Students volunteer at dome, food bank

by David Brown

Hundreds of Rice students were among the thousands of Houston volunteers who went to Reliant Park, the George R. Brown Convention Center and other service agencies looking to help victims of Hurricane Katrina last weekend.

Community Involvement Center Director Mac Griswold said more than 100 students volunteered for CIC-organized trips to the Houston Food Bank, and others went on their own or in groups to evacuee shelters.

"What I saw in the first 72 hours after the evacuees arrived was just amazing," Griswold said at a Student Association forum Wednesday. "There has been a flood of phone calls and emails from people asking how to help." About 30 students attended the forum and discussed last week's volunteering efforts and ways to continue to help hurricane victims.

Griswold encouraged students to visit the CIC Web site, http://cic.rice.edu/services, for information about how to volunteer, donate goods and make monetary contributions for the relief effort. Students should also attend a training session Monday, Griswold said. The training, from 12:30 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the BMOC, is being held to prepare students for interacting with evacuees directly, Griswold said.

"Some volunteers may not be ready for what they're going to see," Griswold said. "There are a lot of emotional people [at the shelters]."

But with evacuees arriving in the thousands late last week, many students went straight to Reliant Park Friday when the American Red Cross waived the requirement that volunteers be trained.

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About 100 Tulane students expected Monday

by Lisa Gordon

An estimated 100-120 Houston-area students from Tulane University will enroll at Rice this semester, Vice President for Enrollment Ann Wright said.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the Admissions Office had received about 100 applications, of which 121 had been approved. Students from other New Orleans-area universities will be admitted, a policy shift from last year that was a result of space constraints.

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Uncovering students hurt, embarrass Rice

Evan Mintz

On August 30, two days after Hurricane Katrina made landfall, President Bush unexpectedly de- parted from the White House and flew to New Orleans. Many students were shocked to see Bush, whose administration had been criticized for its handling of the war in Iraq, the financial crisis, and the federal budget deficit, arrive on the day of a historical disaster.

In addition, students at Rice University present a different face to the world — one that students at Texas Tech University cannot maintain. In Texas Tech, students exercise control over the admissions office, which is essential to the functioning of the university. However, Rice students are required to take courses, such as those in the fields of political science, mathematics, history, and computer science, which are essential for the functioning of the university.

Now if only he had had a water filtration system, like some of our nearby neighbors, perhaps we would not be sitting in “silence and paralysis.” According to this flyer, the only appropriate response is to force Bush to步骤 through the amazing accusations vilifying the Bush administration. For instance, the pamphlet talks about the war in Iraq and the federal budget deficit as being the source of the problem.

If you were diagnosed with, or somehow taking on more power or authority, you would have a public display large enough to be seen by the general public. But it is not a bad bet that the general public seems to be more interested in just intellectually dishonest — it is a bad bet.”

I cannot help but imagine a prospective SIE deciding between Rice and Cornell only to choose the latter upon hearing about the prevalence of dissent against evolution at Rice, ostensibly Houston's academic oasis.

When the people in office believe the government should not help, it won’t.

Ronald Dworkin, St. John's University

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VOLUNTEERS
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Will Rice College senior Lei Liew went with about 50 other students to Reliant Park late Friday night and worked until 8 a.m. Saturday.

By Friday, they said anyone could come, and we figured the time they needed people most was at night," Liew said. "We thought college students could do it as well as anyone.

The group was split between the Reliant Astrodome, Reliant Arena and Reliant Center, where Liew and several other students were sent to sort clothing donations. Liew said the effort was chaotic and disorganized at first, with numerous piles of clothing and nobody in charge but became more organized later.

"We felt useful and got a lot accomplished," Liew said. "There were bags and bags of donations. By the time we left there were distinguishable piles, so when the (evacuees) woke up and requested clothes, it was easier to give them out."

But Liew said the number of people they had to serve in the Reliant Center was daunting.

"When it was time for them to get clothes and food, the line was so long," she said.

Students also volunteered at the convention center downtown once it began housing evacuees. Griswold, President David Leebron, Leebron's wife Ping Sun and a group of five students went to the convention center Monday.

Brown College junior Kitty Landholt said the group worked directly with evacuees, helping them select donated clothing and talking to them one-on-one.

Landholt said many evacuees needed new underwear, some were frantically searching for lost family members and one woman was four months pregnant and suffering from psychological trauma. Overall, however, Landholt said the evacuees were handling the crisis well.

"They were all very friendly," Landholt said. "I was surprised because they've been through such a huge disaster to be in such high spirits and so thankful for our help. One woman told us our kindness and generosity were overwhelming."

For Liew, meeting the evacuees in the Reliant Center was a sobering experience.

"The whole thing was really sad," Liew said. "One woman who was asking for socks and shoes said she had been walking in tennis and aris for days. She was all shaken up."

Many students sought to help the evacuees by working at the Houston Food Bank over the holiday weekend. Griswold said more than 100 students volunteered at the food bank.

Hanszen College freshman Claire Krebs drove to the food bank with a group of students because the CIC arranged to transport students.

Krebs worked on sorting food donations that were being delivered. The volunteers separated the donations into categories and then packaged goods into boxes to be given to families.

The SA forum also addressed the topic of how to keep Rice students involved in the long term. Griswold said student training, English as a second language training and other social services would be the best way for Rice students to help is to work with existing service organizations.

Griswold said students should focus on academic issues like tutoring and mentoring,

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Rice Information Technology
Political Science professor to study social behavior of evacuees

by David Brown

Political Science Department Chair Rick Wilson will oversee 1,200 interviews of Hurricane Katrina evacuees over the next two months. His National Science Foundation-funded research will focus on evacuees’ experiences and cooperation strategies among those forced to live with strangers in a foreign setting.

Wilson, also a psychology and statistics professor, said the media has portrayed hurricane survivors as self-interested.

"What I want to understand is the extent to which cooperation remains even among people even though they don't have social and political support networks," Wilson said. "How are people coping with other people like themselves, where they're all strangers to one another? They're going to look a lot more cooperative than they've been painted."

