**Princeton Review ranks Rice no. 2 for quality of life, race/class interaction**

**BY LILY CHUN**
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The Princeton Review ranked Rice number two in the categories of best quality of life and best race/class interaction and number 15 in the category of happiest students out of 666 best U.S. colleges profiled. The results of the annual survey were compiled online from a mixture of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in the past three years from 2005 to 2007.

In the past, Rice has typically ranked high — number 1 and number 6 — in the categories of best quality of life and best race/class interaction, President David Leebron said. He said he is pleased that Rice placed 15th on the list of happiest students since Rice has not placed in the category in the past.

Leebron said he thinks the high ranking of race/class interaction is a reflection of the college system and Orientation Week.

"It's a great priority to us to build a diverse student body, but there's no way to build one without interacting with each other," Leebron said. "This is students' perception of how we interact with each other.

Although Leebron said he is pleased by the rankings — especially because students, not administration, were surveyed — he takes them with a grain of salt.

If you live by rankings, you die by them," he said.

Leebron said he does not think these rankings indicate that Rice is a no-problem school to work out.

"We need to continue to improve on things like O-Week and the kind of courses we have available to people and listen very carefully to the very diverse groups on campus," Leebron said. "Our goal is to make this campus a destination of choice for a lot of different people. I think we see this across the board, whether it's race or religion or national origin. It's our responsibility to listen closely to these students and see what they think could make the experience a more positive one.

And in light of some of the racially offensive events of the past years, like the racist vandalism at Sid Richardson College over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Leebron said that though such racist incidents are certainly viewed as unacceptable, they do occur from time to time.

"Things are never perfect, and Rice has done pretty consistently well on this, but I think it's also true that as if you're drinking the same gallon of milk each week that you always have, but the price has gone from $2.50 a gallon to $5.00 a gallon," Johnson said.

"We've no longer in an era of cheap energy," Johnson said.

"It's a great priority to us to build one without interaction, which included trespassing, lying to a police officer and possessing stolen property — against Wilson," BPD sergeant Mary Kusmiss said in an e-mail. "He spent much of his time on the UC-Berkeley campus and began camping near some of the buildings in recent months. The UC student community is a good source of food according to Wilson. He did not make any social connections or friends while in Berkeley. As a result of talking with Wilson, BPD would characterize him as having faced personal challenges. Matthew Wilson can best speak to what those are," Wilson's former roommate, Han son College senior Elliott Harwell, said he was elated to hear Wilson had been found.
New hire in athletics a step forward

While the Princeton Review recently ranked Rice number two in the best race/class interaction at a university (See story, page 8), this identity among diverse groups does not always extend to athletes. Athletes have always been a somewhat isolated group from the rest of the student body. Because the practice times for many athletes, especially football players, typically coincide with many O-Week activities, there have been several O-Weeks in the past in which athletes were quarantined in gyms while their classmates were learning preface cheers or meeting people around campus. Perhaps as a result of this segregation during O-Week, some athletes never truly became integrated into the Rice culture. But Rice is taking a step forward with the appointment of Assistant Athletic Director for Student Athlete Development Suzanne Boue (See story, page 8).

According to Boue, the athletic department has always had people working to help athletes become integrated with the university. But it’s the creation of Boue’s position that really shows the athletic department is making a focused effort to help athletes become more involved at the university.

Student population is one of President David Leebron’s points in the Vision for the Second Century, but it’s easy to assume that diversity only applies to people of different ethnicities, nationalities or socio-economic classes. Interaction between student-athletes and the general student body at large is something that should not be overlooked. Although Boue’s position within the athletic department entails more than just facilitating interaction between student-athletes and non-athletes, the importance of this aspect of her job should not be minimized.

And while we consider Boue’s appointment great progress, Rice should not stop there. We hope that in the long run the university will continue long-term changes in athletes’ connection to the university, so that Rice becomes more than just the team they play for.

Supporting Wilson

Many of us have been following the case of former Rice student Alex Wilson, who disappeared last December and was found Aug. 13, 2008 in Berkeley, Calif. (See story, page 1). Wilson was recently charged with theft of University of California-Berkeley property, but the charges were dropped. At the moment, he has been placed in a mental hospital on suicide watch. With all the media coverage surrounding Wilson, it would be easy to spin every bit of minute into an overblown media sensation, but the fact is that we don’t yet know why Wilson disappeared, and until we learn the facts, all we can do is remember that he once was, and still is to many of us, a fellow Rice student.
**Academic honors: personal growth**

How will this affect my grade point average? Will this help my application? Does it improve my chances of getting into medical school? These questions likely circulate through the minds of pre-medical students. I, for one, have picayune concerns. True, this is not a unique conflict year of college and a brazen effort to translate to the beginning of year translates to the beginning of the medical school admission process. All the while, pre-med students might grapple with the worry that they might not get into medical school and eventually die the white coat.

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With anxiety eating away at what little emotional energy being a pre-med affords, when is there time to be a person? It does not help that the stress seems heighten. First, there are prerequisites and the Medical College Admission Test, and if that is not enough, there are the upper-level science courses to prepare one for the MCAT. Science courses show depth and well-roundedness, voluntering in hospitals and clinics to show sincerity, building relationships with professors for good recommenda- tions, and all the while, there is that application process. All the while, pre-med students might grapple with the worry that they might not get into medical school and eventually die the white coat.

In the midst of this consuming yet noble pursuit to help human- ity through medicine, development of the medical student is in danger of stagnating. Time that might have been spent investigating the museum with friends or calling relatives on the phone is lost to the ever-present anxiety. With so much to guar- antee medical school admission. Even the most ambitious and intelligent pre-med students must strive to maintain a balance between excelling and staying whole. If only Rice Medicine students should have enough of the Rice pre-med mentality.

**Fifth, forget about ambition:**

It would be wrong to assume that any student who is interested in a medical career would be interested in a prestigious medical position. The pursuit of a medical career is cultivated by making arguments that simply because you were proven wrong you are no longer worthy of an opportunity. Those summa cum laudes are an honor among the people who can afford to pay for throwing off the curve. If you pursue a medical career, you might be rightfully spent going to law school, not medical school.

**Those summa cum laudes are an impressive lot. Of course unless they were one of those petty grade grubbers... selling out what a college education is supposed to be.**

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Phishing scams intensify

BY SARAH RUTLEDGE
THE RICE THRESHER

While students and faculty may have been taken by surprise for the summer vacation, scammers have been hard at work. Since February, there have been 15 rounds of phishing attacks, which led to a massive Rice e-mail blackout from May 16 to May 20, 2008.

An estimated 12 students, faculty, and staff this summer volunteered their personal e-mail information to the fraudulent requests.

Phishing, which can happen not only through e-mail but also via telephone, is the act of attempting to get a person's personal information by obtaining a person's password and user information to a university e-mail account via phishing attacks, scammers can access that account and use it to send fraudulent messages to other e-mail services. Because many e-mail providers have relatively strict spam filters, scammers look for university e-mail addresses, which are seen as legitimate, information Technology Security Officer Marc Scarborough said.

This way, scammers can send more e-mails through these accounts and increase their chances of getting money from their message recipients. Scarborough said a common scam, called the Nigerian gift scam, involves someone informing the recipient that he or she is the heir to a large fortune. To receive the money, however, the recipient must provide the executor of the will with money to supposedly begin transferring funds into the heir. Scammers might ask for money from gullible recipients who have virtually no way to track down the scammers, as e-mail addresses are untraceable. Scarborough said. And though these scammers may see five responses per 1,000,000 e-mails sent, those are still worth it for scammers' time, he said.

In May, Rice e-mail was temporarily blacklisted from e-mail providers at yahoo.com and AT&T due to the spam coming from several hundreds of different accounts throughout this four-day blocking of e-mails hurt Rice businesses.

By taking only the university to fall victim to phishing, Scarborough said Rice is not the only university and staff in universities across the world are receiving these requests for personal information. Scammers will find their e-mails mimic messages the university's IT departments tend to send to its students.

Rice phishing attempts have also increased over the last few months. Scarborough said it is important to personalize these attacks so people are more likely to respond to these e-mails.

