives could not be selected in time for the beginning of the search because the committee was formed after classes had ended, she said. She said although the students are joining the search, they still have input into the process.

"I certainly think that their voices will be heard," she said. "If there is something crucial that we've missed, we certainly want that into account."

Student-Association President Derrick Matthews was asked to nominate undergraduate representatives for the committee, and although he has done so, Levy has yet to appoint the undergraduate representative.

Derrick Matthews, a Will Rice College senior, said he would like to see more undergraduate input in the search.

"I think there should be at least two each undergraduate and graduate students on the committee to better represent the diversity of the students at the engineering school," he said. Kathlene Matthews said the board has given serious consider- ation to the needs of students in the search and has included the ability to communicate with all students, faculty, administrators and others as one of the qualities desired in a new dean.

Levy said good communica- tion skills will be important in the search because the Schools of Natural Sciences and Engineering and the School of Engineering — and the School of Natural Sciences and the Dean of Engineering — and it's absolutely vital that that relationship continues," Levy said.

Levy said he was not prepared to comment on possible change- es to the School of Engineering.

"We're always thinking strategically about where the university's going, where the school's going, where the department's going — and that's a discussion that has to involve the faculty, the department chairs, the new dean and the administra- tion, and to do that labiously anticipate changes, I don't know what they're all going to be at this point," Levy said.

In 2001, the civil and environ- mental engineering departments merged. Last year, the school tem- porarily eliminated the bachelor's degree program in civil and environmental engineering. The degrees appeared in the 2004-'06 General Announcements.

The search committee chairing the summer and composed of five (of personal and professional qualifi- cations desired in the dean.

The first item on the list states, "Student must be a leader with global perspective, appreciation of character of 21st century engineer, and ability to motivate others and adhere to the re- sources necessary to achieve the goals of the school."

"The ability to foresee e- ffectively appeared on both the list," he said. "It was a letter from the Provost to the committee, conforming the duties of the dean."

Although the university is re- forming the list, and continue to teach and do research within the computer engineering professor.

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Information Technology
Rice University
Textbook thief caught

A high-profile charity boxing match between Rice University's Sarah Foreman and the founder of Teach for America, Jeremy Beasley, was called off Tuesday following a string of burglaries.

"It's very discouraging," said student government president Cara Virgili. "This is the second time this month that someone has broken into my dorm room and taken everything from it."

The thief admitted he has been stealing books, including textbooks, from Rice dorm rooms.

The thief is a Houston native and was identified by campus public safety as a man with a history of criminal activity.

"We are working closely with the campus police to identify the individual responsible," said Foreman.

"It's a real shame," said Rice student government vice president Jamie Story. "We were looking forward to this match and it's really disappointing that it's come to this."
**Inner Loop, tennis court construction completed**

by Alana Newell

Repairs on the Laboratory Road portion of the Inner Loop and the demolition of the old tennis courts were completed as anticipated over the summer.

The northern half of the loop from Duncan Hall to the Student Center was closed from May 11 until June 28 so that a new concrete base could be put under the roads by the new tennis courts. The former base had determined its fate from an accident on the Loop, and it was needed to be replaced entirely.

Facilities and Engineering Maintenance Planner Max Amery said the construction was completed before the deadline of July 12, the first day of the Advanced Placement Summer Institute for teachers.

“We put the pressure on the contractor, and then we got rained on, and we still finished in six weeks, so we were pretty happy,” Amery said.

Amery said he thinks the improvement costs, which cost about $500,000, will last at least 30 years.

Although there are plans to do similar construction on the other portion of the loop, College Way, and the section of the Loop in front of Lovett Hall, neither is planned for the near future.

Amery said surface repairs were made to College Way a year and a half ago, and there is no need to reconstruct it now. Additionally, work is needed on the sewer system beneath College Way before the road is redone.

The loop in front of Lovett Hall was also improved as recently as five years ago, when a new storm sewer was put in to decrease flooding in front of Duncan Hall. Also over the summer, the sidewalk on the south side of Laboratory Road near the Student Center was moved farther from the road and replaced with a strip of grass in order to be symmetrical with the sidewalk on the opposite side of the road.

