E-mail system nearing capacity
IT to install new system with more storage space over summer

by Risa Gordon
THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Rice's undergraduate e-mail system reached 100 percent capacity this week, prompting Information Technology to post flyers around campus asking students to clean out their e-mail. The e-mail system reaches capacity before IT switches to a new system in July, there will not be space for additional e-mails to be saved, and new mail will not be delivered.

Barry Ribbeck, the systems, architecture and infrastructure director said as of Wednesday morning, the five-year-old mail system was about 90 percent full—a decrease because students deleted e-mails since receiving IT's warnings. It's good to keep the system below 95 percent capacity for the rest of the semester, Ribbeck said.

Ribbeck said IT will not delete anyone's e-mail messages, even if an account is clearly not being used. Ribbeck said if the system reaches capacity, another system will store messages for 30 days, which then will be deleted when space becomes available. Users will still be able to send e-mails even if capacity is reached.

Vice Provost for Information Technology Ramana Khan said IT plans to move student, faculty and staff e-mail accounts to a new e-mail system, and will store messages for 30 days, but IT does not want to begin using it if the semester is over.

Ribbeck said about 70 percent of the e-mail sent through the e-mail system is spam, and it accumulates because some students do not delete their junk mail. Also many students automatically forward their messages to other systems and never delete e-mail in their Rice accounts.

"If people cleaned out their mail, we could easily survive the next few weeks," Ribbeck said.

Each student is allotted about 50 MB for inbox storage and 100 MB for inbox storage.

Ribbeck said the actual amount available to each student is dependent on how the storage limit is theoretically available to each user and the number of people the system serves. Ribbeck said either of those variables could have changed, allowing the system to reach capacity without all students using 150 MB of space.

Ribbeck said shifting e-mail to the new system will take about an hour for an e-mail account near capacity.

"Working to get the connection between the [off-site] data center and campus has taken longer than expected, but it is in place now," Khan said. "We feel confident that the new e-mail system will be ready when students come back."

Khan said capacity should not be a problem with the new e-mail system, not only because of extra storage, but also because adding additional storage will be easier.

Ribbeck said IT has monitored the increase in e-mail storage for six to eight months. In January, the system was about 10 percent capacity, but there is usually an increase in storage utilization around the end of the semester, Ribbeck said.

It has used cleanup procedures to clear up space on the system. In the summer, policy change allowed graduates only one month before their e-mail accounts would be deleted, in contrast to the previous one-year allowance.

Athletic director to leave after 7 years
by Matt McCabe
OPINION Page 3

Athletic Director Bobby May (Will Rice '65) will end his 17-year tenure at the helm of the Rice athletic department in July. May announced his retirement at a press conference Tuesday.

President David Leebron said a national search will be conducted to find a new athletic director. Leebron will form the search committee—which will likely include athletic department staff, coaches and members of the Student Athlete Councils—after he consults with the board about what to look for in an interim athletic director.

"Ideally, we'd like to have somebody in the fall," Leebron said. "But it is determined that that is not a good stretch to be, so we could appoint an interim director. I think the most important thing is that Bobby was here a long time and did a great job. It's better for us to take the time we need to get the right result than to just put someone in place."

May, who has spent 45 years at Rice as a student, coach or administrator, said the decision was difficult.

"Retiring now will give me a chance to change my renewal excitement," May said. "All jobs are 24/7 and provide little free time if you do the job right."

Leebron said May's departure comes at a high point in Rice athletics.

"We have had spectacular seasons in many of our sports and the hiring of a new football coach," Leebron said. "It is an announcement at a high point and in gratitude."

May's administration sees RETIREMENT, page 7
College expansion must maintain individuality

When touring the Rice campus, one cannot help but notice the stark difference between the airport-esque steel and glass servers and the cozy camaraderie of Will Rice, Sid Richardson, and Lovett College kitchens. As part of Rice's plan to expand, the Housing Steering Committee is considering linking those colleges' commons with a central server (see story, page 1). On the surface, this seems like a good idea. As long, larger server would have the staff and infrastructure to provide higher quality and better variety of food for the colleges. A unified kitchen could allow the efficiency necessary to accommodate the expected student body growth at these colleges. Will Rice seems crowded enough during lunch, and that's even with some students already eating at other colleges.

Furthermore, a central server for these three colleges would discourage students from going to the South College Server to eat. Ending this exodus would prevent the current college dilutions. These changes would help the colleges from developing the full personality other colleges have.

However, as we have seen at both the servers, this sort of central kitchen between colleges weakens college personality. Even the current commons at Will Rice, Sid and Lovett is not quite a trial by fire, but the intimate venues do have a way of heating things up — it is no accident that these three colleges each have a strong sense of community. And it is this sort of character that we feel is most important to Rice's college system — we are not willing to trade it for increased efficiency or economics for their ability to maintain their unique traits in the Michael Graves architecture or the Monday night calamari.

This year's attempt to broaden the scope of events by substituting ticketing to the Harlem Globetrotters and monster truck racing. However, unlike ticket to the previously mentioned events, those tickets were unsold. Evans Mintz actually complained in one of his articles about monster truck tickets being subsidized ("My hypothetical platform as a state president," Mar. 10). In your editorial you stated that you wanted there to be enough tickets for everyone who wants one. That is the fact. This year, the big events have been over subscribed, the Q and A shows have been over subscribed, and a common concern has been costs. The problem is that the 1971 pricing system is heavily dependent on expensive and special group rates not the demand for tickets. The 14 tickets at the Mar. 2007 Wicked show have all been purchased and will be subsidized next year.

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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MAY LEAVES LASTING LEGACY

Rice athletics was in dire straits 17 years ago, having won a conference title in 1971 during the football season of 1963, but a leader with a unique perspective. Bobby May (Will Rice '85), turned the program around.

Through well-advised decisions and a personal connection to the program as an alum, May brought the Owls out of dormancy. Rice was the winningest school in the Western Athletic Conference from 2001 to 2004. He was the Commissioner's Cup.

By hiring winning coaches like Wayne Graham for baseball, Fred Goldsmith for football, Chris Houston for soccer and Ron Saffer for men's tennis, May's decisions have rewarded Rice with conference championships and even a national championship for baseball in 2003. May also led Rice through the rigors of two conference changes and the Board of Trustees' review of athletics. May defended the Division I status of the athletic program and prevented Rice from dropping in athletic standing. He also realized that Rice needed a time of transition to overhaul the program by moving into the WAC after facing the powerhouse of the Southwest Conference. Now May has upheld the ante for the Owls by moving into Conference USA. Replacing May, who could be the most influential individual in Rice sports history, is not going to be easy. Rice has never before conducted a nationwide search for an athletic director — every previous director was either the football coach or the coach of another team.