Wilson said he will run the experiments with evacuees from small facilities, the George R. Brown Convention Center and the Astrodome.

The research will investigate whether the size of evacuees’ environments affects their willingness to cooperate, as well as how their responses change over time.

"You could expect people to get frustrated," he said. "You might get a little pissed off after staying in one shelter for a month."

Wilson will begin research this weekend by bringing groups of 20 people to social-science behavioral research laboratories at Rice. Wilson said he will interview about 600 evacuees next week.

Research methods will include cooperation games, decision making with money and short questionnaires. Evacuee subjects will be paid for their time. Wilson said he has hired five evacuees connected to Rice and several undergraduate and graduate students to help with the research.

Wilson said the idea and funding for the project developed at an American Political Science Association conference he attended last week.

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"I ran into an old buddy from the National Science Foundation, and he suggested it's imperative to get people in the field to study this," Wilson said. "He said was the only one who could do this quickly [because I'm in Houston]."
Houston Mayor Bill White discusses relief, activism

by Sarah Baker

Despite the influx of thousands of Hurricane Katrina survivors, Houston Mayor Bill White kept his commitment to speak at the Rice Young Democrats Sept. 1.

Handling the thousands of evacuees will be a tremendous challenge for Houston, White said at the event, attended by about 35 students.

"It's a tough day — for all the plans and preparedness, here is something that has occurred for which there were no major continuity plans," White said.

"We're going to have to make a difference who we choose to govern," he added.

White, who served as Deputy Secretary of Energy under President Bill Clinton, also addressed surging oil prices — and the importance of conservation in curbing them.

"These [energy issues] are extraordinarily important — it's that hope of people your generation will keep their eye on," White said.

In addition to discussing hurricane relief efforts, White said he hopes students will be involved in politics.

"It is sometimes uncalled to participate in the political process at any age," White said. "What I'm trying to do in my little way in this great city is say 'Yeah, I don't really make a difference who we choose for office.'"

White said students should find issues they care about and get involved, citing as an example his work in the civil rights movement while in college.

"A person can make a difference," White said. "You may play a role in your community somehow down the line, as long as you keep your values.

"While we did not mention specific plans for the hurricane evacuees, but his campaign manager, Mistral, answered students' questions about the relief efforts after White left. Tameez said White was quick to realize jobs in Houston must be found for the hurricane victims, since many of them will not return home. Houston must find a way to accommodate these evacuees who stay, Tameez said.

"Whether we're afraid of it or not, it's going to happen," Tameez said.

Tameez said finding money to accommodate the evacuees will be difficult. He said he expects limited funding from the federal government and hopes the private sector and the Red Cross can compensate.

"We hope that there will be enough funding through various government agencies to do something," Tameez said. "Right now, it doesn't sound good.

Tameez encouraged students to volunteer and donate goods to small and medium-sized shelters, as well as the Astrodome.

He assured students the Sheriff's department as county and city law enforcement officials are working to keep the area secure. "And I'm offended and that security concerns should not discourage students from volunteering," Tameez said.

"Right now, we just need to get them inside and give them food and clothing," Tameez said. "While everyone is checked, watching TV, I challenge you to do something." In bringing White to campus, Young Democrats President Ian Everhart said he hoped to stimulate student participation in politics, especially from students from outside Houston. Everhart said one of the club's main goals is to raise awareness about local elections.

"Sometimes in an off-year people can become apathetic, but even in this off-year, just one year removed from a big presidential race, there are elections at the local and city levels, and we can be involved with these," Everhart, a Hanszen College senior, said. "These races are out there to win.

"The mayor did not discuss his campaign for the November election, but Will Rice College sophomore Melissa Dominguez said White's campaign was a reason she attended the event.

"I really want to support him so he can win another election," Dominguez said.

Lovelock College sophomore Nikita Landau said she learned about local politics.

"At someone coming from the Northeast and not knowing much about Houston politics, I feel like I learned a lot about Houston, the mayor and his policies, especially regarding the hurricane," Landau said. "I got some Houston pride.

WIll Rice College sophomore Rajen Mahagakkar said he was interested in White's vision for Houston.

"I live in Houston my whole life, so I just wanted to see what plans he has for the city," Mahagakkar said.

White also visited the Young Democrats last year at an event attended by about 150 people, Everhart said.

OFF-CAMPUS

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[Interstate] 69, there are people everywhere, there's trash everywhere. It's completely different from what it was just a couple of days before," Landau said.

Lind said Architecture Medical Center has hired security guards to check identification cards before people are allowed to drive into the complex.

"We had guards are also positioned around the perimeter of the complex," Lind said.

Lovelock College sophomore Prasad Prasad, who lives in an apartment at Architecture Medical Center, altered her routine after the evacuees arrived at the Reliant Park shelters.

"I used to be coming back from Rice pretty late, but I had to adjust my schedule to either come home earlier or just leave at Rice," Prasad said.

"I've lived in Houston my whole life, but I don't feel like just because I live across the street from Reliant Park, I should volunteer more," Reid said. "I feel like it's something that involves the entire community.

Some of campus got time off from work to volunteer and donating goods to help the evacuees.

"Sandler said her apartment complex, the Camden Greenland Apartments at Buffalo Speedway and Kirby Drive, is collecting trash donations for the American Red Cross.

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For every dream, a way.
Leebron: Enrollment to increase

by Arianne Urus

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Leebron outlined many of the topics he addressed in the Call to Conversation, including increasing undergraduate enrollment, attracting better graduate students, and emphasizing undergraduate research.

As stated in the Call to Conversation, Leebron said he wants to increase enrollment at suitable undergraduate while maintaining Texas enrollment.

He said he hopes Rice will eventually have 60 percent of undergraduate students. This change will occur through natural growth rather than the use of gifts, Leebron said.

Leebron said this size increase will benefit students by attracting more employers for on-campus recruiting. Currently, companies do not visit Rice because relatively few students are looking for jobs and...
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Rice EMTs treat victims at Astrodome

by Deepa Panchang and Marshall Robinson

The first buses of evacuees from the Louisiana Superdome arrived at Reliant Park early Sept. 1. By that evening, Incident Command at the Reliant Astrodome was scrambling to provide medical treatment for the more than 2,000 victims of Hurricane Katrina who had arrived at the Astrodome and asked Rice Emergency Medical Services to help.