College Way was used for two-way traffic during the construction period, and vehicles were not allowed to park on the Loop as they would have blocked traffic.

Amery said he did not hear of any problems caused by the temporary two-way direction of College Way.

The other major construction project over the summer was the demolition of the old tennis courts next to Intramural Field 7.

Although the new courts behind Autry Court were completed before the spring semester ended, the demolition of the old courts did not occur until early August.

The land used for the old tennis courts will be used for a new EM field.

Director of the Student and Recreation Centers Boyd Beckwith said, “We've committed significant finances so that instead of it being like the old Winooski, we're going to have it crowned so that water will flow off it, and we're planning another grass to put in white sand courts.

Beckwith said, "So we'll have an extended EM field that will parallel Field 7 to replace the field that was lost for the Intramural Courts. We're planning to submit a request again this year to have it."

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Freshman class largest ever, minority enrollment grows

by Jenny Rees

For the second consecutive year, Rice's entering freshman class was the largest ever. Vice President for Enrollment Ann Wright said Rice received 8,107 freshman and 82 transfer students this year, an increase of 11 more students than last year's freshman class, which was the largest ever at the time.

"Small changes in the yield rate are more significant than people think. It takes a lot to move the numbers," said Ann Wright, Vice president for enrollment.

The increased class size reflects factors such as graduations, attrition, losses of absences and participation in study abroad programs, Wright said. In addition, the six-campus enrollment — the number of undergraduates studying at Rice-averaged between the fall and spring semesters — was upwardly increased from last year's total of 2,758 to about 2,760. Wright also noted there were no undergraduate transfers to the fall semester.

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Wright said the increase in black student enrollment is due to a number of factors, including the "Western" feminist experiences. The history of labor, women's history and race relations.

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Residential Colleges
Lovett College May 31 Subject arrested for public intoxication and remanded to Harris County Jail.
Martel College July 18 Subject acting suspicious near bike rack. Subject arrested for public intoxication and remanded to Harris County Jail.
Jones College July 26 Refrigerator reported missing from basement.
Jones College July 29 Housing and Dining employee reported finding drug paraphernalia in a room. Objects confiscated by RUPD.
Baker College Aug. 16 Report of four sofas taken from room 2100.
South Colleges Aug. 17 Suspicious male arrested for criminal trespass after walking near bike racks at several colleges. The subject had been previously handled by RUPD.

Academic Buildings
Seeval Hall May 24 Books stolen from mailbox.
Baker Hall May 27 Disturbing phone call reported.
Abercrombie Engineering Laboratory June 1 Report of money stolen from office sometime between May 21 and May 26.
Keck Hall June 10 Fire behind building reported. Officers put out a pile of boxes which had caught on fire. A handrail was damaged.
Raynor Hall July 2 Fax and photocopy machines stolen.
Hemming Hall July 13 Books stolen.
Dell Butcher Hall July 16 Suspicious male sitting on bench and talking to himself and others. Officer issued subject a criminal trespass warning.
Hemming Hall July 19 Books stolen.
Hemming Hall Aug. 12 Textbooks reported stolen.

Other Buildings
Forden Library May 24 Subject arrested after attempting to enter reference office and remanded to Harris County Jail.
Reckling Hall June 5 Narcotics sale reported. Report determined to be unfounded.
Greenbrier Building June 9 Subject with five previous trespass warnings found sleeping outside building. Subject arrested and remanded to Harris County Jail.
Rice Memorial Center June 11 Cash box stolen.
Mudd Building June 23 Possible illegal computer use reported.
Audry Court June 29 Shoes stolen from unsecured locker.
Rice Stadium Aug. 6 Baylor University students detained for operating a Facilities and Engineering cart without authorization.
Fondren Library Aug. 9 Student reported ID missing and used to check out books.

Parking Lots
Hess Court Lot June 20 Vehicle keyed.
Lovett Lot June 25 Driver of catering van collided with parking gate.
South Colleges Lot July 18 Report of damage to a vehicle overnight, possibly struck by another vehicle.
Greenbrier Lot July 28 Two-vehicle accident. One subject transported to hospital for head injury.
North Lot Aug. 17 Driver reported broken gate arm. Department of Parking Facilities repaired the arm.