Marc Scarborough IT Security Officer

"Scammers take time to personalize these attacks so people are more likely to respond to these e-mails," Scarborough said. While an early attack in February had Rice's address, an attack last month included the address, copyright, former campaign slogan "Unconventional Wisdom" in the footer and phrases from the well-known rice.edu e-mail list. He said one phishing attack contained a fake message supposedly signed by the Director of Communications Catlin Cluff, suggesting the scammers had familiarized themselves with the IT staff at Rice to make their messages look more authentic.

"Scammers take time to personalize these attacks so people are more likely to respond to these e-mails," Scarborough said. Since the phishing messages are sent from a non-Rice spam e-mail account, the subject of the messages are marked with asterisks and a "spam" label, but the bodies of the e-mails are so convincing that many students volunteer their personal information anyway, Scarborough said.

Scammers' estimates that at least two separate groups are responsible for the phishing attacks so far. When a phishing attack is reported, IT blocks that e-mail address from sending messages to any other rice.edu e-mail accounts. And if an account is taken over by scammers, which typically send out an uncharacteristically high frequency of e-mail, IT freezes the account until the correct user changes his or her password for security. Scarborough said it is hard to monitor what accounts are being used for scamming purposes, however, as students and faculty might just be sending more e-mails than usual. He also said anti-spam technology for outbound Rice e-mail was discussed, though he didn't think that would slow down the Rice Wall significantly, it is not a serious option. Scarborough encourages students, faculty, and staff to not respond to any phishing attempts to supply personal information online.
Simmonses donate $3 million for collaborative medical research

By LILY CHIN
THE THOMPSON STAFF

The Virginia and L.E. Simmons Family Foundation donated $3 million in May to enable researchers from Rice, Texas Children's Hospital and Methodist Hospital to work together to conduct biomedical research.

Simmons said there were two factors behind the birth of the grant. One has to do with cross-disciplinary research involving genetics, mental sciences, imaging, physics, biochemistry and mathematics; another has to do with the increasing difficulty of securing funding from the National Institute of Health, which he said is a key source of medical-oriented financing.

"If you're a proven researcher—a 50-year-old— it's really hard to get funds from them," Simmons said. "The younger researchers, or research dollars for new projects that don't have a track record, are getting harder to find.

"In order to ensure that the grant, researchers from at least two of the three institutions must collaborate together.

"We really want people to learn how to work together and draw in other disciplines," Simmons said. "To the past, Rice hasn't done a lot with Methodist or Texas Children's Hospital, but there are great projects that are being done now with terrific success."

Simmons said he hopes the grant will "give researchers a chance to do much more than they could do themselves."

"While any type of research is important, I think collaborative research within the Texas Medical Center and Houston is going to be the secret to long-term success and breakthrough," Simmons said. "There's too much going on in the field, and there's so much expertise in the medical center, that not to do it collaboratively would be a terrible waste of time, talent, opportunity and potential duplication."

Simmons said he realized that the three institutions needed to research collaboratively because he is a trustee at Rice and TCH as well as a member of the board of Methodist Hospital.

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"I have an unusual fortune of position of being able to see what the plans are and objectives are and resources are at each of these institutions," Simmons said. "All three of these institutions are all building similar size and cost research centers, and they're all going to be finished at the same time, so they're all kind of excited about this idea of collaboration."

Simmons said TCH is building a research center on neurological research and is dependent on imaging, mathematical modeling and physics—something Rice researchers can do. He added that Methodist hosts Dr. King Lee, one of the top imaging doctors in the world, and Dr. Chuck Fraser, one of the top cardiovascular surgeons in the world, who is working with Rice researchers in angioplasty values.

"The real thought leaders in these fields are very interested in this—interested in mentoring the younger cli-

Simmons said. "Some of these thought leaders include Dr. Huda Zoghbi, a Howard Hughes–funded researcher, Rice's Vice Provost for Research Jim Coleman, Mike Lienhard at Methodist Hospital and Money beyond at TCH."

"It's their support and backing in helping to make sure that the right scien-
tists get his door down the line that it's going to make this work," Simmons said.

Coleman said one reason he was involved in planning the grant was because the Simmons' vision corresponded with President David Leebron's Vision for the Second Century to have Rice increase its research ac-
tivity and scholarship program.

"We keep looking for ways to be able to "increase research activity" is to collaborate as effectively as possi-
ble; particularly to take advantage of enormous research opportunities at the Texas Medical Center," he said.

Coleman said the project was exciting because the outcomes of the collaborative research could change medicine.

"This family, historically, has the vision that collaboration will ulti-

Zicare will allow students to rent a car at the rate of $3 per hour with an annual subscription fee of $300. The hourly rental fee includes insurance, gas, oil changes and necessary maintenance such as car assistance. As- sistant Transportation Manager Elizabeth Gbordzoe said. Students can sign up for the Zipcar program at the beginning of this academic year. The company can be found at www.colIaborative researchfund.org and is open to students and faculty. Lorentz said college students will also be able to use the cars available for rental, a Toyota Prius and a Volkswagen Jetta. Students who use the service frequently.

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"It's hard to keep up with global trends and I continue to involve the students in the grant setting.

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"Carless no more"

Rice introduces student rental car system

By JOYCE WRIGHT
THEIR RAPID STAFF

Students looking for joy less for their daily commute to campus will have three access to two alternative transportation options.

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BY ANNA WILDE
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In addition to the outward changes to the Rice Athletic Department after the hiring of Athletic Director Chris Del Conte, most notably improvements to Becking Park and Avery Court, changes are also occurring within the Athletic Department, as Suzanne Boué (Wine '91) has been named Assistant Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Development.

This new position will consolidate several tasks aimed toward Rice student-athlete support previously accomplished by various athletic department members.

"Pieces of what I'm doing have been done in the Athletic Department before, but all by people who have an awful lot on their plate already," Boué said.

Boué, who studied human performance and health sciences at Rice and earned a degree in sport management from the University of Massachusetts, started her career in sport management at the University of Michigan and moved to Chicago to work with the Chicago Cubs. While working with professional football players for a sport management company in Chicago, she heard about one of Rice's newest positions from a company in Chicago, she said.

"I actually wasn't looking for a job before, but all by people who have an awful lot on their plate already," Boué said.

"I actually wasn't looking for a job at all, and sort of stumbled upon this position," Boué said.

After applying for the position, Boué was appointed in July. She said she plans to forge connections with Rice student-athletes and campus resources such as the Wellness Center, Career Services Center, the Community Involvement Center and Leadership Rice. She said these connections will not only help graduating student-athletes with their future plans after college, but also will help to integrate incoming student-athletes into the Rice community and sustain current student-athletes in their academic ways to make some bridges between the two groups, trying to get student-athletes more involved in day-to-day campus life."

Boué models her work after the specifications of the NCAA's Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success/Le Skills Program, which has provided support and services for participating institutions since 1996. At Rice, she hopes to place emphasis on three of the five elements promoted through the CHAMPS/Le Skills programs: personal development, professional development and community service.

In addition to establishing bridges between the athletic department and different campus organizations and resources, Boué plans to work with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee at Rice, a leadership organization comprised of representatives from each of Rice's athletic teams. The inclusion of former Rice student athletes in advising current student-athletes will help to introduce role models for students, who may stay at Rice overwhelmed by the pressures of both athletics and academia, Boué said.

"They are the best role models for current student-athletes at Rice and only one of me," Boué said.

However daunting a task this may seem, Boué's future work with Rice's students is already creating a buzz of positive expectation.

"She is really going to be an awesome role model," said Sabrina Hassumani, Co-Coordinator for the Rice Student-Athletes' Minds for Personal Success Program. "She is going to address each athlete's needs."

"She is going to be an awesome role model for student-athletes at Rice and only one of me," Boué said.

"I think she brings in a really awesome skill set to the Rice campus," said Rachel Intrator, Director of Administration. "I think she's going to do a really good job."
Rice granted $25.4 million to create Houston's first Sociology Ph.D. in 2011

BY CINDY DIXI
Tribune Tribune

Although the sociology department is small, the more people doing research, the more opportunities for undergraduates to get involved,” sociology major Ariela Schachter said.

Emerson said the program’s goal is to produce researchers that improve the lives of citizens and work toward humane and sustainable societies.