REMS captain Aaron Heckelman said more than 10 Rice EMTs helped other Houston medical personnel process the victims of Hurricane Katrina last weekend and have continued to help in smaller numbers throughout the week. Some of the EMTs were thrust into action Sept. 1, while some who came later had to search the Astrodome for evacuees to help. But all of them saw firsthand the devastation brought on the evacuees now housed at Reliant Park. Heckelman said Rice’s help to alleviate that devastation was significant.

“Even though we were just a drop in the bucket compared to the entire effort, we really did make a huge contribution,” Heckelman, a Lovett College senior, said. “We definitely did help save some lives that first night.”

REMS lieutenant Lapato Gressot went to Reliant Park in the afternoon Sept. 1 to survey the situation before sending a crew to the Astrodome.

“The first day was horrible,” Gressot, a Baker College senior, said. “The smell was ungodly. There were 56 buses at one time, and people were breaking vocal cords to yell and get off the buses.”

Gressot said she only felt safe because a line of police officers separated the medical area from the crowds of evacuees.

“[It] wasn’t exactly a stable environment,” Gressot said.

The Rice EMTs who arrived at the Astrodome that evening split into two teams, one to help in the clinic set up inside the Astrodome and another to process new arrivals of evacuees through a triage set up in the parking lot.

Hanszen College junior Todd Blumberg worked in the triage, where patients were screened and documented. They were then re-leased or sent to the hospital or the clinic in the Astrodome. Blumberg said Rice EMTs tried to process the neediest victims.

“The EMTs were completely uninformed,” Blumberg said. “No one seemed to be in charge.”

“Houston is a really giving city. Amid all the chaos and health concerns, there were so many volunteers — everyone was out there.” — Kasia Kimmel, EMT, Baker College junior

But Heckelman said the Rice EMTs were especially helpful.

“When the buses were coming in, they really needed people who could tell people off the buses and determine if they were badly sick or injured,” he said.

Blumberg said some of the patients were in such bad condition they could not get off the buses by themselves. The evacuees who had been without necessary medications for a week were especially vulnerable.

Many had hyperglycemia, high blood pressure, chest pain and respiratory distress.

Gressot said she saw many victims with gastrointestinal illnesses and other serious conditions contracted from contaminated water, overwhelming heat or no access to medications.

“People hadn’t had their medicine for about a week,” Gressot said. “Blood pressure was through the roof, people with seizure disorders were having seizures, and the water was disgusting, so open wounds got infected. Everyone [who had been]
in the water would need a tetanus shot. [Many people’s] extremities were swollen or infected.

As the flow of evacuees into the Astrodome slowed, the situation became less chaotic, Gressot said.

By late at night Sept. 1, medical resources and organization at the Astrodome had improved. Martel College junior Cameron Decker said the Houston Fire Department brought many paramedics and medical supplies.

“I was shocked at the amount of resources we had,” Decker said. “I went there thinking we would have nothing, but the fire department did not spare much expense.”

Although waiting times for medical assistance reached a few hours, Decker said many EMS teams from Houston and other cities treated evacuees.

“I was very impressed with how all the medical organizations were working together,” Decker said. “There were ambulances from both the emergency sectors and private sectors helping out.”

But Friday, another shift of eight Rice EMTs welcomed the Reliant Center for an hour looking for work before being directed back to the Astrodome. Blumberg, a Sid Richardson College junior Zaven Sargsyan and Will Rice College junior Rachana Patel were assigned to the triage area, where they took patient vitals, noted signs and background information before transferring the patients to doctors.

But Jones College sophomore Chris Conner, Sid sophomore Simon Tong, Lovett junior Jennifer House, Baker junior Kasia Kimmel and Hanszen junior Becky Thilo were not given assignments. They walked around the Astrodome and found many evacuees who did not require medical attention but wanted to ask about missing family members. Other evacuees who had been without necessary medications for a week were especially vulnerable.

“If anyone had needed medication but didn’t have it, we would help,” Thilo said.

“I can’t comprehend that extent of loss, nor can I apply it to such a great volume of people,” Aralsos said. “It was bizarre. I felt like I was walking around collecting these heart-wrenching images that I would have to process later.”

Aralos said evacuees were particularly characterized as criminals.

He said people held up cardboard signs with names of missing family members. Occasionally, people would locate their family members and the whole crowd would cheer them.

“There’s a lot of ugliness that comes from the desperation but there’s also good like that, and that’s what we need to focus on,” Aralsos said.

Heckelman said the emphasis on crime was probably an overreaction.

“60 percent of [the evacuees] are perfectly law-abiding people,” Heckelman said. “For the most part, it’s people walking around in shock rather than people walking around trying to rob you.”

“The smell was ungodly. There were 56 buses at one time, and people were breaking vocal cords to tell us to get out of the buses.” — Lovda Gressot, REMS lieutenant, Baker College senior

The EMTs were impressed by the outpouring of support from Houston residents.

“Houston is a really giving city,” Kimmel said. “Aside from the chaos and health concerns, there were so many volunteers — everyone was out there.”

Aralos said the need for aid and volunteerism will continue.

“Is this not a problem that will go away in a weekend or week or two months,” Aralsos said. “As a volunteer, you need to pace yourself. Don’t burn yourself out now. Go in once a week, and plan on doing that for a while.”
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**REVOLUTION**

**Uneven ‘Edukators’ offers stimulating social critique**

By Tasha Chempayil

Hans Weingartner’s ‘The Edukators’ opens with an affluent family returning from vacation to find their opulent furniture jumbled in the center of their living room and their priceless porcelain soldiers crammed into the toilet. Amidst the chaos, a note is found. “Your days of plenty are numbered — The Edukators.’

In this manner, Weingartner introduces us to The Edukators, a group of political activists destined to fighting socioeconomic injustice in the world.

The film’s low-budget look and camerawork seems fitting for the politically LIBERAL tones.