Other Areas
You got mail about it for weeks, but you didn’t really understand until you got here. That’s when you found out what O-Week is all about: filling 10,000 little paper cups with water, screaming “Death from above” and blasting “MMM’Bop” in the Martel quad — that’s right, Hanson and Hanszen do sound alike.

Maybe somewhere in there you also registered for classes, met your college’s associates and manipulated some combination of uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers and characters into the perfect password for your Rice e-mail account.

Now that it’s over, stop clinging to your adviser’s hand and get some sleep. And hang on to that O-Week book — you may need it for next year’s scavenger hunt.
New students attend matriculation faculty address

President David Leebron began his matriculation speech Sunday by pointing out some of the similarities between himself and the incoming students.

"I imagine I am also beginning my first year at Rice," he said. "In many ways, we embark on this journey together." Leebron went on to describe some of the obvious differences between the new students and himself.

"You live in small dorm rooms," he said. "I live in a giant house. You have a lot of hair I don't." Leebron said the students should be aware of some of the opportunities they have outside the classroom as well as inside. He continually highlighted some of the non-academic benefits of the Rice experience.

"You will make lifelong friendships here.... You will find members of this community wherever you may go. They will serve you well," he said.

In addition to listing the usual facts about the Class of 2008, Leebron used information from the traditional faculty address. He spoke to an audience of freshmen, transfers and advisors Monday at Stude Concert Hall.

In his address, Leebron noted five challenges to incoming students, which she said she offered in a spirit of equal participation.

"If you give advice, it suggests I understand the experience, which I'm not," he said. "We're all in this together. We're part of a community of scholars and learners, and as part of the community, we all have challenges to face."

Leebron introduced her first challenge — to practice and uphold academic freedom — with a story about her recent trip to England.

Her favorite place in London, she said, is a place in Hyde Park called "Speaker's Corner," a historical site where individuals on soap boxes exercise their right to free speech, often on controversial issues.

Leebron observed a white woman speaking to a racially mixed crowd about "England has been destroyed by immigrants coming to the country," the woman said. "Get back where you came from." Leebron told the students to imagine how they would feel if someone spoke to them that way.

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"To your time at Rice, and assured them that the freshmen to appreciate their own voice heard. ... Work together. We're part of a community of scholars and learners, and as part of the community, we all have challenges to face."

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Top left: Hanszen College freshman Tejas Manchandia races in Jello Scoot, a mock Beer-Bike event, against Brown College.

Top right: Nick Berndsen, a Hanszen College freshman, plays get-to-know-you games with Willy's Statue.

Above: In retaliation for what Bakerites thought were underhanded tactics in a mock Beer-Bike race, Baker College freshmen filled 10,000 cups with water and left a sign asking Sid Richardson College to "Chug this, Bitch!"

Below: Will Rice freshmen and advisors play tug-of-war in the Will Rice quad.

Right: Freshmen at Jones College spin the roulette wheel at the college's Casino Night.
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7:45 pm Rice Student Volunteer Program
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8:15 pm Thresher
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Visiting 11–12 locations = 3 raffle tickets

A drawing for several gift baskets and a Grand Prize of $250 in Tetra Points will be held at 9:15 pm in Willy’s Pub. Participants must be present to win.
ATHLETICS
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Staying in Division I-A

While Rice's athletics program continues to grow — including coaches, student-athletes and supporters who mobilized to lobby against change — saw the board's decision as a victory for athletics. "We're extremely pleased that the board decided to stay in Division I-A," said Athletic Director Bobby May. "This is what Rice athletics has been working towards for a long time."

Corcoran's focus is on the impact of the decision on the Athletics Department's deficit. "This decision will have a significant impact on the Athletics Department," said Corcoran. "We are looking to reduce costs, and this decision will help us achieve that goal." The Athletics Department has been struggling to keep up with the costs of running the program, and the decision to stay in Division I-A is expected to help alleviate some of the financial pressure.