Our next athletic director must understand the uniqueness of our university. Rice is one-of-a-kind due to its small size, high academic standards and Division I status. And it is difficult to lead an athletic program with that in mind. This year's67th annual Student-Athletes' Banquet celebrated student-athletes who respect both Rice's educational standards and athletic competitiveness.

Executive assistant coaches and administrators should take a moment to admire the success May has achieved as one of the most respected athletic directors in the country.

Unsung editors represent the majority opinion of the Rice Thresher editorial staff.
Rice research thrums red-state ridiculousness

Al, Owl Weekend. Time for the criticism of our student body. We have seen students and faculty attempt to convince hundreds of wide-eyed owls to attend Rice. We swept away the perception of cattiness and callousness with a bit of hard work. Rice in Texas does not mean we must love Bibles, bowing before young God, like a non, popular prelz that we are.

However, looking at the Lone Star state as an oxymoron — where twangy yokels and skyscrapers meet, they can find a Friday. God, created the Bentonville battle reality that a man could fight the dinosaurs and make a name as a monkey. But with a cam- pagn in the midst of the museum district, a few miles from downtown and Montreal. Rice actually seems rather progressive. This is a unique mixture of publications in the Student Center, where a pamphlet from the Institute for Creation Research is not only the Bible-hold fever does not actually try any research.

The Backpage is a result of the attack on the big bang theory and irreligion in evolution. While scientific research has been conducted and debated, any cynical- ly directed critic of the big bang theory will tell you the big bang theory is pretty much a pile of dust. However, the article repeatedly quotes the Bible to dismiss the big bang theory and try to make it look ridiculous. The article may have had a sci- entific argument, but not much of a research argument.

If anyone has new evidence to support the geological paradigm, I hope Rice’s cam- pus will be the first place it is published — but regardless, it should remain in Bible studies. Both are predictable and predictable, but these criticisms were well on the way to answering criticism.

Finally, Rice is a great place.

The Rice Thresher

Mindless communist filth

Thresher incorporation would free the Backpage

Last month I refused from the back of a life of sleep and television. It was a luminous moment, one of the best in our history and an experience that changed my perspective on hope for a new era of change. I found myself feeling hopeful and confident.

Nathan Black

Theimpasse has persisted to this day. Currently, the university does not review the Thresher prior to publication and the student media adviser is just an advisor, unmoved by the editorial process. In that sense, the Thresher is independent, and the university could be held liable in a lawsuit for any editorial content.

As a student, I can promise you that as long as the Backpage is around, I will be sure to use my voice to make sure Rice remains free. The Backpage is free to do whatever it wants. It has been challenging but as long as the current relationship between the student and the university persists, the Backpage will be free and crazy as many students seem to want it to be. If students find the Backpage bland and want it to be something else, they should pressure the administration to give it what it wants.

The Thresher is a blank slate organization, sponsored by the Student Association. After the verdict came down, the Backpage was initially allowed to be independent. However, the fundamental concern was with the Backpage. Editors will be an incentive to play it safe with the Backpage, and want it to be something else. They should pressure the administration to give it what it wants.

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The Rice Thresher
Recreation Center planners hold meetings to get ideas

by Stephanie Jennings

Plans are moving forward for a new recreation center. If students have their way, it will include an indoor track, a more open weight room, new and larger numbers of cardio machines, better ventilated rooms, a multipurpose athletic court, performance space for dance groups and a social lounge.

Architects from Cannon Design met with Rec Center staff and representatives from the varsity women’s swim team and men’s and women’s club water polo teams Monday to discuss facilities for the new center. The Recreation Center Advisory Council, Club Sport Committee members, club sport presidents and campus dance teams representatives met with the firm Tuesday.

“Creating a space that is inviting to all students of all fitness levels is one of the main goals we’d like to see,” Recreation Center Advisory Council Chair Rachel Green said.

“I’d like to see that student voices and desires are met.” — Boyd Beckwith

Beckwith said his main concern is the new recreation center. The architects also proposed turning the current rec center into a multipurpose athletic court, performing more atypical things.”

He said there must be a space that can be subdivided with movable wall partitions.

“There were ideas that were mentioned at the meeting that we were surprised to hear, such as a golf simulator or a spa,” Green said. “If we were to prioritize, people would want things such as newer cardio machines or multipurpose athletic courts. If we had sufficient funds for those things, then we’d move onto finding the money for sping things.”

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“I wouldn’t mind having a smaller outdoor pool in addition to a main indoor facility,” Huston said. “I think an outdoor pool would be great for a recreation pool for students to hang out or host events.”

Huston said he would also like to see a locker room and meeting facility close to the pool and a weight room in the renovated Avery Court. Currently, varsity athletes use a weight room on the south end of Rice Stadium.

The Advisory Council and Steering Committee will tour University of Houston’s Campus Recreation and Wellness Center next month for additional ideas.

ADVANCE takes on racial profiling forum

The effects of institutional racism in society and specifically at Rice were discussed Wednesday in a forum on racial profiling. About 40 students participated in the forum, organized by ADVANCE, which featured History Professor Alex Byrd (Sid ’96), Sociology Professor Lawrence Jablecki and Rice University Police Chief Bill Taylor as panelists.

Byrd said although racial profiling makes sense statistically, societies should not engage in it because it harms civic and public life.

“Young black males commit crimes that are out of proportion to their representation in the population,” Byrd said. “They’re statistically more likely to particpate in anti-social behaviors, so it’s an efficient use of time and money for police officers to target such profiles.”

When he spoke about his personal experience as a black male, Byrd became emotional.

“I know to teach my son to obey commands,” Byrd said. “I resent that I have to raise my kids this way.”

Jablecki said racial profiling is a manifestation of a deep social problem in the United States and can be seen in the criminal justice system.

“Twelve percent of African Americans in the age group ranging from 25-29 are incarcerated,” Jablecki said. “There is institutional racism.”

During the question-and-answer session at the end of the forum, several black students said they are asked to verify their status more often than other Rice students.