“From my understanding, there will be more focus on community research which will have a greater impact on Houston,” Schachter, a Baker College senior, said.

For now, the department is working on getting accredited, hiring faculty and developing a curriculum to welcome the first class of graduate students in 2011. Emerson estimates that by 2015, the target class size will be 24 students.

The $5.4 million grant will be used over a span of seven years. After that period, the university will continue funding the program.
Buildings to sport plants on roofs to improve sustainability

BY RACHEL CARLSON
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Students and faculty are accustomed to seeing flora and fauna around campus, but green roofs on four Rice buildings will give landscaping an entirely new dimension. Roofing gardens, designed to improve buildings’ sustainability and expand roof lifespan, will be installed on Duncan College, the Collaborative Research Center, the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen and the South Utility Plant.

Rice Sustainability Director Richard Johnson (WILL Rice ’92) said green roofing provides a variety of sustainable and economic advantages.

“As well as providing a natural habitat, it helps reduce temperatures in the surrounding area, helps reduce storm water runoff and keeps the roof cool, which lowers the buildings’ energy usage,” Johnson said.

Gardens also extend the lifespan of the roof. Roofs in Houston tend to be degraded by high UV radiation and battered by hail, elements that can oregano and bicolor sage.

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A model of the new green roofing to be constructed on Duncan College, the Collaborative Research Center, the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen and the South Utility Plant.

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“...You might have to pay a 20-30 percent premium on the roof, but it pays back over time.”

The idea for green roofing was inspired by several models. The University of Texas School of Public Health in the Texas Medical Center has been operating with a garden rooftop for more than five years without any notable difficulties, Johnson said. Green roofs are even required in some areas of Germany, he said.

The staged roof installation varies for each building. For the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen, the selection of plant species was recently finalized with input from the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center and various experts in Houston. The species are indigenous, drought tolerant and pest resistant. They include Mexican feather grass, Mexican oregano and ho co sage.

“We wanted to have a lot of blooming things and color at Oshman so that you could look up and see purples and reds,” Johnson said.

The plants are currently growing off campus and will be introduced within a few weeks.

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Johnson said facilities personnel are still experimenting with the appropriate species to use on the roof of the South Campus Plant, but it will probably be dominated by a resident, native species called gulf mallow grass since the soil is not visible from the ground. Plants on all four roofs are expected to be self-sustaining—able to grow with out extensive care and watering—by next summer, though Johnson predicts it will be several months before a natural habitat is developed.

Johnson credits the progress of this environmental initiative to the efforts of Rice students.

“A lot of Rice’s commitments to green building and to the environment in general have been due to the partnerships established between students and the administration,” Johnson said. “As students see new buildings, they should take pride in the fact that whether they like it or not, made them here they are.”

Cards replace keys at Martel and is looking into expanding it to other buildings in the future.

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Follow the new system.

“The Rice 1 system by Stanley Bero is a brand new system and allows us to inventory configure rooms from our office instead of working someone out there every time a student loses his key,” Housing Operations Manager Mark Chaszar said.

In the past, students at Baker, Haman, Rice, Jones and Brown Colleges who have used their student ID for room access would have to call their employees from H&D to reconfigure a new lock from a personal digital assistant.

The main front doors and mail doors at Martel are now equipped with the wireless key��统.

“The time at Martel has been over the years, the main door has a lock and the inner doors have a key lock, so you have two sets of keys,” H&D Senior Director Frank Rodriguez said.

But only will this new system be less confusing than the old key and card system of years past, it will also save students and the university money in the long run.

“If a student loses a key they are charged $50 to replace locks. If a student loses their ID card, it only costs 10 dollars to replace it,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said students can save money and time with the new access card. New cards can be reconfigured as soon as H&D is notified. There is also an increased security with the new system.

“For the student, it is hard to lose a key. For the student, it is hard to lose a key. By the card, you could never know who turned it and went in. The student ID card can track the transactions who’s been in the room and what time they went in.”

Frank Rodriguez
H&D Senior Director

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Elliott Harwell
Hanszen College senior

Harwell, who had signed a frame with Wilson last year for a worthy accomplish- ment, said Wilson's disappearance around finals had worried him since it was out of character for him to leave. "Honestly, what I had truly hoped had happened was Matt was in Midst Lab, had hunkered down to work on his senior project and appreciated it, but he's not one of those people," Harwell said. During those months, Harwell said, "He wouldn't keep in touch with Willy's older sister, Kelly, and the two would keep each other informed on any news related to his disappearance.

The newspaper reports of Wilson not having made friends on the UC-Berkeley campus is typical for someone in a scary situation.

"Matt here at Rice had extremely good friends, and he was outgoing with his friends," Harwell said. "It's clear that he wasn't being himself [in Calif.] ... If I were running away, I probably would keep to myself too. The fact that he was alone and hadn't gotten help from anyone, was isolated, hadn't made friends, that's what you do when you're in a new environment and afraid.

Harwell described Wilson as a quiet, easy-going friend who often kept to himself. The two had roomed together the year before on campus.

"Since finals had begun, he'd been a little more quiet during finals, sort wasn't a surprise," Harwell said. "He never talked to me about wanting to go off and explore the world, he never talked to me about needing to get away from things, so it was a complete and total shock."
Scott wins ASA award

by Sarah Mitchell
Thresher Editorial Staff

Statistics Professor David Scott received the American Statistical Association Founders Award Aug. 5. Scott is one of the founding members of the Rice statistics department and earned the award to honor his lifetime of service to the ASA. His service to the organization includes organizing meetings and editing statistical journals.

Scott said he was pleased to receive such a rare honor.

"It is wonderful when your peers see it fit to recognize you in this way. There's 20,000 people in the organization and about two get the [award] every year. It's really quite nice, and I'm very excited."

Scott's research focuses on the visualization of high-dimensional data and data mining in particular. He said the goal of his research aims to find signals in large groups of data when only a few data points are signaled.

Scott said his position at Rice allows him to both take part in research and to engage in service, such as his commitment to the ASA.

Scott said he would like to acknowledge former Provost Neal Lane and former President George Rupp for their support in creating the statistics department which helped him earn this award.

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3:30-4 p.m. Opinion
Djerejian advises students to understand their enemies
0-Week faculty address focuses on diplomacy in the Middle East, linking current politics to the common reading

BY SARAH RUTLEDGE

The Rice Thresher

Over 700 freshmen got their first taste of the academic life Monday when they crammed into the Stude Concert Hall for the Orientation Week faculty address. Director of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy Edward Djerejian spoke to the new students about better understanding international conflict, tying in global politics to this year’s common reading, Greg Mortenson’s Three Cups of Tea.

Yes, there are fanatics and extremists in every culture, but by concentrating on that narrow section of the truth, we can formulate policies based on confrontational policies.

Edward Djerejian
Director the Baker Institute for Public Policy

Djerejian began his speech by mentioning the beginning of the common reading, in which Mortenson writes to the presidents of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Djerejian said, and while the U.S. primarily focused on Iraq in the War on Terror, it should instead have focused on Pakistan and Afghanistan, he said.

“People are searching for who is the next enemy,” Djerejian said. “We justify our identity by hating enemies.”

Djerejian cited Huntington’s Clash of Civilizations theory, which asserts that conflict arises with the Muslim world meeting the Western world. This theory assumed that with the fall of communism — as symbolized by the fall of the Berlin Wall — wars would end, and free-market democracies would take over previously corrupt governments.

Djerejian said this flawed theory was used as justification for the war in Iraq when the real motive behind the conflict was to erase an Iraqi regime change. The ideologues viewed the country’s Muslims as the clash to take care of, he said.

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Djerejian said.

When dealing with conflict, Djerejian suggested countries craft policies on the basis of the other’s culture. Currently, the United States lacks the confidence and resources to understand these cultures, he said. He suggested allocating resources to beefing up the country’s language specialists and diplomats to provide a more sophisticated view of foreign cultures.

Because of the Iraq War, the U.S. government has often faced in the Muslim world, Djerejian said. And while the U.S. administration to the point where we’re neglecting basic relationships with other countries,” Djerejian said, citing Russia’s recent invasion of neighboring country Georgia. “When you don’t pay attention to these political conflicts, they will blow up in our collective faces.”