As the Athletics Department moves forward, the focus will be on finding ways to reduce costs while maintaining the high level of competition that Rice athletics is known for. "We will continue to work hard to keep Rice athletics competitive," said Corcoran. "We are committed to providing our student-athletes with the best possible experience."
Bryson will head new planning department

by David Brown
THE DAILY RICE UNIVERSITY  

Rice's largest department, Facili-
ties and Engineering, has been
split Project Management and Plan-
ing to create a single campus plan-
ing and service organization.

Barbara White Bryson, currently
the director of Project Management
and Planning, will head the newly
created department as associate vice president for Fa-
cilities, Engineering, and Planning.

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Finance and Administration

Vice President for Finance and Ad-
ministration Dean Currie, who made
the changes and appointed Bryson,
said the shift is actually a return to
a previous arrangement.

In 2000, Currie said, the Facilities
and Engineering Department was
split from Project Management and
Planning when Bryson led the firm
of $250 million worth of construction
and renovation. The projects included
the construction of the Jesse H. Jones
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the construction of the Jesse H. Jones
Building, Humanities Building and three residen-
tial colleges, as well as the renovation
of Stassen and Herring Halls.

"It makes more sense now to fully
integrate the departments," Bryson said.

Bryson said the department also
shifting efforts into the pre-design phase for a collaborative research center within the Texas Medical Center, which would be located at the corner of University Blvd. and Main St.

"We hope to have the pre-design
timber early next year," she said.

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"It would be wonderful if we could finish that
project within the next four years," Bryson said.

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**DREAM A LITTLE DREAM**


**SUNDAY, BLOODY SUNDAY**

Those looking to explore Houston's alt-rock scene should catch the triple bill of Blood Sunday, the Killer and Bloodly Bloodly Out at Flat Cat's tonight. Tickets are $5. Doors open at 8 p.m. 4216 Washington Ave. (713) 869-5263.

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**STRIKE A POSE**

The work of acclaimed photographer Shane Arbuth is on display at the MFAH exhibit "Diane Arbus Revelations." Always able to find both the flaws and humanity of her subjects, Arbuth's portraits are legendary. This exhibit is not to be missed, as it features some of Arbuth's most iconic works. Through Sept. 6. MFAH. Audrey Jones Beck Building. 5601 Main Street. (713) 639-7300.

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**How I spent my summer vacation**

story by Jonathan Schumann

What did you do this summer? I'm sure there were a few of you lounging around the pool, perfecting your tan and reading thought-provoking material like WWII, Cosmopolitan and *Dad's Army*. And then I'm sure there were a few who wasted away in front of a computer screen at some thankless job, reading menus but not much else.

For those of you both under- and over-worked, we here at *Thresher* A&E have compiled a guide to help you regain your pop culture sophistication. Here are the best books, movies and albums the summer had to offer.

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**Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim, David Sedaris**

This new collection from counted Sedaris is sure to please both his devoted fans and new readers alike. Though not as shrill or conceited as the author's previous collections (*Me Talk Pretty One Day* and *Naked*), any personal insights, this work is a breezy and oh-so-familiar look into Sedaris' bizarre existence. The collection's high point, "Blood Work," chronicles his brief stint as an apartment cleaner. After reading this tale I think of all of us will reconsider a career in the service industry. Sedaris also proves to have a sensitive side in his send-up to his longtime partner Hugh in "The End of the Affair." With his distinctive mix of cynical observation and bitter-sweet sincerity, Sedaris again proves to be one of literature's most fascinating story-tellers.

Made to Love Magic, Nick Drake

This collection of newly discovered and remastered recordings from folk/rock innovator Nick Drake is in a sublime mix of lovelorn musings and melancholy ramblings. This is mood music at its most substantial. This reviewer is a Joys Marion Cole, as the author's previous collections, *Boy in the Woods,* chronicles his brief stint as an apartment cleaner. After reading this tale I think of all of us will reconsider a career in the service industry. Sedaris also proves to have a sensitive side in his send-up to his longtime partner Hugh in "The End of the Affair." With his distinctive mix of cynical observation and bitter-sweet sincerity, Sedaris again proves to be one of literature's most fascinating story-tellers.