“They’ve been asked for my ID when I’m walking to class, and my friend was asked to show her ID when she was backing her car out of the parking lot,” one student said.

Taylor said his was not aware of campus officers asking students to verify that they go to Rice.

“This is the first time that this issue has come to my attention,” Taylor said. “It depends on the circumstance, but [asking for ID] has to be based on some event that’s happened.”

Taylor said no police officer at Rice would apprehend a subject because of his or her race.

“Before the time of this event, there might have been people who made decisions based on racial profiling,” Taylor said. “But I feel confident that nobody on the staff would do that now.”

The event included 20 minutes of open discussion, during which the speakers interacted with students.

Hansren College senior Cameron McGriff said the event was worthwhile.

“Like political events, discussions like these are necessary,” McGriff said. “But issues like these should be constantly discussed.”

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Expanded Vision now online

by David Brown
THE RICE THRESHER

An expanded version of President David Leebron's Vision for the Second Century is now posted on the President's Office Website. Topics in the document include planned campus construction and the increasing growth of the student body. The V2C was originally a two-page, internal document approved by the Board of Trustees in January after Lebron's six-month-long Call to Conversation, during which he sought feedback about Rice's future areas from research to campus facilities. The expanded, online version includes page-by-page elaborations for each of the 10 points.

Lebronsaid he wrote a draft of the expanded V2C soon after the CIC ended but wanted to refine the document before releasing it. "We consented with a wide range of groups—the faculty senate, university council, students, department chairs, dean and vice presidents," Lebron said. "In many ways it remains a work in progress, but it is a substantially revised document."

The section on undergraduate education focuses on the recently launched curriculum review being conducted by Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman. The V2C states the review should focus on expanding research opportunities and developing student leadership and communication skills. The section on graduate students states Rice should improve the graduate student body by raising departments' rankings, expanding recruitment and increasing teaching opportunities. "Undergraduates indicate that graduate student can be an important aspect of Rice, adding significantly to their experience as they are engaging the curriculum offerings," the V2C states. "In general, graduate students who touch upper-level courses in their area of expertise receive excellent evaluations, suggesting undergraduates are often valued talented teaching by graduate students as much as teaching by tenured faculty," the site also features comments submitted by students, faculty, staff and alumni on the various topics from the CIC. And while the V2C represents a summary of opinions gathered in the CIC, the Web site also includes a forum for visitors' comments.

"Decisions get made, but then we have to implement them," Lebron said. "It's critical we remain in conversation as we make more decisions about those we've already made—like deciding what's going to be in the new (recreation) center."

This V2C can be read at www.rice.edu/v2c.

Hot topic

Attorney Adan Vega discusses Immigration at the "USA Immigration: Truths and Myths" Forum in the Grand Hall April 19. The forum was sponsored by Houston and Rice Hispanic groups. The roundtable discussion also included attorney Monty Jacob, State Representative Rick Novlng, University of Houston Sociology Professor Nestor Rodri
guez and University of Texas A&M Sociology Professor Rogelio Saenz.

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"In particular, we are looking at possibilities for renovations for Baker, Will Rice, Lovett and Hanszen," Taylor said. "We have one plan considered would add 100 beds to each college by remodeling existing wings and building new ones. New wings could we have the new colleges to be energy efficient."

We believe to some extent paid to ways to reduce energy consumption, whether the electricity, air conditioning or plumbing," Ditman said. "There are certain decisions that can be made that can either help or hurt that. We had how the building is oriented before sun and the amount of lighting that comes in at different times of the year."

Forman said the ability to connect housing to residential facilities could influence the placement of new colleges. "If we get at all possible to connect another college to the existing North Service," Forman said. "Adding any college to the north really requires us to grapple with the issue of food service. On the other hand, as there is a lot of concern about the future of the food service with the [Hanszen] West Service."

The proposal may also include the construction of new serveries or renovation of old ones. Taylor said. Ditman said he is also concerned with student safety and that he would like to investigate using biometric access. "Biometric fingerprint access has a certain Big Brother dimension to it, but I think that anybody who has a driver's license now has a thumbprint on file with the state," Ditman said. "If there were ways that we could get students in and out of their space without using keys and cards, I think everyone would appreciate it."

Forman said the proposal will take student interactions into account. "We have to consider the interaction of the new colleges with the existing colleges, not just from the point of view of dining services, but also the dynamics of the campus," Forman said. "We want to create, as much as possible, colleges that have a kind of human vibrancy."

POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period April 13-April 15.

Residential Colleges
Hanszen College
April 13 iPod stolen.
Hanszen College
April 14 Wallet stolen.
Academic Buildings
Sewall Hall
April 13 Bicycle stolen.
Herman Brown Hall
April 13 Bicycle stolen.
Parking Lots
Greensbriar Lot
April 14 Three vehicles burglarized.
West Lot
April 15 Officer observed Rice student wearing only his underwear running barefoot on Laboratory Road. Subject issued citations for public intoxication and engaging in consumption and referred to Student Judicial Programs.

Other Areas
Entrance 1
April 15 Traffic stop. Subjects were loaded bicycles into a vehicle. Non-Rice subject arrested for City of Houston traffic warrant and remained to custody of the Houston Police Department.

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Student Admission Council

More than 300 prospective students attend weekend

by Sarah Baker
Owl Weekend Student Coordinator
Hanszen College junior

For the third time this semester, campus servers and morning classes will be crowded with high school seniors as 330 prospective students — including 10 international students from 8 foreign countries — are expected to attend Owl Weekend. The weekend began yesterday and ends Saturday. The prospective students will be hosted by 260 student volunteers.

"We wanted them to really experience all of the aspects of Rice campus, so we made it one of our priorities to give the Owls a full schedule." — Mary Niemann
Owl Weekend Student Coordinator
Hanszen College junior

When combined with the 180 prospective students who attended the first Owl Weekend in March — which was targeted for those admitted under Early and Interim Decision plans — a total of 312 students will have visited Rice through the Owl Weekend program. Last year's single Owl Weekend program brought 469 students to campus.

Director of Recruiting Eric Heineman (Lovett '89) said over 60 percent of students who attend Owl Weekend matriculate compared to the 37 percent overall enrollment rate of admitted students.

Owl Weekend Student Coordinator Paul Luning, a Sid Richardson College senior, said that unlike last year, enough students volunteered to host for the April Owl Weekend. However, there are fewer excess hosts than there were for the March weekend.