While Djerejian was a member of a bipartisan study group to President George W. Bush, his group warned Bush not to dismantle the Iraqi military. The administration went against the group’s wishes and dismantled the army in what he deemed the critical moment in the war. The later Sunni insurgency against the U.S. army boasted many former Iraqi army members, Djerejian said.

Djerejian advised the audience to remember that people around the world have the same ideas, which he said is a problem the government has often faced in the Muslim world. He said the military should be the last option when dealing with cultural differences and Western leaders should understand the importance of religion in governmental policy in Muslim countries. He advised against labeling these enemies as evil empires because that keeps countries from discussing issues openly with the Muslim world.

He concluded his speech by inviting the freshmen to take part in Baker Institute events.

Brown College junior Bill Doetsch said the speech was fantastic and the best 0-Week faculty address of the three he has seen. Doetsch, an 0-Week advisor, said the speech integrated the common reading into its message without dwelling on it too much.

“The speech addressed a fascinating subject and was very well put,” Doetsch said. “It was something the students should hear.”

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Summer construction, had me a blast

BY SARAH RUTLEDGE
Associate Director of Development

Much like last summer, students returning this fall may be surprised to see new green fences on campus. Fa- cilities, Engineering, and Planning Communications Director Susann Glenn, however, hopes students will be more impressed by the progress FE&P has made with its construction projects.

North colleges

Glenn said Duncan and McMurtry Colleges are on schedule, even after the June 22 accident when a construction worker was killed and seven more were injured after heavy winds knocked over concrete blocks on the work site, trapping a worker under-neath. The construction site was under investigation for four days after the incident, but Glenn said this did not put the project behind schedule since the deadlines are purposely conservative estimates to allow for inclement weather and other challenges for FE&P. Both colleges, which are being built and finished simultaneously so they can open together next fall, are on schedule. In May, both colleges' ground floors had been built and walls were beginning to arrive. Now, the colleges' interior spaces are being laid out.

FE&P is setting down bathroom pods — entire bathroom units as-sembled off site — at both colleges because these are environment-friendly. Glenn said, Rice is the first university in the United States to use bathroom pods in a building.

"Summer is when we try to gear up and get the work done as fast as possible.

Susann Glenn
Facilities, Engineering & Planning Communications Director

South Colleges

Lovett College received new heating and air conditioning units this summer, which means individual rooms have their own thermostats. Previously, one thermostat controlled an entire floor. FE&P used one of the dorms' closets to hold the fan coil units for the new air conditioning system. Half of that closet was con-verted to a California-style closet, which comes with extra shelving and space to make up for lost space. Additionally, Lovett's Resident As-sociate suite underwent an efficiency renovation and now boasts bamboo floors and energy-efficient applian-cies, Glenn said.

The Hanszen Alumni Grove is complete and the fountains are down after almost six months of work. The project created a park-like atmo-sphere in the grassy area between Sidd Richardson College, Hanszen, Will Rice College and Baker College. Glenn said, after graduation, FEP worked on the lower half of the area, which they had left open to accommoda-tion student move-out schedules, Glenn said.

"Summer is when we try to gear up and get the work done as fast as possible.

Susann Glenn
Facilities, Engineering & Planning Communications Director

South Plant

The green fences have come down behind Weiss College to reveal the all-new-complete South Plant. The plant will provide the power to the student housing units.

"It's a big improvement. It's a park-like atmosphere.

Susann Glenn
Facilities, Engineering & Planning Communications Director

Autry is mainly internal, with stuc-turing offices. Autry now has new restrooms, new concession stands and easier access to the practice court. And when the project is complete, visitors to Autry will notice the entry is lighter. Glass walls will allow visitors to watch basketball games when they step inside the gym. Glenn said FE&P plans to build a basketball store, new ticket office and a market office.

FE&P finished a transition space from Autry to Beckwith Field. Previ-ously, visitors walking from the gym in the baseball field would walk through the parking lot. The green space allows a safer pathway to the field, Glenn said.

"This is something that is really needed and one of the few proj-ects people are really excited about because it benefits everyone and it's in a location that doesn't affect everyone, and it's long needed.

Susann Glenn
Facilities, Engineering & Planning Communications Director

Off-Campus Construction

The CRC on University Blvd. and Main St. now has a brick facade and its windows have gone up. Glenn said it will open next April and move-in will begin in June.

Rice University Children's Campus, which will provide daycare for the chil-dren of faculty and staff, is scheduled to open for its first class Sept. 2, after FE&P began work by clearing the site in May.

The new graduate apartments on Shakespeare St. and Morningside Dr., scheduled to open next January, are the second Rice-offered graduate housing. FE&P also added 500 extra spaces to the existing Greenbrier Lot when it reconfigured the parking lot this summer and reconfigured the spaces, Glenn said.

She said the Rice campus proves challenging to expand.

"We have to protect the green space. We don't have, but we have to expand and bring in quality teaching, so it's a bal-ancing act," Glenn said.

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O-WEEK 2008

Between hairy, shirtless men, port and the university president, Orientation Week has been a cho. O-Week is that special time of year its creative thirst without worry our newly matriculated students. Here are some highlights that ou
ss men, glowstick raving in the Sally-resident decked out in bling, this year’s packed full of “interesting” moments. next year when the campus can quench its worry of academia, all while showing students the ropes and horrors of Rice life. that our Thresher staff caught on film.

Transporting freshman belongings with an efficiency that mimics the construction machinery that pervades the area, Brown College senior William McGuinness works like clockwork to assist Martel College freshmen with moving in.

Brown College president John Land leads newly-matriculated sophomore Eric Lee and freshman Tameem Islam through a trippy, chemoluminescently lit walk during matriculation Sunday night.

Smart enough to bring protective headgear, Baker College senior Faeheem Ahmed dives into the flurry of wheeled limbs that is Deathball in the Hanszen College Lower Commons Tuesday night.

Decked out in makeshift pimp apparel, President David Leebron stands proudly among Lovett College freshman Kelcey Wolak, sophomore Nate Roy and seniors Jenn Dobbin and Beko Binder during Lovett’s scavenger hunt Wednesday night.

From the leash, Will Rice College freshman Tippike was not enough to overtake their four-year losing streak.

A string of freshman athletes is in hot pursuit of flag-bearing Jones College president Daniel Hodges-Coppie. Photograph by Michael Rog.
Bottled eraser

Killer Films
Five summer blockbusters in review

Why so serial?

BY FAHEEM AHMED FOR THE THRESHER

A sociopathic clown. A drunken billionaire. An extremely pleasurable cinematic experience. So let's get started...

Iron Man

Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Terrence Howard, Jeff Bridges

The character of Tony Stark, a billionaire playboy, is certainly the film's star. Stark is a charismatic, charming character, and Downey's portrayal of him is perfection. Stark's role in The Avengers has made him one of the most popular characters in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Iron Man

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Zoeey Deschanel

When the cast credits include the likes of Tim Roth (The Incredibles), William Hurt ( Stark City), Liv Tyler ( The Lord of the Rings trilogy) was the first time I've ever watched an elf with just a little bit of a smile.

The Dark Knight

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Zoeey Deschanel

Not only is this film energetic, exciting and entertaining, but it also features a poignant love story for the ladies. I'll admit that I grew up reading comic books and collecting Marvel cards, but you don't need to be a superhero fan to enjoy this film. Norton, who plays Bruce Banner, is in masterful form, bringing a very sympathetic and frustrated face to the mighty Hulk. Tyler is excellent as the wife of Bruce Banner, a strong and willful woman who provides emotional support.

The Happening

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Zoeey Deschanel

One of my concerns when entering the movie was whether the computer graphic images would make the Hulk look cheesy, but I was extremely pleased. The graphic details were smooth, and the skin textures of the respective hero and villain were phenomenal. This truly is a human being to this monster story, so much so that even the gas will have an incredible taste.

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CRAFTS

Before school really heats up, burn off some creative energy at Caroline Collectives weekly Craft Night on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Houston's BIOSI collaborative workspace encourages participants to bring music, beverages and all those weird projects that have been sitting in the corner. A panel of judges even awards a grand prize at the end of the month.