Uh Huh Her, P.J. Harvey

Though fans of Harvey's harsh, angry debut album *Rid of Me* may be disappointed with the singer/songwriter's slightly toned-down angst here, newcomers will surely be hooked. The album's opening track, "Fly," which appeared on *Uh Huh Her,* evokes a longing that few artists can achieve. As a paranoid army veteran, Harvey channels the upbeat "Mayoral" and "Thoughts of Mary Jane," a great introductory course for those who like Drake's "Fly," which appeared on *The Royal Tructs* soundtrack.

Faehenheit 9/11

A seemingly unlikely companion piece to the thriller, *The Manchurian Candidate*, this documentary from uber-liberal Michael Moore is just about as important as film gets. Rarely can a film transcend its medium to be considered an integral political tool, and that's just what this one does. Laying out the facts about the Bush family's connections to Saudi royalty, election fraud and the price of war, this documentary, while admittedly not objective, is an important look at our current political dilemma.

The Door in the Floor

This eloquent rendering of the first third of John Irving's sprawling novel, *A Widow for One Year,* reconstructs the hopeful marriage of Ted and Marion Cole (Jeff Bridges and Kim Basinger). Ever since the death of their two oldest sons, their relationship has been strained. Marion is frozen with grief, while Ted channels his emotion into the children's books he writes and the women he seduces. Bridges turns in an expertly rendered performance as a man hindered as much by his own arrogance as by grief. Also excellent is Buscemi, who has not shown this much subtlety and nuance since her Oscar-winning turn in *L.A. Confidential.*

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Stepping out in style:
A night at the symphony

As you will soon learn, college life rarely affords you the opportunity to dress up. Sure, sweatpants are just fine for midterms and finals, and I like the fact that casual attire is a must for most parties, but I can't be the only one who likes putting on a suit and tie and hitting the town, right?

I don't know what it is, but I feel dressing up lends a certain panache and credibility to even the most mediocre night, rendering it somehow memorable. But given our age and location, dressing up can be dangerous; I'm not going to wear my blue blazer to a party only to put it in peril of being spilt upon.

Fortunately, those of you out there like me are in luck. We're in Houston, where there are several cultural venues that invite donning such attire. The best place for a formal evening out is the Houston Symphony, in Downtown's Bayou Place, and easily accessed by the light rail.

Located in the pristine Jones Hall, a night at the Symphony gives you all you could want for a night of dress-up. First, there is the venue's great staircase in the lobby; descending it lends even the most slovenly suitor a certain Cary Grant-esque appeal. Hint, hint — this is the perfect place for a great date.

And then there are the symphony's obvious cultural advantages. No matter what a person's background, everyone could use a little more classical music education. The Symphony offers a wide range of programming, featuring American and European composers from various time periods. There are also great special concerts as well. Last spring, I attended the kickoff for k.d. lang's symphonic tour. It was exciting to hear such an esteemed vocalist backed by local musicians. Lang performed a varied range of songs, from her hits such as "Constant Craving" and "Miss Chatelaine" to standards like "Crying" and Patsy Cline's incomparable "Three Cigarettes in an Ashtray." Lang also performed several songs from her newly released album, hymns of the 49th Parallel, which features classic songs from Canadian artists such as Neil Young and Joni Mitchell. Lang's voice is both smooth and powerful, and when backed by such serene arrangements, the combination is unforgettable.

For more information on such special programming, I suggest checking the Symphony's website, www.houstonsymphony.org. When buying tickets, you should keep in mind that there is not a bad seat in Jones Hall — no matter where you end up, you will have a great experience.

So there you go — the perfect recipe for a memorable evening — great music, a perfect venue and, of course, a killer outfit.

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Amber Obermeyer is a Baker College junior and sports editor.

by Jonathan Yardley

THRESHER SPORTS/commentary
Duking it out over THRESHER SPORTS
—contending men's basketball team.

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Pitchers drafted in top ten picks

By the time their teammates gathered in the baseball offices at Reckling Park, June 3, right-handers Philip Humber, Jeff Niemann and Wade Townsend, all juniors in the 2004 season, had already made history and were in line for lucrative signing bonuses.