While the less idealistic Peter is tempted to pocket a Rolex here and there, moralizing Jan maintains they are not after financial gain; they only want to teach the pros and cons of a lesson.

The duo manages to spread their ideological message to a number of wealthy families without incident and without compromising their values — that is, until Peter’s girlfriend Jules (Uma Thurman) and Peter’s best friend enter the fray.

Jules and Jan discover they share an idealistic vision of what the world could be, and Jules reveals she is a victim of injustice as well. A past car accident has left her deeply in debt to a millionaire named Hardenberg (Joel Schumacher) and her minimum-wage job does not provide her with enough money to both pay her debt and maintain her apartment. Once she learns Jan and Peter are the infamous Edukators, she convinces the intimated Jan to teach her debtor a lesson. The scheme goes awry, and Jan and Jules are forced to take Hardenberg hostage and flee to preserve their anonymity.

The film’s low-budget look and camerawork seems fitting for the politically liberal tones. But while the handheld camerawork continues into the next half of the film, the fast-paced story does not. The story slows considerably as Jan, Jules and Peter escape to an isolated mountain cabin. During this mountain sequence, the audience sees the idealism of the young students fade and their selfish desires exposed. Their actions become motivated by worldly desires and they fail to foster the respect they earned in the first half of the film.

But, we begin to see them as real people, and not just moralizing devices.

The bright spot in the lethargic second half is the group’s discussion of their liberal solutions for the economic problems of the world — a forum that is both intriguing and exclusive. See EDUCATORS.

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**MEAN GIRLS**

Emily Coleman

Pretty Persuasion manages to be a movie about teenagers without succumbing to the pitfalls of the overdone teen movie genre. This dark and twisted satire attacks the complexity of emotion, ignorance and sensationalism in society, but gets caught trying to be both humorous and relevant and falls at being tragically funny. The biting lines of dialogue delivered by the character make for great laughs but ultimately detract from the deeply cynical message. The viewer gets mental whiplash from the shifting tone.

Pretty Persuasion

Rating: ***

(many would give it ****)

The movie stars Evan Rachel Wood (Thirteen) as Kimberly Joyce, and Stevi who carefully orchestrates the lives of a world around her in an attempt to garner fame and attention. She convinces her two best friends to enter into a sexual harassment lawsuit against their English teacher. The movie uses a nonlinear timeline to propel the action forward and to leave the audience guessing. See and the City’s Ron Livingston plays their teacher, Mr. Anderson, who is just creepy enough to contain the mystery surrounding the girls’ accusations. The whole event becomes a media circus, allowing the film to comment quickly on the intricacies of sensationalizing media coverage. Ally McBeal’s Jane Krakowski is wonderfully believable as a self-absorbed reporter ready to jump on the next exclusive. But James Woods (The Virgin Suicides) gives perhaps the most memorable performance as Kimberly’s abrasive and prejudiced father. As one of the Beverly Hills Hills, he does not want to see Kimberly being prejudiced, but makes harsh anti-Semitic comments at the dinner table. His irrational hypocrisy gives perhaps the most memorable performance as Kimberly’s abrasive and prejudiced father. As one of the Beverly Hills Hills, he does not want to see Kimberly being prejudiced, but makes harsh anti-Semitic comments at the dinner table. His irrational hypocrisy...
Staind's flat new album offers nothing but heartache

By Chris Palsh

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的声音。这种粗糙感总是给人一种不协调感。这种不协调感使得许多听者感到不满，尤其是在现场演出中。

New Staind is just WASTING its fans' time by sounding like a poor man's Alice in Chains.

While many of the songs in Chapter V are almost indistinguishable from each other, a few stand out. "Right Here," for instance, actually succeeds in merging the disjointed styles of their previous best-selling albums. It remains strongly emotional and gripping, without resorting to melodrama. "Run Away" also combines these elements fairly well, with an original and solid melody. These two songs — Chapter V's first two tracks — are a welcome departure from the depressing lyrics that are prevalent throughout most of Staind's music.

After these first tracks, though, the rest of Chapter V's tracks are a welcome departure from the depressive lyrics that are prevalent throughout most of Staind's music.

The repetition of the same themes, both lyrical and rhythmic, overpowers the album. As usual, the lyrics focus on the troubles of the band members themselves. This disjointed and disorienting sound will go back to its prime, all these girls get something new to sing about. Any fans who want the original, more introspective Alice in Chains will listen to the band members themselves. This disjointed and disorienting sound will go back to its prime, all these girls get something new to sing about.

As for Sri Lanka's new singing sensation M.I.A. and filmmaker Gus Van Sant, two hipster ICONS of the moment, I just can't stomach them. But I am HIPSTER enough to feel ashamed when I derive pleasure from something unabashedly mainstream.

Coneder, for a moment, the difficulty I had finding a concert going buddy. When I asked one of my hipster friends to join me, she rolled her eyes, took a drag of her Parliament Light, rolled up the sleeves of her American Apparel shirt, and offered a simple "No."

While the process of finding someone to go with was ambivalent and at times discouraging, I was still able to appreciate the whole thing. Now, a great concert behind me, I can do-hipster ways. Over the course of her impressively lengthy set and multiple encores, I was transported back to a time where I admired Tori for her songwriting and piano skills as well as her remarkably extensive discography.

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FESTIVAL WATCH

The ninth annual Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival began last night with a screening of the documentary The Life and Times of Andy Warhol. Here is a glance at the film’s featured at this year’s fest, which runs through Sept. 22. For more information, please visit www.hglff.org/hglff.

Cote D’Azur
This French film from directors Olivier Ducastel and Jacques Martineau follows the exploits of the eight-part documentary which follows transgendered college students.

When: Sept. 13. Time to be announced.
Where: Diversework

Girl Shorts
This is a diverse collection of short films from female directors, including Tomiko Miller.

When: Sept. 14. 7 p.m.
Where: Aurora Picture Show

Is It Really So Strange?
This documentary follows devoted fans of Morrissey and The Smiths.

When: Sept. 15. 7 p.m.
Where: Aurora Picture Show

Best of the Best — 2005 HGLFF Submissions
These short films are the most exciting and innovative ones submitted to the HGLFF.