"We needed 20 or 30 more spaces as of Sunday night," Luning said. "We ended up trying to get a couple of extra people.

Heineman said more male than female students signed up to be hosts. The distribution of Owls among the colleges is uneven, but Heineman said Owl Weekend has created an itinerary for parents, he said.

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Following the activities fair, Ninda's will cater a picnic for both Owls and their hosts.

Luning said a larger budget allowed hosts to attend this year's picnic.

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1968 — a year remembered for violence and confusion. The party that was 1967 had ended, and the LSD-induced cloud of love and idealism slowly dissipated into the smog of continuing problems at home and abroad. Americans could no longer ignore the terrible consequences of the escalating violence in Vietnam, as protests ignited at college campuses across the country. 1968 also witnessed the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. There were political riots at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago and race riots in Washington D.C.

But at Wiess College, another historic event overshadowed the political chaos of 1968: the very first Jamfest. Apparently Wiessmen have always been preoccupied with having a good time.

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**How did you get together?**

**PF:** Pete, Jamie and I were all assigned to the same suite freshman year. We each had a history of playing music. Things just came together naturally from there.

**What are your musical influences?**

**DK:** Mostly we’re about destruction, but occasionally tacos.

**How do you like your eggs?**

**PC:** In an omelet your mom made the morning after.

**MOXIE**

Saxophonist Jordan Mykki River, guitar, vocals
Brown sophomore Ewan Davyes, guitar, vocals, piano
Saxophonist Aaron Taft, bass, vocals
Brown junior Andy Whitten, drums, vocals

**WIESS 244**

Wiess junior Peter Cho, vocals, guitar
Wiess junior Warren Pen, vocals
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**AW:** We hooked up at a party early in the year. It was awkward for a while because we didn’t see each other, but then we ran into each other at the RMC one day, started talking and realized that we had a lot in common. We started jamming and occasionally ended up together. We decided to start going steady.

**What are your musical influences?**

**DK:** Freaking people out with odd time signatures, although we’re not about alienation.

**What are your non-musical influences?**

**DK:** I can’t speak for the band, but God, Richard Vella. They had a cockroach problem.

**How do you like your eggs?**

**AW:** In the morning walking in the grass.

**What are your non-musical influences?**

**DK:** Peyote. All our songs are spirit-quest inspired.

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Clear Day acting clearly succeeds

Tasha Champlavil
Theater Staff

A 50-year-old Scottish shipbuilder gets laid off and walks into a bar. Then director Cathy Della's On a Clear Day supplies a rare punch line: The aging shipbuilder finds himself, revives his family and inspires his friends by swimming the English Channel. On a Clear Day is uplifting and funny, but its echoes ending is perhaps the feel-good energy of the early part of the film. Ouch.

"on a clear day"

rating ★★★★ out of 5

Blondin's Peter Mullan plays protagonist Frank Rekimbo, who would like to start over in a new job and not old enough to just roll over and search of a new endeavor to regain his dignity, which takes the form of a treacherous 20-mile struggle through bitterly cold waters.

The film is sunk with flashbacks of young twin boys on a beach, which lead up to the drowning of Bob's twin, a death Frank blames on himself. This death marked the beginning of Frank's problems with Bob, who has twin sons of his own.

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Insight produces creative leaps with mixed results

Margaret Tung
THE RICE THRESHER STAFF

The company presents an eclectic and inspiring mix of dance genres accompanied by diverse music selections. From lyrical-classically based ballet numbers to modern, student-choreographed pieces, the performance provides enough variety to please all dance lovers. Even so, the dancers seem to enjoy some pieces more than others, which makes for a mishmash of both spectacular and unremarkable performances.

The show's strongest performance is Martel College junior Emily Douglas' "Both Sides Now." Set to the haunting theme from "Requiem for a Dream" and requiring difficult technical footwork, this piece sets a high standard from which Douglas' innovative combinations match the music perfectly for a thoroughly entertaining performance.

Martel College senior Katie Olson and Lewitt College junior Danielle Mouledoux follow Douglas' technical lead, effortlessly executing difficult footwork and solid lifts without even a forehead wrinkle. The duo possesses a powerful dynamic, and each dancer is individually skilled. Mouledoux especially captivates, freely leaping from stage left to stage right in perfect posture — while remaining natural enough to inject her own interpretive expression.

Notably does Mouledoux dance beautifully, but she is also a skilled choreographer. In the beginning of her "Nature Rising," she makes brilliant use of the dancers' stage positions. This setup is best viewed from the rear of the theater, as it features the background performers rising above the foreground group with the help of blue and white boxes larger than the dancers themselves. This effective use of props results in a stunning visual display.

While these contemporary dances are inspiring, other less inventive pieces bore both dancers and viewers. In "Elevenbacks," the music overpowers the dancers. The overly symmetrical choreography and tired execution make for an unremarkable performance. The piece is a classic example of a visual overload, cluttering the eyes before something more appealing transpires.

Two other pieces, "Red Squares" and "Udder Despair," could have been easily improved with simple wardrobe adjustments. In "Red Squares," the dancers don clunky, oversized khaki trench coats. The audience can see only limited motion underneath the shapeless outfits, and the long coats hinder the dancers, who have difficulty executing jumps. The second half of the piece, once the trenches come off, causes both parties relief — the dancers are looser, and the audience finally has something to watch.

The cast in "Udder Despair," dressed in various highlighter-colored spandex costumes, takes a trip back to the early '90s by dancing to the Super Mario Brothers theme song. The costumes fit the music adequately — although not ideally — but they distract too much from the dancing, coming off like the offensively bright Mario Sunshine animations. Instead of complimenting the video game techno music, the bright spandex overwhelms the eye.

The company seems to fare better with simple, modern interpretations than cluttered, heavily costumed works. Perhaps with more of a focus on the dancers and the choreography, the talent alone will hold the audience's attention. Fun costumes can improve a dance's atmosphere to a certain degree, but in the end, the quality of the performances should hinge on the quality of the dancers' technical abilities and interpretive expression.

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Got kicked off campus and searching for new digs? Overwhelmed by Houston's real estate options and wary about going O.C.? Not to worry — there are plenty of affordable housing options around Rice, and they extend beyond the Archstone Medical Center, Maroneal and Kirby Place apartment complexes. Some students opt to go in together and live in houses and duplexes within walking distance of campus. The parties they host, police run-ins they witness and unique personalities their living rooms acquire have made these Rice-centric houses legendary.