The 2004 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft became the first three players ever to be selected in the first eight picks. The New York Mets selected Hunter with the third pick; the Tampa Bay Devil Rays picked Neiman in the fourth spot, and the Baltimore Orioles chose Townsend at No. 8.

"We all felt like draft day went down for us," Neiman said.

Amber Obermeyer

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Baseball falls to A&M in regional final

Ruggiano's eighth-inning grand slam ends Owls' reign as national champs

by Jonathan Yardley

Indifference of sufficient magnitude, the baseball team suffered the biggest single-game upset of NCAA baseball as it was ousted from the 2004 NCAA Reckling Park Regional after being eliminated in a dramatic Sunday doubleheader at Reckling Park June 6.

The Owls' first-round opponent was Texas Southern University, who advanced to the NCAA tournament as the Southeastern Athletic Conference tournament champion despite getting within six outs of their fourth consecutive super regional appearance despite injuries to sophomore right-hander Fletcher Pennington, who missed the entire regional and senior catcher Chris Rolfskov, who started the first game but being limited to one pitch.

The Owls' first game against in that inning was outstanding, head coach Wayne Graham said. "I think we're going to try to get it worked out quick and

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Barker, Beckford take WAC award

by Amber Obenauer

As their trophy case grew not
even full enough already
Allison Beckford (Lovett '04) and
William Barker (William and Mary '03), the
Western Athletic Conference's most
promising honor in their
careers — both which include national championships — this
summer Beckford and Barker won
the Stewards Award for their ath-
etic and academic achievements.

'We're going to have a hard time
finding someone like [Barker] in
any sport.'

— Ron Smarr
head men's tennis coach

"They're both very deserving," Athletic Director Bobby May (William and Mary '65) said. "They're good stu-
dents, athletes — very deserving
of this honor."

Allison Barker arrived at Rice
from England a year after
Beckford, but his team lost him im-
mediately. With team brother
Richard, William Barker was a
second-team all-WAC athlete in
his first season. Beckford
received his degree in linguistics and kine-

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Barker captured the Omni Hotels National Intercollegiate Indoor Champions-
dships during the fall of 2002.

[Beckford's] first year... you could just
tell she was going to be
something special.

— Bobby May
Director of Athletics

During his eight seasons at Rice,
Barker was a member of the 
President's Honor Roll six times
and graduated magna cum laude
in May with a degree in economics
and managerial studies.

"He's well-rounded — it's amaz-
ing that he's been at a high level at
everything," Smarr said. "For most
people, if they do one thing at a
high level, they don't do well in
others. He's a great ambassador for
Rice, a great tennis player, a great
sportman — we're going to have
a hard time finding someone like
him in any sport."

Beckford and Barker are the
first Rice recipients of this award
since 2000, when the Owls also
swept the men's and women's
categories, as cross country run-
er Jeffery Piper (Lovett '04) and
basketball player Jennifer Cafferty
(William and Mary '03) were honored.

The award includes a $2,000
postgraduate scholarship.

Halcon crowned NCAA
decathlon champion

by Adam Tabak

ESPN college football analyst
Bruce Cook once said that the great-
est NCAA athlete is the decathlon
champion. On June 12, Ryan Harlan
(Hanszen '04) made that claim as the
best college athlete in the country.

Competing in the NCAA champion-
ships in Austin, Harlan bested con-
tending decathletes from across the
nation, earning All-America honors.

With 117 points, harlan

captured his own Rice record in the
decathlon by 117 points and was 130 points ahead
of his closest competitor.

"If I wanted to do it yourself, you
say you might as well say it because
that you succeeded in getting you to
that level. It's a great feeling — just
to rejoice with family, friends and
coaches and see that in your face,"
Harlan said. "I knew I'd be capable
of doing it, but I don't know if I'd
say I really thought I could do it"

Harlan and Harlan's teammates
took home their second decathlon
this season, having won in May with a
degree in economics anded

athletic conference championship in May


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**Men's tennis falls to Baylor in Sweet 16**

by Amber Obermeyer

Unfortunately, the men's tennis team wasn't playing horseshoes or hand grenades, as the Owls fell to the Bears in a 4-0 sweep in the NCAA tournament format in the 2004 season. The Owls were the only team in the tournament to lose to the defending national champion in the second round, indicating a 0-0 tie at the start of the match. With these matches complete, the national rankings were updated, and it was clear that Richard Barker (Becker '04) and William Barker (Lovett '04) and their teammates were the best in the nation.