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Beerspitting good time: a local music perspective

It's that time of year again—Orientation Week is upon us—and as more freshmen swim into Rice with the tides, I can't help but reflect on my own O-Week three years ago.

Julie Armstrong

Unlike most new students, I didn't enjoy it all that much. I hadn't heard the "get sleep" warning and had trouble letting loose. O-Week improved substantially, though, when my group left the hedges and took a trip to The Chocolate Bar, where a bluegrass band known as the Medicine Show lit up my life and made me optimistically about Houston.

My first 18 years had been as sheltered as any Rice student's, and even though I had fun drinking Mississippi, I had never seen a washboard or a string bass until that night, and I had certainly never heard such heartbreakingly cacophonous crowing. The band made friends with the tiny audience and gave a lot of high fives, constantly, even letting onlookers sing with them. For a little while, I forgot my nervousness. That moment stands out as my favorite during O-Week.

The band made friends with the tiny audience, even letting onlookers sing with them, and for a little while, I forgot my nervousness. That moment stands out as my favorite during O-Week.

A few weekends ago, I had the pleasure of seeing this band again, now calling themselves the Sidekick Tramps, when they played at the Flying Saucer downtown.

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HUMANITIES FRESHMAN SEMINARS OFFERED FALL 2008

Fsem122/Germ122: History Through German Cinema ~ BLUMENTHAL-BARBY ~ MWF 10:00 - 10:50a.m.
Fsem127/Fren127: In The Matrix ~ WOOD ~ TR 10:50a.m. - 12:05p.m.
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Fsem126/Germ126/Mdst126: The Legend Of King Arthur ~ WESTPHAL ~ MWF 2:00 - 2:50p.m.
Fsem136/Germ136: German Film ~ BLUMENTHAL-BARBY ~ TR 9:25 - 10:40a.m.
Fsem144/Hist144: The Arab-Israeli Conflict ~ MAKDISI ~ TBD
Fsem151/Hist151: The Hero and His Companion ~ MAAS ~ TBD
Fsem153/Span153: Don Quixote ~ CASTANEDA ~ TR 9:25 - 10:40a.m.
Fsem167/Hist167: Newton and The 18th Century ~ ZAMMITO ~ TBD

FSEM122/GERM122
HISTORY THROUGH GERMAN CINEMA
The course presents an overview of German history via contemporary German feature films from World War I, through the Weimar & Nazi periods, the postwar years as a divided Germany into East & West and finally a look at the new generation in post-unification Germany. Taught in English.

FSEM126/GERM126/MDIST126
THE LEGEND OF KING ARTHUR
In the 1100's people began writing down stories of Arthur, Guinevere, Merlin, & the knights of the Round Table using sophisticated techniques of literary composition. Today, these stories count among the great writings of Europe. This course examines the spectrum of medieval stories & histories of Arthur that arose in England, France, & Germany from the beginning to the age of printing, plus recent revivals.

FSEM127/FREN127
IN THE MATRIX
Using the film "The Matrix" as a point of reference, this course presents celebrated explorations of servitude & emancipation from religious mysticism to Marxism & artistic modernism. Texts by Lao Tzu, Farid ud-Din Attar, Plato, Freud, Marx, Beaudelaire, J.S. Mill, Proust, de Beauvoir, Malcolm, Baudrillard. Taught in English.

FSEM130/GERM130/SWG130
WOMEN & NATIONAL SOCIALISM
Introduction to the Nazi idea of "womanhood" & the actual roles women played during National Socialism. Female perpetrators, Mitlaufer, a multiplicity of victims, & to resistance fighters. Taught in English.

FSEM136/GERM136
GERMAN FILM
"From Caligari to Hitler" - & beyond. In the vein of the title of a well-known study on German film during the Weimar Republic the course offers a cinematic history of German and European politics & culture from the early Expressionist silent movies to the award winning "Life of Others."

FSEM144/HIST144
THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT
The seminar traces the history & politics of the Arab-Israeli conflict, delving into both Palestinian & Israeli understandings of the past & present using books, documentaries, and films. The course seeks to understand how & at what costs Israeli & Palestinian nationalism's have been constructed & analyzes U.S. involvement in the conflict.

FSEM151/HIST151
THE HERO AND HIS COMPANION
How does presentation of heroic action illustrate the basic values of society? Historical sources including ancient texts, modern mystery stories, and two "western" movies, show the development of a style of community service linking heroism with alienation. The extent to which women participate will be traced.

FSEM153/SPLAN153
DON QUIXOTE
The class will involve close reading and interpretation of Cervantes's immortal novel, "Don Quixote de la Mancha," voted 'the best book of all time' by a survey of 100 of the world's best authors.

FSEM160/HIST160
THOMAS JEFFERSON, THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, & THE USES OF THE PAST
The seminar will focus on three dimensions of Thomas Jefferson's life & legacy: what he said & did in the American Revolution; how he has been understood by historians; and third, how his words, ideas, & actions have been used by successive generations of Americans.

FSEM167/HIST167
NEWTON & THE 18TH CENTURY
Newton was the indispensable starting point for 18th century thought from the physical sciences to medicine & the so-called Human sciences. The seminar will consider Newton & the complex legacy of his thought in other 18th century thinkers: Locke, Leibniz, Boerhaave, Voltaire, D'Alembert, Hume, Maupertuis, Buffon, Kant, Priesley, Blake & Goethe.

For more information regarding course descriptions, times and professors please visit the Rice University Registrar's website http://registrar.rice.edu
This year’s extravaganza was not without its flaws, however, and neither is Houston’s local scene, which many say pales in comparison to that of other large cities. John Lomax of the Houston Press has pointed out that touring bands have invaded Houston like a new wave since the 2006 floods in which a noise complaint led to a violent police breakup of the ‘Two Gallants’ show at Walter’s on Washington and made national news. Austin, too, has received much blame for luring local artists out of Houston and into sometimes fiscally famous environs. But Blues musician Andrew Love has some suggestions for out- panning the scene, especially for his undersized and under-served musical demographic. “Make it free or cheap,” he says in reference to the Music Awards Showcase, which charged a $10 cover, and allowed access to the high school and college fan bases, many of whom were also funnelled from attending the showcase, at least officially, by the 21-and-up rules that remained in place at all of the sponsoring venues.

Lundgren has a point. I so fondly remember the local scene of Jackson Miss., because of its cheap covers and abundance of under or unknown shows. While this solution may not have worked fi- nancially for the coordinators of the Music Awards Showcase, it goes without saying that discounts for students increase business in the long term. The Houston music scene should be no exception.

In the meantime, other incentives exist for bands to test outside the hedges after their first nine weeks and explore the larger pool of creativity their city offers. Music mentors theatre bell venue as one of them, shining a spotlight on what he has played with bands influenced by everyone from ‘tick to Texas. ’ ‘You just have to dig a little deeper,’ he says. ‘There’s no Sixth Street.’ When I asked him if he had, indeed, played Austin, he responded, ‘What would we go to Austin? We’re here once, and we set the stage on fire at the Continental Club by accident, and we don’t think they want us back.’ Now that Houston’s spirit at its finest.

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How did you spend your summer?

The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants 2 is no exception to this rule. In its audience - consisting overwhelmingly of girls - did just that: they laughed, cried and sighed in all of the right places, muttering the film a thumbs-up as a touching, sentimental movie that is worth watching during this summer’s film season.

Based on the best-selling novel by Ann Brashares, The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants 2 follows where its 2005 film predecessor left off and makes the experiences of four friends during their summer break from college. Carmen (High School Musical’s Amanda Bynes) finds herself in a lead role in the Village Theater’s Shakespeare play; Lena (Gilmore Girls’ Alexis Bledel) goes to art school where she dates a movie model; Bridget (Gossip Girl’s Blake Lively) works at an archeological dig in Turkey and then reconnects with her past and Tibby (The Russell Girl’s Amber Tamblyn) writes a romantic comedy screenplay while facing her own fears of relationships. Bramson’s characters bring a captive audience with her book series, and filmmakers retained such audience at- traction with the first Sisterhood film in 2005. Thus, the makers of this second Sisterhood movie maybe simply needed to maintain its more mature audience of three years ago. To achieve this goal, Sisterhood 2, a more mature, themes and looks at its four main char- acters as the basic friendship premise such as Tibby facing a pregnancy scare and Bridget understanding her parents’ shaky relationship. The actresses playing the four friends also maintain the film’s hip edge with audiences, for all of the main actresses are well-known television stars, notably Likely with her recent stardom on the hit series Gossip Girls and Fern Ferreira with her Emmy for Ugly Betty. Each young actress’ sharp wit and individuality in the film makes her believable and easy to relate to.