When: Sept. 16. 7 p.m.
Where: Rice Media Center

D.E.S.
This satire follows a group of female secret agents on the trail of a deadly criminal. Jordana Brewster stars.

Where: Angelika Film Center

Garcon Stupide
This film, from French director Lionel Baier, follows a gay man’s emotional maturation.

Where: Angelika Film Center

Blind Faith
The Human Rights Campaign presents this film about family secrets.

When: Sept. 17. 7 p.m.
Where: Rice Media Center

Girl Party
Director Lee Friedlander’s film explores female lust.

When: Sept. 18. 5 p.m.
Where: The MFAH

The Road to Love
This film explores homosexuality in the Arab community.

When: Sept. 18 at 9 p.m.
Where: The MFAH

Boy Shorts
These short films focus on the gay male existence.

When: Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 19 at 9 p.m.
Where: The MFAH

Hate Crime
This is the Houston Premiere of director Tommy Do’s film.

When: Sept. 19 at 9 p.m.
Where: The MFAH

PERSUASION

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covers perhaps one of the film’s best moments.

Woody’s character is an equally immersed in lies and sexuality as the character she played in Thirteen. While some think she played the victim in that film, Woody is certainly the aggressor here. Her deli portrayal of Kimberly, a complicated and often evil girl, is convincing and mesmerizing. She uses her intense sexuality to manipulate almost everyone around her. Yet while Kimberly is usually doing unforgivable things, Woody manages to make her actions seem justifiable. The audience is even sympathetic to Kimberly’s plight as an over-privileged child seeking attention in a world where few people truly care about her. It is almost peripheral that she is leaving lives ruined in her wake.

Siega’s version of high school is sophisticated and muted, which is SURPRISING from a director whose past credits include mostly music videos and TV series.

For example, when she confides to her Arab friend that she is happy to have been white, the line plays innocently. Kimberly’s racism is portrayed as sincere yet innocuous. The comedic truth in the situation is almost painful. How many Caucasian girls might actually think this, even if they do not say it? The movie suggests that racism is not merely the hateful act of discrimination but also something imbedded deep in society’s consciousness.

The film portrays the posh lifestyle of Beverly Hills teens in private school, but instead of centering the plot around this premise, it merely uses this as a backdrop for a story about privilege, jealousy and manipulation. Siega’s version of high school is sophisticated and muted, which is surprising from a director whose past credits include mostly music videos and TV series.

This dark and TWISTED satire attacks the complexities of racism, ignorance and sensationalism in society, but gets caught trying to be both humorous and relevant.

The students who inspire the illustrious Beverly Hills are far from the typical MV generation. Gone are many typical high school rituals, such as backpacks. Even the uniforms play against type, placing the boys in tony sweatshirts and the girls in single grey pencil skirts and short-sleeved pink blouses. And the soundtrack defies expectation — it has no pop or hip hop songs, but instead an evocative musical score. These elements come across with subtlety, creating an understated setting to contrast the main action of the movie.

With so many dead on elements, the film’s only problem arises when everything is thrown together. While the most redeeming lines of the movie are comedic, the heart of the movie is truly dark. The comedic air is eventually abandoned for a heavy-handed tragic tone. All of the conclusions about prejudice and other social issues, carefully eked with humor, are eclipsed by later events in the film.

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Volleyball streak ends at 19

by Shane Kotlarsky
THE TESHERI

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Soccer breezes past Jaguars, Bobcats

by Stephen Whitfield
THE RICE THRESHER SPORTS

The soccer team had a solid weekend, including a Texas Southern University match. In a record-setting performance Thursday and then beating Texas State University 4-0 Sunday, Rice (0-0) will choose its season-long five-game homestand tonight against Stephen F. Austin State University at 7 p.m. at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium.

Tonight's game will be the Owls' first match against the Ladyjacs (0-2). Stephen F. Austin is ranked No. 7/6 in the latest Texas A&M soccer rankings in the first half of their only loss of the season. Rice will then play its first road game of the season Sunday afternoon against its toughest opponent of the season to date, No. 16 University of Nebraska. Nebraska has been ranked as high as No. 9th in SoccerMagazine's national Top 30.

“Tight (matches, do) or not thinking about Nebraska right now,” head coach Chris Huston said. “Stephen F. Austin is a serious opponent. If we start heading past Friday night, that could be a really long weekend for the girls.”

“Anytime our team can finish a game early, (it) just makes us stronger,” Huston said.

— Chris Huston
Head soccer coach

Victor is in Thursday's game against Texas Southern (0-3) was its first of the season. The Owls scored four goals in the first half and never looked back. The 120 final was the second-most lopsided win in Rice soccer history, behind the 13-0 victory over Texas Southern last year. The Owls out-shot the Jaguars 30-9, setting a new team record for shots in a game. The team's 10 assists were also a record. The Owls' preparedness showed in last weekend's games.

Rice had many offensive contributors in the game that was not even a question. Redshirt freshman forward Annie Candee was one of several catalysts for the Owl offense last weekend, scoring two goals and adding five assists as Rice beat Texas Southern and Texas State (0-5) by a combined 16-0 score. Rice hosts Stephen F. Austin tonight at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium at 7 p.m.

Freshman forward Aggie Candee passes the ball in Sunday's game against Texas State. Candee was one of several catalysts for the Owl offense last weekend, scoring two goals and adding five assists as Rice beat Texas Southern and Texas State by a combined 16-0 score. Rice hosts Stephen F. Austin tonight at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium at 7 p.m.

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Bryan Hill

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Ralph Toelle

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John Stephen Fredlund

I just wanted to say thank you for your support in our athletic program. I speak for all of us in saying that we really appreciate all of your efforts. People like you make being an Owl a memorable experience!

Chad Richardson

It's great. I hope it lasts forever.

Stephen W. Lorimer

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Rice plays four of first five on road by Adam Tabakin

The 2005 college football season will be a challenge for the Rice football team as it begins its season at the historic University of California-Los Angeles.