The living situation, inevitably very different than any on-campus dorm room or suite, provides a uniquely supportive and communal atmosphere, but with the added responsibilities of rent and upkeep. And the extra space — compared to most apartments within average student budgets — allows rooms to be devoted to beer pong, band rehearsals or virtually any other recreation. Don't worry: These houses are not Rice附属生活 — thank goodness — but they do exhibit a

Flashback to 2003, when the first group of Rice seniors moved into the new house, Milam. Architecture major Ashley Wermuth has a plethora of memories to share about the house and its occupants. With five people currently, but last year there were six residents, it's a unique living space. Five people share the space, with their bedrooms upstairs and their downstairs areas. The living room, kitchen, porch and a spare room function as a dormitory to accommodate the housemates. The furniture sketch factor is accepted as a given. There is no lack of broken glass in the front yard or broken wine glasses in the front yard — and we have a whimsically neglected, weed-infested yard that pays homage to spring of 2003.

For happy-to-be-big-students who want to wander outside the hedges, Hawthorne House offers a comfortable living space boasting the clearest and most luxurious furniture found among the off-campus houses. With neighbors who gladly put up with parties and a precedent for house-celt, Hawthorne provides hipsters a place to flaunt their stylishness and band together to fight the nerd-centric stereotypes at Rice.

Q&A: Brown College senior Ashley Hamm

Describe the craziest night you have experienced in the house.
The first party I attended at Milam House was the craziest. Almost every person in attendance ended up making out in the pool. Many people lost articles of clothing. In the morning, the pool had turned from a clear color to a greenish-white mixture.

Why Milam House and not an apartment? This house has character! Among our decor, we have a whimsically neglected, weed-infested front yard, a portrait of Yasser Arafat and a table painted by drunken guests and roommates. Also, having a house means our friends can drop by anytime they want.

What is the furniture sketch factor? Furniture items are mostly donated, so we just accept the sketch factor. There is no lack of hooking up on our living room furniture. Hook-up juice isn't the only thing that ends up on our furniture, though. Other bodily fluids have made their way onto the couch and laton as well.

What is the cleanliness of the house on a scale of 1-10? 1 being the dirtiest and 10 being the most clean? Five or six. Currently our toilet doesn't flush, we have a very moldy pot hanging out in the kitchen and our front porch is scattered with broken glass from a wine glass mishap.

Hawthorne House

Eclectic, comfortable, busy. Distance from campus: 1.2 miles Gender: Coed

Bedrooms: This duplex has three bedrooms upstairs and three bedrooms downstairs. There is also a garage apartment.

Length of Rice connection: Since spring of 2003.

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Q&A: Sid Richardson College senior Jessica Bofshever

Do you have a good relationship with the neighbors? Our house is located in a big and diverse area, so our neighbors are unhesitantly relaxed. We let them know prior to having a party, and we haven't had any problems.

Have there been incidences of income at house-cost? Oh yes. Two of my roommates are dating. They kept it under wraps for a while, but it became pretty obvious.

How does living in this house compare to the residential college experience? Living on campus was not for me because I like having the space and freedom that being off-campus provides. I also love to cook and have friends over, which is difficult when you are living on campus.

What is the cleanliness of the house on a scale from 1-10?

Seven.

Chaucer House

Open, friendly, energetic. Distance from campus: 0.22 miles

Gender: All male

Bedrooms: This duplex has four bedrooms upstairs and four bedrooms downstairs.

Length of Rice connection: JTVT, a Rice subsidiary real estate company, owns this particular property since 1991.

If cracking open a beer in the middle of the day while watching ESPN's Pardon the Interruption is a daily activity, Chaucer House may not be the perfect place to chill. Chaucer also serves up tasty barbecues and, well, more sports and beer, along with the occasional polo night, which has a reputation for clearing out unprepared or overconfidentinit."

Q&A: Weiss College senior David Carter

Describe the craziest night you have experienced in the house. Brutally, the craziest night I have experienced at Chaucer House came before I even lived here. But usually, we just enjoy barbecuing and having a few people over to hang out and watch a sports game. Describe any run-ins with the police or neighbors.

Sometimes Rice University Police officers write tickets if someone parks in the lot behind the house. The house next to ours is vacant, so we haven't had any run-ins with neighbors at all. How does living in this house compare to the residential college experience? One of the most beneficial things about living on campus was the convenience, but Chaucer House is close enough for us to ride our bikes to campus. We are also within walking distance from the Rice Village.

What is the cleanliness of the house on a scale from 1-10? Nine. We all have different cleaning responsibilities each week, and we usually clean on Sundays.
Sexing with common civility

A few fundamental rules of hook-up tact and etiquette in the dorm room

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The first place for consideration as a make-out home base is the old, familiar dorm room. It has a lot going for it; you probably know where it is, and unless you are a masochist, you are comfortable in your own bed. Maybe you even have memory foam. But problems can arise: You don’t have a single. Your common room is occupied. Your roommate is awake/bas
great hearing. Or someone else passed out on your bed. Suddenly your love-nasium is beginning to look a lot like Cockblocksville — population: you. But if you and your hottie du jour have already arrived at your doorstep, it may be an even bigger turn-off to have to come up with a new plan on the fly.

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But — and this is crucial to your future with your roommate as well as with your partner — learn to be quiet. It’s easier when you aren’t actually doing the deed, but whoever you are — and whoever you’re with — you can have silent sex. Ladies, hush those moans of ecstasy if you’ve managed to snag someone that good. Gentlemen, try not to apologize too loudly — yes, your partner knows next time will be longer and better. Sex may not be as rewarding, but it’s still sex, and your roommates will appreciate your consideration. And then maybe they will return the courtesy the next time they bring someone home.

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Second to volume awareness is rhythm awareness — your roommates’, not your own. Learn your roommates’ daily routines and get into a groove that works around them. Keeping late hours is good. Keeping them around the week is better. If you stay up way later than your roommate, it is hugely easier to screw around, around them. Sure, you may not get too much sleep, but hey — isn’t some sweet, sweet love’ worth it? It is a lot easier to get away with 5.a.m. -West-side sex than after-dinner Friday-sex.

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Brown College sophomore and Houston native Mhair Dekmezian could represent a large percentage of the Rice undergraduate population. He loves caffeine. He is also a pre-med, a love-hate relationship with coffee, the organ for his church and is a biochemistry major.