The characters in Sisterhood 2 find complements to their unique personality traits that are important to the dynamic of the movie. The adventurous Bridget finds herself in the dusty archaeological fields of Turkey; artistic Lena by the beautiful waters of Greece; creative Carmen on the set of a huge movie production; and ebullient Tibby in the heart of Manhattan. Sisterhood 2 does not attempt to set itself up as an Oscar-winner, instead genuinely trying to please most for what it is a chick flick, and an enjoy- able one at that. Thus, by refraining from seeking prestigious superlatives, The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants 2 serves its basic functional purpose of entertain- ing fans and in the hearts of moviegoers.

The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants 2

Starring: Anna Maria Mau- wkins, Garrett Sorenson

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**MOVIES**

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Starring: Will Smith, Jason Bateman, Charlize Theron

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The concept of a mean and lazy superhero appeared quite original and especially appropriate in this era of comic book movies.

The Dark Knight

Starring: Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, Aaron Eckhart

This film belongs to Heath Ledger. While Nicholson performed as the Joker, Ledger is the Joker. The second half of the movie was a huge fan of Tim Burton's 1989 version of Batman, and Jack Nicholson's portrayal of this arch-nemesis is iconic in cinematic history. To recast the role would require an actor of unbelievable imagination and talent. When that role went to the late Heath Ledger, my first reaction was, "That dude from 10 Things I Hate About You? No way!"

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**SOCL 303: Poverty & Public Policy, Kimbro**
This course will undertake a rigorous assessment of the trends, causes, and consequences of poverty, as well as the development and evolution of U.S. welfare policy, with a particular focus on poor families. The course will incorporate lecture, discussion, and off-campus excursions to encourage the broadest engagement of the material.

**PHIL 307: Social & Political Philosophy, Sher**
What makes a society just? On what grounds may the liberty of individuals be legitimately limited? What social ends may a state legitimately pursue?

**BIOE 301: Bioengineering & World Health, Richards-Kortum**
This course provides an overview of contemporary technological advances to improve human health. The course opens with an introduction to the epidemiology and physiology of the major health problems throughout the world. With this introduction, we examine medical technologies to prevent infection, detect cancer and treat heart disease. We discuss legal and ethical issues associated with developing new medical technologies. The course is designed for nonengineering majors.

**ENGL 342: Survey of Victorian Fiction, Michie**
A survey of many genres of the nineteenth-century novel, this course will try to come to terms with some of the persistent questions posed by and through the fiction of the period, including responses to poverty and class conflict and the tension between the public and private sphere. Although this is a three-credit course, there is also a one-credit trailer, open to all but especially designed for students interested in the study of poverty, where we will look at non-fictional sources dealing with various social problems and will think through their relation to the novel.

**HIST 396: Rise Of Transnational Activism, McDaniel**
Interdisciplinary exploration of the historical roots of contemporary transnational social movements. Topics include the history of globalization; the concept of world citizenship; the origins of transnational activism in the anti-slavery and women's suffrage movements; the development of international norms and institutions; and the contested ideals of patriotism and cosmopolitanism.

**SOCL 470: Urban Life And Systems, Emerson**
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**ECON 461: Urban Economics, Mieszczowski**
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**ECON 450: World Economic & Social Development, Gillis**
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**POLI 437: Education Policy, Marschall**
Examines educational politics and policy from micro and macro perspectives. We will focus on school governance, structure, and finance at the federal, state, and local levels and examine the design, implementation and effects of various school reform initiatives in U.S., and to a more limited extent in other countries.

**ENGL 371: Chicana/o Literature, Aranda**
A mixed-genre course focusing on the Chicano movement, the Chicano renaissance, and alternative literary and mythic traditions associated with them.

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The Owls received their first run in
the seventh inning and a second run
by Jessica Cannon

Tigers and ‘Dogs
The most impressive segment
of the top universities in the United
in China.
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Owls geared up for their elimination
game against LSU. Rice quickly
jumped out an early lead as freshmen
shortstop Rick Hague drove in Morin-
go and junior catcher Adam Zorzen
to poor two runs on the board in the
second. In the fifth inning Gehrig
drove in Dotson, and in the sixth,
left fielder Amos Luna knocked a
single-home run. The Owls scored again
in the seventh, making the score 9-0.
Senior catcher Chris Kelley kept LSU
under control for first and second
innings; with two strikeouts before
hitting the game to finish with bases
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Leebron’s Chinese travels follow
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included the presidents of three U.S.
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At the very least, look for some
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Leebron invited to Beijing, sees gold
by Natalie Cerlicio

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For the first two years any
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recovered with their first big hit
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University of Houston in the season
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The moral is this: C-USA’s best

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FOOTBALL VS. SOUTHERN METHODIST

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Rice shutting down the nation. The addition of a high-profile true freshman starting defensive line has made him significantly better than expected.

Among the most anticipated returns is freshman running back Shane Turner. Turner is the 28th-ranked all-purpose back in the nation. Turner was the Owls' leading receiver last year and caught all-purpose back in the nation.

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RICE FOOTBALL 2008
New attitude part of Owls’ recipe for success

A CLOSER LOOK:
Statistically Returning for the ’08 season

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In his final season, Jarrett Dillard will face considerable pressure from opposing teams that have grown to respect him as an offensive weapon. As if the expectations of a football team are not enough to shoulder, Dillard will be constantly watched by NFL scouts who will be trying to see if he is the real deal.

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For the past two years, the Owls have been knocking on the door-step of the NCAA tournament. and after a slight decline in 2007, the squad is hoping that the third time is the charm.

While sheer mistakes led to a series of injuries and upsets last year, the players know that they cannot rely upon luck to carry them to success. They each went through a rigorous workout schedule over the summer to enhance their fitness levels and prepare themselves for a run at a conference championship and NCAA tournament berth.

"The group that we have now is the most committed team that we have had at Rice," head coach Chris Huston said. "So a team, the overall fitness of the girls is better than it's ever been... While there is only one returning senior on the team, the squad features a number of experienced players making up the core of the squad. Many of them will be controlling the ball on the offensive side of the field.

"You are especially going to see the depth in our forward position," Huston said. "We have four to six girls that could step in and contribute at any given game."

Sophomore Korey Taylor, a member of the Conference USA All-Freshman team, and junior Erin Scott should play the most minutes in the forward position.

One of the most exciting additions to the offense is a familiar face from past. Amber Candel was the C-USA Tournament Offensive MVP in 2005. Injury has kept her off the field for two years, but the former Rice rookie of the year is hoping to make a triumphant return.

First-year Hope Ward and Amy Beger have impressed Huston with quality play throughout training camp. "Both of them as freshmen have done a great job," Huston said. "They are extremely autonomous on the ball, effective going to goal, and effective finishing."

Six starters will be returning to the squad, but all of them will be playing in the front and middle of the field. The defensive players will be the most green in terms of collegiate game experience.

"What is going to be interesting this year is that we are starting from scratch on the back line," Huston said. "We are going to have to be making people into positions that they haven't played before."

While most coaches would be worried about recruiting an entire defensive unit, the Owls have reason to be optimistic. Senior Chandra Ewing will be the team's anchor after four years on the back line. Ewing comes into the season with four years' worth of collegiate-level conditioning, competition experience, and she should be as much of a contributor in soccer cleats as in track cleats.

Sophomore Stephanie Crain has fought back from an ACL injury to play midfield, but because of the empty spots on the defense and an injury to junior Katelyn Ostendorf, Crain may see minutes in the back as well.

The Owls can also rely upon the consistent play of sophomore goalkeepers Megan Erikel and Catherine Ostrander. Both have shown that they are capable of leading the defense with intensity and quality play, and Huston may have to split minutes between the two until a solid starter emerges in the next few weeks.