"[The bye week] makes you hungry, like [being held] away from a meal and watching everybody else eat." — Joel Armstrong

Sophomore quarterback

Rice's move to Conference USA from the Western Athletic Conference mandates that the Owls start their season as the first time. Before Rice had two non-conference games against UCLA and the University of Texas at Austin and the United States Naval Academy at Rice Stadium.

"In the first four weeks we actually play [Southern California, Minnesota, Iowa, and Notre Dame]," head coach Ken Hatfield said. "That's four different types of offenses." Head coach Ken Hatfield said. "That's four different types of defenses." Head coach Ken Hatfield said. "That's four different types of offenses." Head coach Ken Hatfield said. "That's four different types of defenses.

But injuries sidelined sophomore Bio Bilaye-Benibo and senior Thomas Lott will also get injured this year.

"We've got great depth at running back," head coach Ken Hatfield said. "We have some good backs from last year, and ... Thomas Henderson [led] going to be a good back for us." Lott had a breakdoun season in 2003, running for 761 yards and 10 touchdowns and finishing with 31 carries and 162 yards per carry. But injuries sidelined sophomore Bilaye-Benibo and junior Cory Laxen, who shifts to left tackle this year.

"I prefer to be off the radar and be a contributor," junior guard Cory Laxen said. "I'd like to be in. It's going to give us an opportunity to show what we're made of." Laxen said.

With the graduation of Scott Mayhew (Wiess '05), Greg Wirostko (Hansen '06) and Corey Joe Covington (Wiess '05), the Owls are left with an inexperienced offensive line led by junior Cory Laxen, who shifted to left guard this season.

"[The first two games] will give us an opportunity to show what people we're made of." — Cory Laxen

Junior guard

Sophomore quarterback Joel Armstrong will be Rice's starting quarterback in the season opener against UCLA Saturday.

Armstrong, the team's leading returning passer and rusher, will likely split time with redshirt freshman Chase Clement who came on strong this season.

"Joel is definitely the leader, and he's an inspirational leader as well as a productive leader," head coach Ken Hatfield said. "Chase has played a lot in the pre-season. That's why he's held onto a while, to help get Chase a lot of work with the first team. Both will have a place to play and contribute."

Armstrong said he feels good to remain the starter but will do what he can to help.

"To get in my spot and keep my spot," Armstrong said. "I plan on holding my spot down, but both of us have had a better performance, then more power to him. Whoever helps the team out."

Junior fullback Andrew Caines completes the backfield, looking to replace some of the 1,051 rushing yards and 17 touchdowns scored last season.

Falco will start in the backfield, but he will also have to carry the ball a little more, and when they make their plays it's good to have the confidence, so I'm confident in them."

With junior guard Cory Laxen changing positions to provide depth at tackle, junior Matt Houston moves to the top-of-the-chart at tight end. However, Bolding's leg injury will likely result in a start for redshirt freshman Will Moss against UCLA.

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After finishing with the lowest passing yardage in Division I-FB for the last two years, the Rice football team will switch from an option offense to a spread offense similar to what Utah used last season on its way to an undefeated regular season.

Rice will move out of the traditional option offense in the hope of developing an offensive attack that is more balanced between running and passing games. Nevertheless, the Owls probably will not venture too far from the rushing attack that led the nation last season with 365.5 yards per game, as the strength of the offense remains the quantity and quality of running backs.

Junior Quintron Smith and Mike Fales will start in the backfield, but Fales is doubtful for tomorrow night's season opener against UCLA due to a knee injury. He will likely be replaced in the lineup by redshirt freshman Tommy Henderson — brother of former quarterback Greg Henderson (Wiess '05) — who is moving from quarterback. Junior Marcus Becket, sophomore Boris Flaries-Boih and senior Thomas Lott will also get carries this year.

"We've got great depth at running back," head coach Ken Hatfield said. "We have some good backs from last year, and ... Thomas Henderson [led] going to be a good back for us." Rice's leading returning receiver, as he had seven catches for 102 yards and a touchdown last season.

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"That's good for us," Laxen said. "That's good for us, because this will be the first time playing them." Junior coming back is Quinton Smith said.

The schedule will become more familiar Oct. 15, when Rice returns home to face former WAC brethren Southern University of Tulsa. After an bye-week, the Owls then renew their rivalries with the University of Texas El Paso at the University of Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Homecoming will be Nov. 12 at Tulane, and the Owls will play their final home game the following week against the University of Central Florida.

For the first time since 1995, when the two teams played the final football game in the history of the Southwest Conference, Rice will run its season against the University of Houston in the game for the Bayou Bucket.

The Owls and Cougars had opened their seasons against each other since 1999. "It's kind of weird," senior line-backer Adam Hovis said. "Every year you start out with a rival team that you're used to seeing around at public places, and this year we're going all the way out to [Los Angeles] and playing somebody Rice hasn't played in a long time."
Defensive returns eight starters from porous 2004 unit

by Adam Tabakin

With eight starters returning from last season, including the preseason Conference USA defensive player of the year, senior defensive end John Syptak, Rice's defense will try to improve upon last season's average of 34.3 points allowed per game.

Syptak, who recorded 15 tackles for a loss and eight sacks last season, will again start at end for the Owls. Senior Rob Daniel should start opposite Syptak as the other defensive end, although junior Courtney Gordon and senior Thadis Pegues—who both started at least four times last season—should press for playing time. Head coach Ken Hatfield said Syptak's presence will help the other defensive end.

"I [expect to see] a lot of double-teams [from opposing offenses] and attempts to negate John Syptak's ability," Hatfield said. "Other guys would then have some opportunities to make some big plays. Anytime you have too good defensive ends trying to play for you, you can keep the other team coiled up and they don't get outside on you for a lot of big plays."

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Rice's nickel package allows for only two linebackers, and depth is not an issue. Senior Adam Herrin led the team in tackles last season with 74, and the Owls return everyone who played a down at linebacker last season. Sophomore Buck Cas- son will start alongside Herrin, but junior Omeke Alikor, sophomore Jared Gilbert and Lance Luedeker and redshirt freshman Vernon James will all see playing time.