But this fall, Dekmezian will attempt to represent a much larger population — he is the Libertarian candidate running for state representative in District 134.

On November 7, Dekmezian’s name will appear on the ballot in the district including West University, River Oaks and parts of Montrose and the Texas Medical Center. He is running against incumbent Republican Martha Wong and Democratic Ellen Cohen.

Even if people don’t agree with my political ideas, I’d like to be a catalyst to inspire others to take action. — Brown sophomore Mhair Dekmezian, District 134 state representative candidate

Be careful when you ask him about his platform: His answers will include a full-scale assault on certain aspects of American culture: His opinions range from a dislike of music copyright laws in an economy of prosperity to property taxes, and most of his beliefs stem from the Libertarian principle that government control has much influence on a big scale.

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Cottage houses great wings, bland entrees

Jennifer Quereau
THRESHER STAFF

With four Thai restaurants in the Rice Village alone, exploring offerings of the scintillating cuisine farther away in Houston might seem silly. But the search for the city's tastiest pad thai and tom kha gai should leave no door unopened, including Thai Cottage's nondescript door in the middle of a vast Bellaire strip mall.

The restaurant's name belies its decor. Nestled between two retail stores, the small dining room looks like a former Tex-Mex joint with Thai dragons hastily tacked on the wall. But the utilitarian decor was nothing to complain about—the space is clean and brightly lit, even if it does not transport diners to Southeast Asia. The food is affordable, with entrees between $6 and $12, and appetizers under $5.

Unfortunately, the affordability forces some sacrifices in quality. Thai Cottage's fried egg rolls are bland and oily, and only the unique orange dipping sauce could redeem them. The side salad provides a lighter starter: It includes extras such as shredded cabbage, community and perfect flavoring and texture, should contrast the nutty, sweet, and spicy flavors harmoniously, while keeping each flavor distinguishable from the others. Thai Cottage's shrimp pad thai is less greasy than some and Back to you in 3 hours.*

The shrimp are cooked well and the sweetness of galangal, an addictive ginger-like spice that can be found in the torn kha gai at Thai Spice in the Village. The creamy coconut milk is not oppressive, and the rich taste belies the soup's simplicity. This successful richness contrasts with the texture of the soup of the day, torn yum gai. The tom kha gai—a slightly sweet soup of coconut milk, chicken, mushrooms and light spices—is very tasty, but it lacks the spiciness and galangal, an addictive ginger-like spice that can be found in the torn kha gai at Thai Spice in the Village. The creamy coconut milk is not oppressive, and the rich taste belies the soup's inexpensive price tag.

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Speaking of weakly spiced, the princess chicken will ease the mind and taste buds of those worried about the reportedly disillusioning Thai chili pepper. The thin brown sauce served over rice, chicken and vegetables is found at most Oriental restaurants and is a safe order for the unadventurous. But perhaps the abysmal saltiness of Thai Cottage's chicken would diminish with a few more chili peppers.

Overall, the food is presented well, fairly light and appealing, but with the exception of the "wings of paradise," it is equivalent in quality and price to Thai Village or Morningide Thai Restaurant in the Village. And the wings, while incredible, are not worth fighting the Bellaire traffic and extra gas money.

Thai Cottage's wings of paradise, above, do justice to their name and redeem the restaurant, but the rest of the menu does not merit the drive to Bellaire.

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Men's tennis begins drive for C-USA title
Top-seeded Owls face Southern Miss in quarterfinal match today

by Dylan Farmer

Just four days after upsetting then-third-ranked University of Texas at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium, the injury-plagued men's tennis team lost to 35th-ranked Southern Methodist University 4-3 in Dallas. The loss, which snapped an eleven-match winning streak, started last season's finale, in which SMU defeated the Owls 5-4 at Jake Hess Tennis Stadium.

This week, the Owls travel to Tulsa, Okla., for the American University Championships, which start today and run through Sunday. At stake is the C-USA's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, but Rice wins No. 20's nationally-ranked and several wins against ranked opponents, is virtually guaranteed at an large. The Owls' ranking earned them the fifth seed in the tournament, and they will face eighth-seeded Southern Miss today at 11 a.m. Should they win, the Owls will have a semifinal against the winner of a match between University of Central Florida and the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

"There is a dangerous first seed in mediocre Arkansas," assistant coach Erik Lund said. "They're pretty heavy at the top of the lineup, with good players and some good two-throughs." 

Second-seeded SMU and third-seeded Tulsa are the only conference teams Rice has faced this year. And, aside from UAB's affair two weeks ago at No. 66, Tulsa and SMU are the only other teams from C-USA to hold a national ranking this season. However, Tulsa's 26th-ranked Aranza Brugues—who did not play when Rice defeated Tulsa 5-2 April 8—will return to the lineup. Lund said the team cannot underestimate its competition.

"Trying to be a good flipper and we have to come out ready," Rice said. "We can't overplay the early rounds and focus on the final match. We just have to take care and be one round from one to the next, and we shouldn't have a problem with that." 

After winning the 2004 Western Athletic Conference crown, the Owls fell 4-3 to Boise State University in last year's final four, but claimed the C-USA's automatic bid in the singles match, and the Owls will be one seed stronger against University of Southern Mississippi.

"There's no question that Bob and I are going to win, and that we'll get the number one for the doubles point," head coach Tony Haerle said this year's tournament. "We'll just be as challenging as last year's." 

"Number one has changed," Haerle said. "It's going to be tough going. We just lost to SMU, and Tulsa is going to be a lot harder if we have to play them. We have to be ready for that." 

On Sunday, Rice began the day with singles play. Rice and Haerle addressed the possibility of only two matches. Haerle addressed the question of senior Robert Searle, whose usual schedule of seven runs in less than an inning.

"I put myself in a position to at least consider it," Almond said. "It's a true indicator for any player's immediate future. I had the ideal hitting conditions, [but] at least consider it," Almond said. "I can't own the early rounds and focus on the final match. We just have to take care and be one round from one to the next, and we shouldn't have a problem with that." 

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Rain halts golf's efforts at Stanford's U.S. Intercollegiate

by Brian Mofettee

The golf team's last chance for a regional victory was cut short by rain last weekend, and the squad finished 16th of 17 teams at the U.S. Intercollegiate in Palo Alto, Calif. The meet, being staged by Stanford University, was halted three hours behind schedule and final round Sunday, and the Owls were forced to come home early with a 61 over two rounds on the par 72, 7,472-yard course.