The team will face difficult competition early, traveling to Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma for the first road trip of the season. Texas A&M University and Princeton University will be difficult competition, as well, but Rice will play both at home on Sept. 19, and 22, respectively.

Within C-USA there will be fierce competition between Southern Methodist University, the University of Memphis and the University of Central Florida for the top spots, and the Owls look to have a legitimate shot at the front of the standings, as well.

But before they can focus on the postseason or their rivalry games, the Owls will have to perform well on opening weekend. They will play against San Juan State University, Tulane University and University of Texas San Antonio on Sept. 19.

"If their girls go out with the focus that they have demonstrated already this season, it should be two very good games," Huston said.

"A strong start of the year will have to be combined with a renewed confidence to make it to the tournament and to call the seasons a success."

"Anytime you have expectations like that, you have pressure," Huston said. "Those girls understand that there is going to be pressure, but it's good. It's a direct result of their performance."
DEEP DOWN WE ALL WEAR BLUE AND GRAY

TAILGATING DETAILS:
All servers will be closed the evening of Friday, August 29th for the annual Sammy's picnic.
This year the picnic will be located just outside the east side of the Rice Stadium where the student tailgating is located.
Each college will have their own tent and area in this tailgating spot.

COLLEGE COLORS DAY CLASSIC COMPETITION DETAILS:
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Large banners/posters for outside and inside the stadium
(Athletics will provide each college with a large amount of butcher paper and sharpies)
Blue and gray decorations all around the tent and yourselves

Collegiate Licensing Company will have a representative at the game that will be doing the judging.
Judging will take place at 6:00. The crazier the better according to them, and we all know Rice students can do crazy!

RESULTS
The results will be announced during a time out at the start of the second half of the game.
Each college needs one representative to go down to the field to represent their respective college.

Gather your college and start planning!
This game is nationally televised and the cameras plan to come out to the tailgating area for some pre-game coverage.

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IT'S R TIME
RICE VOLLEYBALL 2008
Fueled by last season's disappointments, squad looks to average past losses and outdo previous expectations

by Natalie Clercizuo

The Rice women's volleyball team ended last season feeling they fell short of their potential. After a whole season struggling on their numerous missed chances, this season's squad has plenty of motivational fuel to finish the season at the top of the conference.

A big part of the team's transformation will come from the incoming freshman class. The three freshmen—Ashleigh McCord, Megan White, and Ekaette Shammah—are all contributing to the team in a different way. McCord, with her extremely competitive nature, adds power to Rice's already strong freshman class. The three freshmen, along with veteran players such as captain Jennifer McClean, a contributor to the team since her freshman year, and setter Meredith Schamun, return for their strong leadership playing an important role in the success of the team.

Rice signed Lin from Beijing, China. Lin is adapting well to her role running Rice's system from the start. Schamun, Tracey Lam, and Justyna Brewczyk, who play the positions of libero, setter, and opposite hitter, respectively, are looking forward to a season where they have a familiarity with the team's system from the start. Schamun is adapting well to her role running Rice's system from the start. Schamun and Bogan were the only Owls recognized. She and the Owls look to live up to and surpass their 2008 preseason all-conference honors. Additionally, this off-season a new level of confidence has been shown by the players.

Three other team members are returning this season after spending the off-season recovering from injury. Henderson had surgery last year and subsequently missed the majority of the past season. Schamun, a senior, was more hesitant about her role in the team. White, who has grown into a leader, has one of the best defensive players on the team, extremely impressive for a freshman.

Henderson has been out since the fall, but is expected to make a return to the team soon. White has proved her own specific talents. With strong ball control and attacking abilities, White is one of the best defensive players on the team, extremely impressive for a freshman.

Another addition to the team this season is Ashleigh McCord. McCord is probably one of the most physical volleyball players that will ever walk through the gym, according to Volpe. "I think everybody on the team is going to be key for this team," Volpe said. "You really do win championships when you have strong insurance, and this team definitely has that. But three seniors and all of them are good leaders. With Jen and Karen being out captains, they've really embraced their role and the team is following them. The chemistry is amazing." McCord, with her strong leadership, has been showing an intense level of focus and determination. McCord is contributing to the team consistently for the past two seasons and continues to play a key role in the team's success.

Returning sophomores Meredith Schamun, Tracey Lam, and Justyna Brewczyk, who play the positions of libero, setter, and opposite hitter, respectively, are looking forward to a season in which they have a familiarity with the team's system from the start. Schamun is adapting well to her role running Rice's system from the start. Brewczyk, with her strong leadership, has been showing an intense level of focus and determination. Brewczyk is adapting well to her role running Rice's system from the start. Brewczyk, with her strong leadership, has been showing an intense level of focus and determination.

The third senior, middle blocker Ekaette Shammah, is returning for her senior season after sitting out last season recovering from knee surgery. Having worked out all summer and returning to Rice ready for the season, Shammah should have a strong season. With the Owls playing an important role in the success of the team.

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Meredith Schamun returns a serve last season. Schamun will return for her second season at setter.

The team's unity will certainly aid them in starting off the new tournament with a win. The Owls, having lost to the University of Texas-San Antonio and Louisiana-Lafayette last season, are looking forward to a season in which they have a familiarity with the team's system from the start. Schamun is adapting well to her role running Rice's system from the start. Brewczyk, with her strong leadership, has been showing an intense level of focus and determination. Brewczyk is adapting well to her role running Rice's system from the start. Brewczyk, with her strong leadership, has been showing an intense level of focus and determination.

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SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Women’s tennis coach resigns

On Aug. 11, Rice Athletics Director Chris Del Conte announced that head coach Roger White had resigned from his position after ten seasons as the Owls’ coaching staff. White came to Rice as an assistant coach in 1999 after previous coaching experiences at several country clubs, and then took over as head coach in 2001. Under his tutelage, the team compiled an 86-84 dual match record, a Conference USA championship and NCAA tournament bid in 2006. While earned two Conference USA Coach of the Year awards and most recently led the tennis team to a 2-15 mark in the 2008 season.

While helped to develop dozens of student athletes at Rice, who excelled on and off the court. He also taught tennis, Lifetime Physical Activity Program classes for six years and served as a Wil- less College associate. He received the Frank W. Bearden Award for Teaching Excellence in 2002 and 2007. While produced a total of 21 ITA Scholar-Athlete Awards in his time as head coach.

With White moving on, Del Conte needed someone to fill his shoes. On Aug. 14, the athletics department announced the hiring of Elizabeth Schmidt as the new head coach of women’s tennis. Schmidt is coming off a successful career as head coach at the University of Notre Dame, where her team tabulated a 50-13 record and their season championship. In 2009 Rice produced a total of 20 ITA Scholar-Athletes in his time as head coach.

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Rice students

Olympic alternates

Nic Moriah (Lovent ’09) and Tal Moriah (Baker ’10) are proving to the world that Rice students can literally kick it. Last week, the brothers traveled to Beijing for the Olympic Games as alternates on the U.S. Taekwondo team. After serving in the Israeli army, Tal and Nic came to the United States to join the Elite Taekwondo Center, a highly respected instruction center in the world of martial arts.

Both Owls have a good amount of international competition experience. Last year, Tal competed in Bangalore at the World University Games as a Rice representative. He competed again this year in the World University Championship in Serbia. Nic won a gold medal in the 2007 U.S. Senior Nationals in San Jose and another one this year at the Houston National Qualifier. The Moriahs are not the only Taekwondo stars on the Rice campus. Incoming Brown freshman Maia Eubanks is a member of the AAU Senior National team and has medaled in four tournaments in 2008, including a quarterfinal finish in the Taekwondo German Open.

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In the eighth, but the Owls looked to be comfortable heading into the ninth inning with a 1-2-3 lead. LSU began the bottom of the ninth with a single and added a second base runner with a hit batter. A single brought in one run to cut Rice’s lead to 1-3 and left two men on base for the Tigers. A fielding error by the Owls allowed LSU to load the bases, and a misplayed fly ball off the left field wall allowed all three runners to score. The final score was 6-3 in LSU’s favor.

While the losses were frustrating for the players as well as the fans, not all the news from Omaha was disappointing. With votes from fans, coaches and media, M. Clair received the 2008 Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award, given annually to the most outstanding senior athlete in each sport.