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"The depth is the best it's been since I've been here," Herrin said, "I figure it's going to be a definite advantage for us to have a quality backup for each linebacker position." Lots of teams don't have that. One guy may go down, and another guy will come in and we won't miss a beat."

Rice's secondary has been an enigma in recent seasons, loaded with talent that failed to translate into a solid pass defense. The Owls hope the experience in the secondary this season will translate into more consistent results. Junior free safety Andray Downs and junior bandit Chad Price have both started every game since the middle of the 2003 season, and junior cornerback Larry Boyd is also a returning starter. Sophomore cornerback Joe Turner and junior rover Matt Ginn complete the starting secondary. Ginn shifted to rover from corner in the offseason.

"It's different from being a corner," Ginn said. "It's a much more physical position... Most of the time [as a corner] you just run with guys, and now you're tackling fullbacks and running backs and covering tight ends most of the time."

Hatfield said he will not hesitate to use redshirt freshmen Brian Smith, JaCorey Shepherd and Brandon King, as well as true freshmen Brian Hartman and Carl Taylor in the secondary despite their inexperience.

"Whoever is the most productive is going to play the most for us," Hatfield said.

Senior linebacker Adam Herrin watches a fumble recovery last year against Fresno State. Herrin led Rice with 74 tackles last season. The Owls return eight starters from a defensive unit that allowed 34.3 points and 364.5 yards per game in 2004. Rice's 2005 season will begin Saturday against UCLA in Pasadena, Calif.
Legends of the Fall

Women's basketball
Sid won the title last year over Jones by just three points and this year should be no different — a dogfight, err, catfight between Jones and Sid for the title. Weiss has seen success in the past, winning the championship in 2003.

Editor's pick: Sid

Coed tennis
If anyone is going to win tennis, it should be one of the teams that can actually get players to show up to its matches, and recently those have been Brown, Will Rice and Hanszen. Hanszen has been dominant in the past and is the favorite, but Will Rice could present a challenge.

Editor's pick: Hanszen

Women's swim meet
Hanszen won in a rout last year but it lost some swimmers and might not be able to repeat. The GSA had the only other notable performance last year with a second place finish and will probably be solid again this year.

Editor's Pick: GSA

The longest yard
A Sid defender attempts to pull the flag of Baker quarterback Ta-Shina Williams (Baker '05) in a Powderpuff game last season. Sid completed a second consecutive perfect season with a 13-6 championship game win over Wiess.

Powderpuff football
Five teams have a legitimate chance to win the powderpuff championship this year. Despite playing for their third coach in four years and losing Kristin Jefferson (Sid '05), a key offensive contributor, Sid Richardson should have the inside track to a third straight Powderpuff football title. Sid has won 21 consecutive games, and with the core of its team coming back, it should be favored in all its games again this year. One of the teams that could challenge Sid for the crown is Martel. The Violent Femmes made huge strides last year, as their new head coach Brian Gibson led them to the playoffs for the first time, even pushing Sid to a close finish in the semifinals. Weiss, the last team other than Sid to win a title, could also challenge. After nearly pulling off a win in the championship game (Sid won 13-6), Weiss will have a new head coach this year but will return most of its main offensive players.

As was the case in 2004, the most interesting battle this year should be the one for fourth place. Lovett's窗口 of opportunity probably ran out with its loss to Weiss in the semifinals last year. Lovett loses its coach, Larry Rose (Lovett '05), two assistant coaches, captains Elizabeth Colby (Lovett '05) and Rena Patel (Lovett '05) and wide receiver Kris Tucker (Lovett '05). Lovett still has enough talent to challenge for the fourth spot but will by no means be a lock to make the playoffs. Hanszen, a team that almost made the playoffs last year, should also contend for fourth.

Editor's pick: Sid

Freshman flag football
Although Jones is rumored to have some good incoming talent, Sid should take this one. Sid's veterans and Resident Associate Evan Stein have the knowledge, organization and lack of anything better to do required for flag football victory.

Editor's Pick: Sid

Freshman basketball
The "random" college assignment of freshmen has once again landed Jones with a group of athletic gorillas, perhaps including an entire starting line-up that can dunk.

Editor's Pick: Jones

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sports season

Men's volleyball

GSA took the honors last year in a three-game thriller over Martel. GSA usually returns most of its team members — they just get older and older — so chances are good they will repeat. Martel should maintain its team from last year and contend with GSA. Jones and Will Rice made the playoffs last year, but this year it’s anybody’s ballgame to clinch the other two playoff spots.

Editor’s pick: GSA

Cross country meet

With many of last year’s top finishers returning, this race is tough to predict. But since no one really cares about cross country, the title may just go to whoever shows up without a hangover. Martel, this is your chance — not the alumni Beer-Bike race!

Editor’s Pick: Martel

Men’s swim meet

Last year was close between Jones and Will Rice, and both have strong swimmers returning. These two again should contend, but one good freshman could change everything.

Editor’s Pick: Jones

Billiards

If a team can come up with a pool player or two who can run the table in a match, it will have a very good chance of being dominant in the league. Defending champion Will Rice lost many of its skill players and must scratch to fill holes to make a run this year. GSA always has a good team because enough grad students are washed-up bar junkies who are behind the eight-ball at Rice.

Editor’s pick: GSA

College ultimate

GSA has dominated this sport for the past few years and shows no signs of slacking. These aging hippies know their sport and how to exploit the lack of a referee, a characteristic of the sport that is wholly unbelievable when it is being played competitively by people who are not high. Will Rice and Baker both had strong showings last year but lost some key players to the real world.

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2004-05 PRESIDENT’S CUP RESULTS

1. Jones  36 points
2. GSA  31 points
3. Will Rice  29 points
4. Brown  27 points
5. Martel  21 points
6. Sid Rich  21 points
7. Hanszen  20 points
8. Baker  13 points
9. Wiess  10 points
10. Lovett  3 points
Searle, Haerle hope to go out with C-USA crown

by Dylan Farmer

After spending the summer recovering from last year's loss to the University of Texas in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament, the men's tennis team opens its fall season with the Crown Plaza Rice Invitational this weekend at Jack Hess Tennis Stadium. The team returns every contributing player from last year's squad, including seniors Robert Searle and Tony Haerle and junior Ben Harknett, who played the top three singles spots for the Owls last year.