"I don't think anyone here is stupid enough to think that there is a big difference between the number one person and the 64th-best player in the draw." — Robert Scarf

Junior tennis player

Richard Barker lost quickly to then-9th-ranked Matt at the third singles position. Barks (Morey '94) and current junior Tony Harcourt, both 9th-ranked Beckers and Martin, at the eighth singles position, and junior Robert Scarf and sophomore Ben Harcourt fell to Buster Neustad, and the team was at the third position. With these matches complete, the national rankings were updated, and it was clear that Richard Barker (Baker '04) and William Barker (Lovett '04) and their teammates were the best in the nation.

"I think we were as good as anyone in the country, but we just didn't quite have it for a couple of points at the end of the match." — Ron Smarr

Head men's tennis coach

Though the team fell short of its ultimate goal of a national championship, the Owls' efforts, as the group named winner of the National Coach of the Year and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, were recognized. The Owls' efforts, as the group named winner of the National Coach of the Year and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, were recognized. The Owls' efforts, as the group named winner of the National Coach of the Year and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, were recognized. The Owls' efforts, as the group named winner of the National Coach of the Year and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, were recognized. The Owls' efforts, as the group named winner of the National Coach of the Year and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, were recognized. The Owls' efforts, as the group named winner of the National Coach of the Year and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, were recognized.
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of all the holes, and hits fell in for Texas A&M)." In the second game, particularly on the all-tournament team. Also integral in Rice's comebacks to reach the tournament marked the end of its 4x400-meter relay team. But in the end, it was the Friday loss to TSU that proved the Owls' undoing. Without Pendleton, Rice's offense seemed sluggish against the Tigers in the afternoon heat, yet the Owls still led 3-1 in the eighth. But a pair of base-runners, one via a first-inning single, set up TSU third baseman Herman Coachmen. He sat on a first-pitch curveball from Humber and hit a towering blast over the leftfield wall, sending the Tigers and their fans into ecstasy. "I knew he was going to start me off with another curve, so I just put the heat on it and followed through," Coachmen said. "To beat anybody is big, beating Rice makes it even better." TSU then had to hold the 4-2 lead through 3 hours, 37 minutes of lightning and rain delays, and reliever Brandon Stricklen got freshman right fielder Josh Rodríguez to ground out with the bases loaded in the ninth to touch off the celebrations. Humber said the Owls did not turn in their best performance. "Seems like every ball they hit hard got through, but that's the way it goes," Humber said. "They got a lot of breaks, and we didn't play well enough today. I didn't pitch well enough today to overcome that." The tournament marked the first time Rice has been eliminated from NCAA tournament play at Reckling Park.

Pitchers

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low-90s fastball, a sharp curveball considered one of the best in the college game and a nasty split-finger fastball that proved decisive in the 2003 national championship run — and has the potential to add a changeup.

Niemann has the highest ceiling in the group, with his 6'0 frame and three major-league pitches — the swell Rays. Niemann also throws his fastball in the low 90s, complementing it with a slider and a knuckle-curve, as well as the occasional changeup.

Health problems during his senior season did hurt his draft position, but his complete-game effort against Texas A&M in the regional did much to alleviate fears about his health. Niemann named that weekend as the most memorable of his Rice career, with the exception of the national championship.

"Thad such an up and down year," Niemann said. "In the regional, I got a save Saturday and threw a complete game against A&M. To finally be able to go out and do what I was capable of doing, when it mattered — the play-off game — that was a special thing." Townsend was the most controversial high draft choice of the trio, due to his emotional style and his potential to be successful as either a starter or a closer. He lost some velocity on his fastball in the 2004 season, dropping into the high 80s at times, but he was the Owls' most consistent starter his junior year. The knucklecurve was his main out pitch, but he showed much-improved command of and confidence in his changeup in 2004.