For next the Owls is the Conference USA Championship, which will be held April 23-26 at the Old Waverly Country Club in Columbus, Mississippi. Rice finished sixth in last year's Western Athletic Conference Championship, and current CUSA rivals Southern Methodist University and the University of Tulsa placed first and second, respectively.

Despite placing no higher than seventh in any meet since they took third place in the 1,900 Intercollegiate, head coach Drew Scott said he is confident in his players. ([The team is] not going to be intimidated," Scott said. "I've won the CUSA tournament, then we have an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. That's a big carrot to have an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, and we'll see if they're ready for the challenge.

In California, poor weather plagued the Owls for the entire tournament, and no player shot better than two-over-par on any round. Scott said the term should have applied in California.

"We played 36 holes and revised our number," Scott said. "The weather was unlike anything we've seen all year. It was cold and rainy... But California, we're trying to get our game at a level where we can compete in the country and we don't have to worry about the climate."

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Fifth-ranked UCLA won the abbreviated tournament with a 718, followed closely by last year's CUSA Champion, USC, which shot a 717, and host Stanford, which shot a 715. Rice finished between the University of California-Davis and Long Beach State.

Senior Parker LaRiggio, who led the team with a 295, finished 15th, 15th, 75th, and 84th place finishes. LaRiggio said the team's post-season hopes rest on winning the conference tournament.

"We haven't played well enough to get an automatic bid to the regional tournament, so we lost chance in the conference," he said. "We're going to come in just like every other tournament, shoot one hole at a time, and hopefully we'll have a chance to win."

MEET RESULTS

1. UCLA  718
2. USC  717
3. Stanford  715
4. Washington  718
5. Saint Jose State  719
6. Oregon State  714
7. San Diego State  714
8. UC-Davis  712
9. N. Colorado  710
10. Oregon  609
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Rain halted the tournament's efforts at Stanford's U.S. Intercollegiate, with the final round being canceled due to poor weather conditions. The Owls finished 16th of 17 teams in the tournament, shooting a 61 over two rounds in California. Despite their struggles, head coach Drew Scott expressed confidence in his team, stating that they are ready for the challenge of the upcoming Conference USA Championship. The Owls will face Texas Christian University, which won the CUSA title last year, and other strong competitors in the tournament. Scott also highlighted the importance of finishing strong in the regionals to secure an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. A good performance in the regionals would give the Owls a better shot at winning the national championship. Rain also affected the conference tournament, where the Owls were forced to play nearly 36 holes in less than ideal conditions. Despite their efforts, the Owls finished 15th of 17 teams at the tournament, shooting a 718, which placed them in fifth place overall. The Owls' performance in the tournament was tempered by the challenging weather conditions, but Scott remained optimistic about their prospects for the future. He emphasized the need for the Owls to come in just like every other tournament and focus on shooting one hole at a time, in order to have a chance to win the regional tournament and secure an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.
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Women's tennis carries two wins into tournament

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Women's track heads to LSU
by Katy Miller

With only four weeks and three meets remaining before the Conference USA championship, the women's track and field team will compete in the Louisiana State University Alumni Gold meet in Baton Rouge, La. next Saturday. Rice will primarily face schools from around the South in the Bernie Moore Track Stadium, which hosted the 2002 NCAA Outdoor Championships and is widely considered one of the best track facilities in the nation.

The LSU meet will be the Owls' toughest of the season, but it will feature two of the strongest teams in the nation — host LSU, which has won three of the last six national championships, and the University of Southern Mississippi, which finished second in last year's Conference USA meet. Other teams scheduled to compete in this weekend's meet include Evansville and the University of Cincinnati.

"We're hoping to get some more regional qualifiers this week and to make strides in more regional qualifiers this year, the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and McNeese State University head coach Jean Bevan said he expects to see a few Owls qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Regional Championships.

"It was very exciting just to be able to run there and perform well when it counted," Daniels said. "My baby took a beating in the 10k, but I'm already really excited and looking forward to conference.'

Sophomore Callie Wells and Lennie Waite also posted personal bests at Mt. SAC, in the 1,500 meters. Wells secured her first outdoor regional-quality time of the season by finishing in 5:24.67, which was good for seventh place. Waite finished eighth in a time of 4:34.97, but did not qualify for regionals.

Senior Krystal Robinson threw a second-place 179-0 and finished second out of six competitors in the event, running 3:4:20.35 to place sixth. Daniels and Waite were ranked third and fourth all-time at Rice in the 10,000 behind Jolene Dickson (3:35:32) and Catherine Spradley (3:38:32).

"It was Robinson's best since the 1,500 meters. Wells scored a big personal best in the long jump with a jump of 19-10.75 but was short of regional qualification.

The Mt. SAC Relays was just one of three meets Rice competed in over the weekend. At the LSU meet, Rice will feature two of the teams scheduled to compete in this weekend's meet include Evansville and the University of Cincinnati.

Hanszen College Resident Associate Paul Strere stands ready at first base during Hanszen's 6-4 victory over Brown College. The win capped a perfect 15-0 season and gave Hanszen its second title in three years.

GSAs clinches Presidents' Cup with spring victories
by Dylan Farmer

With all college sports completed and participation still to be figured, GSA clinched the President's Cup with two victories and two second place finishes in last week's competition. Their seven point margin of victory guarantees that even if they don't earn any participation points, second place Brown cannot overtake them. GSA in first place, points for powderpuff and freshman sports are not included in the President's Cup standings.

Men's softball
Hanszen (5-0) defeated the champion Brown (4-1) for the second time this year, but this game was for the league title. The 8-0 victory marked Hanszen's second softball title in three years.

Women's softball
GSA (6-0) ended Hanszen's (4-1) bid for a championship repeat with a 5-0 victory Wednesday. GSA was three of six games by default, but that didn't seem to matter as they rolled through Jones (6-1) and WSU Rice (4-0) before reaching the finals.

Women's soccer
In a championship match featuring two teams that did not make the playoffs last year, Sid (5-0) secured an undefeated season with a 3-1 victory over GSA (3-3). Sid only allowed its opponents two goals the entire season and outsourced their regular season opponents by a combined 12-0 score.

Open Floor Hockey
In a repeat of last year's championship match, defending champion Jones (4-0-1) won the hockey title for the second time in a row with a lose-ended 4-4 tie of GSA (4-1) in Wednesday's final. The two teams have controlled the floor hockey league since 2002, when GSA won the first of its two titles.