Searle, last year's Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year, finished the season ranked 51st in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association after losing to Virginia's Soman Devendra in the first round of the NCAA singles championship. Searle and partner Harknett finished 50th in the nation in the doubles rankings, after an upset of then-No.10-ranked Callan Baker and Travis Helfgrove from UT in a C-USA team play.

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"We had some very good performances from lower in the lineup at the end of the year," Ustundag said. "I think we're going to be a heck of a team." The 2004-05 season was lackluster compared to the previous year, when the Owls captured a 24-1 record and reached the NCAA Round of 16. The team had to adjust to the loss of William Lowell '96 and Richard Barker '94, the two most decorated tennis players in Rice tennis history.

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Yoder, Reeve tap competition at A&M

by Matt McCabe

The women’s cross country team opened its season with a winning performance at the Texas A&M Cross Country Opener in College Station. Texas. Rice only brought eight runners to the meet.

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Head women’s cross country coach

“Considering that we did not run the whole team, person on person, we did as well as we could,” head coach Jim Bevan said.

The tandem of seniors Anna Yoder and Sarah Reeve took first in the meet with a time of 24 minutes, 44 seconds, finishing more than a minute ahead of the second-place team of unattached runners from A&M. The race was a relay consisting of four three-kilometer legs. One runner ran the first and third legs and the other runner ran the second and fourth legs.

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Only two athletes ran better times on their second leg, and both were from Rice. Junior Brandi Armstrong and sophomore Lea Garcia and Claire Sherrill ran unattached.

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time will likely feature more passing plays, sophomore quarterback Joel Denneman said the playcalling will be determined by the game.

“It depends on how we’re doing during the game,” Armstrong said. “If we’re getting 10 yards a carry, then I’m pretty sure we’re going to run the whole game. If it comes down to passing, then it just depends on how well we complete the ball.”

Armstrong will start, but Hatfield said redshirt freshman Chase Clem-

est will make his debut.

“Chase will be in the game, but I don’t have any preconceived time-

frames,” Hatfield said. “It all depends on what UCLA is doing.”

Hatfield said that the extra week off before beginning the season has made his team more enthusiastic.

“They are eager to play,” Hatfield said. “It’s been a long time since they’ve played someone else. Like I told them, ‘be everyday, all the practice and everything you do in the fall, it’s all in the context of replacement of playing the games, and winning. This is the opportunity you want, and the time is here.”

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Owlsatism that are going to help them battle back,” she said.

Against the Red Raiders, senior setter Kristina Hoban had 57 assists and started momentum swings in the first and third games with kills.

Rice executed well last weekend, though, defeating Duke — picked to win the ACC title — at the Rice Invitational after a 3-0 sweep of McNeese State in the first match of the tournament.

Against a much taller Duke team, Rice did everything right. Kaykordall and senior outside hitter UOy Yuo both hit well above .400, and the team minimized its errors and capitalized on Duke’s mistakes.

(“The Duke match was great confidence for the rest of the weekend,” sophomore libero Yvette Kirk said.

Although the Duke match was higher-profile, the Owls’ win over perennial NCAA tournament team McNeese State University in five games was probably their most impressive win last fall.

Sacramento State and the Owls dominated a fourth-game win, but the Owls held the Hornets at a defensive atack percentage in the fifth game to clinch the tournament title.

Sophomore outside hitter Kristen Denneman recorded 29 digs in the match, which ranks sixth all time in Rice volleyball history. She tied with Leigh Lemon (Lett) 1990.

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ren said all of the team’s training is done with the postseason in mind.

The Rice meet is something you want to do well, but it doesn’t have any implications beyond that,” Warren said. “We’re not really hoping [that much for anything until the conference, regional and national championships].”

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When push comes to shove
Junior midfielder Vanessa Serrano battles for the ball with a Texas State player Sunday. Rice won 4-0 to improve to 3-1 on the season. The Owls play Stephen F. Austin tonight at 7 p.m. at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium.
FRIDAY

They'll find that sweet spot, even if it takes three days

Men's tennis hosts the Crown Plaza Invitational all day at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium. The tournament begins Friday and runs through Sunday.

These girls are already sweet

Women's soccer will kick off the weekend with a game against Stephen F. Austin State, starting at 7 p.m. at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium.

SATURDAY

But really, who wants to be in California when Powderpuff season also starts today?

Rice Football plays the University of California-Los Angeles in Pasadena at 9 a.m. central. The game is broadcast on Fox Sports West 2.

And to think Lovett's fall public party used to be called "Getch-excess." Really... a party with a sexually suggestive theme. Who would dream of something so low? Kids are so much classier than these days

Lovett College holds its fall public party, "Fete Boots: Mermaids and Seamen," from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Lovett Commons. I told you to go out and find a pirate costume last week. Bet you wish you had listened, don't you?

SUNDAY

Does it bother anyone else that Sam Houston State is in Huntsville, not Houston?

Men's club soccer opens its season against Sam Houston State at 1 p.m. on the club soccer field.

Commemorating Sept. 11, in song

The Shepherd School of Music puts on 9/11: In Memoriam at 7 p.m. in Stude Hall, to observe the four-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks in 2001. Rice Chorale will sing at the event.

MONDAY

Engineer software that maximizes the amount of free food you can pilfer from corporate information sessions

Amazon.com hosts an informational session for students interested in software development programs at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall 1042.

WEDNESDAY

Is it the end of the 'burbs as we know them? Fancy, I feel fine

The End of Suburbia, a film by Gregory Greene, begins at 7 p.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts. Student tickets cost $5.

THURSDAY

For those of us who need to get mocked before we will go out and get a job

Career Services is sponsoring Mock Interview Day, beginning at 1 p.m. in the Career Services Center on the second floor of the Rice Memorial Center.

FRIDAY

Drag queens and film reels and students, oh my!

Rice Media Center screens "Best Of" films from the Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost $5 for students. See page 13 for full festival schedule.

SATURDAY

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