Three other Rice players were also selected in the draft. The oft-enamed starter of the Big Four, right-hander Josh Baker, was selected in the fifth round by the Milwaukee Brewers. As of August 10, Baker was 0-1 with two saves and a 3.67 ERA in 11 games, including four starts, for the Helena Brewers of the rookie-level Pioneer League.

In Montana, Baker competed against shortstop Paul Janish, a fifth-round draft pick of the Cincinnati Reds. Janish was hitting .292 with a .414 base percentage and two home runs while committing just five errors in 52 games at short stop for the Billings Mustangs.

Centerfielder Chris Kolbek (Brown '04) was selected in the 18th round by the San Diego Padres. After sitting for his turn from the regional to heal, Kolbek began his professional career in the Rookie-level Arizona League. After seven games there, he was promoted to the short-season class A Eugene Emeralds in the Northwest League. In the NWL, Kolbek is hitting .324 with a .407 OBP in 25 games.

With Rice's greatest-ever reliever now in the major leagues, Townsend, Janish, Kolbek, and current pitcher Justin Ruchti, Vincent Sinisi, Brad Wilson, and Brian Haraway are almost entirely departed. Graham will look to rebuild the Owls with his 2004 class, which he hopes is the strongest class "on paper" in Rice history.

Rice signed 14 players last fall and had added one summer transfer for the 2005 season.
New Courses for Fall 2004!

Department of French Studies

FREN 131 / FSEM 131 No Happy Endings: Tragedy in Literature and Film

Monday 1:00-3:00 pm

Tragedy stages the suffering and fall of a hero. It exists in joy and fear. Why, then, do we take pleasure in tragedy? This course explores the importance of tragedy in Western culture through a reading of plays by Sophocles, Shakespeare, Racine, and Ibsen. Films include works by Robinson and Schlesinger. Instructor: Professor Louise Iles

FREN 221 Problems in Contemporary French Society

Tuesday/Thursday 10:30-12:50

This course aims to give students an understanding of French civilization through the exploration of social, cultural, and political issues that define France today. Instructor: Professor Julie Feve

Both courses will be taught in English. Visit us at <http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~fren/> for additional course information.

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—Don’t miss having your resume reviewed at RISE MADV 3 in the RMC September 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th
One last WAC-ky fall

Welcome, Owls! You probably don’t think of Rice as an athletic powerhouse, but in reality our athletic program is the best it has ever been. Baseball steals — no pun intended — all the headlines, but the men’s tennis team and both outdoor track and field teams also captured conference championships last year. With these championships as well as runner-up finishes in women’s basketball and soccer, Rice won the Western Athletic Conference Commissioner’s Cup for the conference’s best overall athletic program last year, the first time the university has ever won such an award.

As you might know, you (or your parents probably) paid an athletic events fee, which allows you to watch any home sporting event for free. Here’s your guide to getting the most out of your $110.

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Help out others.

Today is a chance for all you freshmen out there to get involved in the Houston community. You can participate in one of a variety of community service activities in and around Houston. To sign up, see your college’s Outreach Day liaison or go to http://www.ruf.rice.edu/service/oweek/oweek_sign-up.htm. The first one hundred students to sign up receive a free T-shirt and everybody who participates may attend a free barbecue at 5 p.m. behind the Student Center.

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Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. prior to Friday publication.

Submission methods:
Fax: (713) 348-5298
E-mail: thresher@rice.edu
Campus Mail: Calendar, Thresher, MS-524

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Faculty, alumni and students alike mourn today the loss of a man universally recognized as a familiar face to whom students could go.

Registrar Jerry Montag retired from his post over the summer but will be seen as an organizational staple under the new Leebron presidency.

"JerryMontag," Vice President for Student Affairs Zenda Carlos-Camacho said, available for comment on the crisis.

Weil College's President Edith Arnold took her discharge

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In response to President Leebron, a group of students calling themselves "Jerry's Kids" staged a protest in the hallways of the Allen Center, silently lining up single file outside the Registrar's Office.

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MISS CLASS

Well, it's nice to know you haven't forgotten about us after all this time. Our friend at Baker College gave us this little nugget of wisdom to play with in our never-ending quest to
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