Table Tennis
GSA (6-0) defeated its table tennis crown with a 6-0 victory over Sid Rich (5-1) in Wednesday's final. GSA lost only one match all year, and now in the regular season. They have not lost a match in two years.
A new video message center will feature a screen measuring 20 feet high by 35 feet wide, and it will make it possible for the north concourse stop a set of brick arches modeled after the campus architectural themes of Rice. The video message center will be elevated, creating a flat surface that will be more forgiving upon contact with the ground than AstroTurf. Astroturf was one of his greater priorities this offseason.

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Wilson said. "My goal is to play myself into the first round and get a first round guarantee. Best, I'm coming back to school."

Until that time, however, Almond will complete his spring workouts with teams and with the pre-draft camp that the NBA puts on. Almond said, "I'm not leaning one way or another, I'm just going to go in, give it my best shot, train as hard as I can, get in the best shape that I can and just see what happens."

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- [#A3] 1 order of chicken and an order of Cheesy Bread

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**By the Numbers April 11-18**

**Baseball**

**Rice at Oklahoma**

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**Weekly Sports Scores April 22, 2006**

**Baseball**

**Rice** vs. **Memphis**

- **Attendance**: 2,657
- **IP H R ER BB SO BF**

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**Football**

**Rice** vs. **Oklahoma**

- **Attendance**: 1,023
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**Metrics**

- **Income**: $3,000
- **Expenses**: $2,500
- **Profit**: $500

**Donor News**

- **Supporter of the Month**: John Doe
- **Volunteer of the Month**: Jane Smith

**Events**

- **Annual Fundraiser**: April 29, 2006
- **Spring Carnival**: May 1, 2006

**Contact Information**

- **Phone**: (713) 523-7770
- **Email**: riceowls@rice.edu
- **Website**: www.riceowls.com
**CALCULUS**

**FRIDAY 21**

They can fine us for that?

Sign up for classes by today in order to avoid a "failure to register on time" fee. We realize a "fine" and a "fee" are different animals, but let's not split hairs here. The point is to register by 5 p.m.

**Eh Boo-Boo!**

Peace, love and free food

Mr. Professor

Take your prospeis to the yard. We can't promise a Ranger Smith or Yogi sighting, but we can guarantee you'll see Cindy. Provided, of course, your Owl's name is Cindy...

Mr. Professor

Show your Owl what careful hours of not planning can do to improve dramatic performance! The spontaneous combustion show begins at 10 p.m. in the Hamman Commons. Come prepared with irrelevancy, bizarre or, if you're one of those people, currently relevant topics for less relevant but highly entertaining topics.

Peace, love and free food

Head over to the Wiess — or is it Weiss, that Beer-bike pig was so confusing — Aebel for Jardens' 300 to see hands from Rice and the Houston area jam out. The event is 4 p.m. - 2 a.m., and there will be tie-dying and free food. But no free tie-died food.

**SATURDAY 22**

Postseason bound

In their first season post-suspension, the men's lacrosse team hosts a playoff game against Texas A&M today at 1 p.m. And it's at the lacrosse field, of all places.

**Ballrooms and Area 51**

Tonight the Rice Program Council hosts Roundel at Dave and Buster's from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Tickets cost $15 and can be purchased from your college RPC rep. Just don't get your tie stuck in the skeeball.

Tonight we're gonna party like it's 1999

Baker College hosts its public party, Rock Fondelet, in their commons tonight from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. The theme is 1990s prom, so come in your rickshaw tuxes and purple-skewed tresses, and get ready to hear some really bad pop.

**SUNDAY 23**

Music for cultured folk

The Rice Symphonic Band presents a spring concert in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center at 3 p.m. Selections include works by Grainger, Camphouse and others. Admission is free. Think of it as a warm slice of culture pie. After all, everyone loves pie. Especially culture pie. Or chocolate.

Music for caffeinated folk

Will Rice College junior Andrea Leyton-Mange had a really good joint. She decided to offer free coffee and donuts at her recital today at 3 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall and play Bach's "Coffee Cantata." Good idea, Andrea.

**TUESDAY 25**

Samosa famous-a

While that rhyme has no bearing on anything ever, the Festival of India is today from 12 - 9 p.m. in Ray Courtyard. There will be free yoga and meditation demonstrations and other cultural workshops. Free Indian food will be served, and free Indian food is reason to do almost anything.

No slime in this ice machine

Wait, that subhead is about health inspectors, not health policy directors. Oh well. Elema Markus, Director of Health Policy for the mayor's office, joins the Rice Women's Resource Center speaker series from 6 - 7 p.m. in Sewall Hall, room 309. Marks will discuss current and future policies in her field. A reception and question and answer session will follow the lecture.

**THURSDAY 27**

And ... I'm spent

Today is the last day of classes for all classes that aren't once-a-week Friday labs or seminars. This means every paper, project, presentation, assignment or anything else you've been putting of comes back to bite you today. Whoops.
PROSPES

HOO UP WITH SOMEONE.

FROM:

IF YOU DON'T LIKE THIS THING, THEN YOU SHOULDN'T BE DOING IT. DON'T YOU SEE? YOU'RE HAVING A GOOD TIME.

YOU'RE NOT LOSING.

SET JAMES BAKER III'S OFFICE: 20 PTS.

WHERE HE'S IN THE OFFICE: 50 PTS

AND ACCUSE HIM OF BEING AN OIL ADDICTED FACIST.

40 MORE BONUS PTS. AND A SUBSCRIPTION TO "MOTHER JONES."

GO.

PARK ARTS: 10 PTS

JAMESTOWN: 10 PTS

ULB RELEASE PARTY: 20 PTS

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FUCK DIONE LEY: 20 PTS

MORE CLASSES THAN YOUR HOST: 20 PTS, YOU CHOOSE.

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END UP ON 50-50-50.

MAKE A HUGE ASS OF YOURSELF.

FUTURE PRICELESS.

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A SQUIRREL: 50 PTS

THE JADE MONKEY BEFORE THE NEXT FULL MOON.

THE HEARTS OF YOUR HOST:

AWW... WE LOVE YOU. TOO.

I promised you some MCGAAS... I'm late

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—Lovett freshman

I'm quoting Jesus now, I'm not making this shit up.

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Why not Misha?

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MISCELLANEOUS

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