The Owls ended the 2008 season with a stellar 47-15 record and their 14th consecutive conference regular season championship. In 2009 Rice will return a number of their veteran players as well as add a host of talented players from this year’s recruiting class.

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the morning...

IF YOU'RE AN EARLY RISER...

AND YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS.

right in your inbox.

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And he’s safe at second

Jesse Bumerter tags up during a Rice victory over UAB April 13. The Owls won 12-8 to sweep the series.

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Three for the price of one

Sophomore Diego Seastrunk rips a three-run homer against Fresno State before the Bulldogs came back to win.
FALL SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008

The Rice University Shuttle System will operate as follows:

INNER LOOP:
Monday thru Friday - 6:00 am to 10:45 pm, approximately every 5 minutes

GREENBRIAR
Monday thru Friday - 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, approximately every 5 to 8 minutes

TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER:
Monday thru Friday - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, approximately every 30 minutes

RICE VILLAGE:
Friday and Saturday – 5:30 pm to 12:30 am, approximately every 15 minutes

GRADUATE APARTMENTS:
Monday thru Friday - 7:30 am to 10:30 pm, approximately every 15 minutes
Except 8:00 pm – 8:30 pm

GRADUATE APARTMENTS SHOPPING SHUTTLE
Saturday – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, approximately every 30 minutes

UNDERGRADUATE SHOPPING SHUTTLE:
Saturday - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, approximately every 30 minutes

NIGHT ESCORT SERVICE:
Sunday thru Thursday - 10:00 pm to 6:00 am
Friday and Saturday Escort Service will be provided by the RUPD.
Call Ext. 6000 or 3333

THANK YOU FOR USING THE RICE SHUTTLE SYSTEM!
THURSDAY 28

MacShanigan's Day Planning Meeting

Have you ever wondered what MacShanigan's Day is? Ever heard of it? Do you believe in God? If you answered any of those questions, you should come to the annual MacShanigan's Day planning meeting in preparation for America's world's longest holiday, celebrated only in election years when President's Day is in February. What makes MacShanigan's Day so special, you ask? It's never on the same day of the year. You know how Thanksgiving is the third Thursday in November? MacShanigan's Day is like the Mel Gibson of holidays... actually, scratch that. It's like what would happen if Mel Gibson and Tom Cruise had a child and that child was a holiday. That's MacShanigan's Day.

This meeting is so important it gets two event headers to itself. If that fluid description piqued your interest, find the Stevenson Lounge in the EME (used to be Jacobs') Court at 6:30 p.m. I've been informed that pizza and ambrosia will be provided by the floors.

FRIDAY 29

Unpop that collar

Support Rice Football and watch them dominate Southern Methodist University in their season opener at 7 p.m. Peregrine Locals of a tailgate extravaganza to take place beforehand, but details are approximate as attainable as Hanukkah tickets. You should probably just clear your schedule for the day so you can jump up and go whenever whatever starts.

Do you know where the Houston Premium Outlets are? Do you have a car? (Can I go with you?)

The Houston Premium Outlets (2090 Interstate 45 South, Cypress, TX 77429) is having a Labor Day Weekend sale, with extended hours. That's 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. through Monday. Visit www.premiumoutlets.com/bayou for some useful information if you're interested.

Wiped away like...

"Dust," Mark Fox's exhibit that has been on display at the Rice Gallery since May, will close to the public on Saturday at 6 p.m. If that florid description piqued your interest, find the Stevenson Lounge in the EME (used to be Jacobs') Court at 6:30 p.m. I've been informed that pizza and ambrosia will be provided by the floors.

TUESDAY 27

WEDNESDAY 26

Once you find your center, you are sure... to win!

The Houston Arboretum does Tai Chi classes! How cool is that? You have to pre-register, and it's not free. But aside from using this an excuse to sneak a line from a Disney/Disneyland wing into the calendar, here's the Web site you can go to for some useful information if you're interested: www.houstonarboretum.org/taichi.asp.

THURSDAY 25

Ready to get "Wet"?

Here's your horoscope (it doesn't matter what your sign is; something fun will happen today. Try not to stayindoors. Keep in mind that upperclassmen helped you move into your room.

SATURDAY 24

Bob Sage?! No, that's "Full House"...

This is the Theatre District's Open House. All nine of Houston's downtown theatres are hosting an open house to strut their stuff. It's all free — whatever it is — from noon to 5 p.m. throughout the Theatre District. Get off at the Preston Light Rail stop and walk west on Texas Avenue till you get there.

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Like that other except that it's not

The Houston Museum of Natural Science's "Geopals: A Hard Rock Anthology" exhibit closes today. That means it's your last chance to experience some of the coolest rocks, geodes and meteorites on Earth and one of the greatest science museums puns of all time.

MISSING A PEACE ABOUT YOU?

Join us this Sunday for our Young Adults Class and Worship.

FREE RIDE TO CHURCH

Pick up will be at 9AM at the following locations on Sunday mornings & return after Worship.

NORTH COLLEGES: President's Drive

SOUTH COLLEGES: Hanszen/Baker Masters' House

Questions?: coryoungadults@gmail.com

City of Refuge is a nearby church that is biblically sound, racially diverse and socially active.

3150 Yellowstone Blvd. (Houston, TX 77054)
Ph 713.664.5033
The 2008 Backpage Purity Test
Way back when your lawyer/doctor parents read about Rice in US News and decided to ship you off to Houston, there existed a benchmark of Rice strength and greatness known as the Purity Test. The original Purity Test can be found on the back of your Great Afternoon Employment Subscriptions, tucked between a business card for the Houston Boutique, a new boutique in The Galleria, and a paper on your favorite movie. It was a 100-point questionnaire graded on a scale from "Awesome" to "Pre-med" which featured such landmark questions as:

- Have you ever kissed a girl?
- What about buttsecks?
- Are you even an 8th-day menstruating female?

The Purity Test was administered to the entire freshman during O-Week to help upperclassmen pick the wheat from the chaff. Every student started off with 100 Purity Points and lost them according to how many deviant acts they committed. Incoming freshmen who started with more than ninety points were doomed to run away from a Catholic university, while students with less than ten points were given copies of Atlas Shrugged and a thousand and asked to write for the Rice Standard.

Unfortunately, your parents have fun and they'll do anything to make sure you don't have any while you're at Rice, which is why the Purity Test can no longer be administered during O-Week. We think that's bullshit (and we love drama, so here's the 2008 Backpage Purity Test. Use it to punish your friends and imaginary enemies, but use it, because Kyle's Purity Score is a complex number and Tim's is just imaginary (CIT, NERD MK).

For each of the following that applies to you, subtract one point from 100. The remainder is your Purity Score.

1. Have you ever told a lie?
2. Have you ever cheated on a quiz or test?
3. Have you ever stolen anything from a friend?
4. Have you ever stolen anything from a store?
5. Have you ever illegally downloaded a piece of software, a song, or a movie?
6. Do you own more than $50 worth of pirated software, music, or movies?
7. Have you ever taken advantage of offered generosity to a greater extent than you were expected?
8. Have you ever cheated on an exam?
9. Do you lie about your personal or academic accomplishments on any application or resume?
10. Have you ever defaced a piece of public property? (i.e., graffiti)
11. Have you ever urinated or defecated in public?
12. Have you ever physically fought with someone?
13. Have you ever been talked into something?
14. Have you ever been convicted of a crime?
15. Have you ever committed a validated act of theft?
16. Have you ever ignored a witnessed injustice for the sake of personal convenience or comfort?
17. Have you ever pressured someone into having sex or sexual contact with you?
18. Have you ever engaged in any form of sexual activity with someone who was in a committed relationship?
19. Have you ever felt sexually aroused?
20. Have you ever had a sexual dream?
21. Have you ever had a sexual fantasy?
22. Have you ever had a sexual dream about someone with whom you are not in a committed relationship?
23. Have you ever masturbated at school in a place other than a personal room or bathroom?
24. Have you ever masturbated at work?
25. Have you ever masturbated while someone else was in the room?
26. ...were they awake? (Would they know you're not your partner?)
27. Have you ever pleasured yourself using an inanimate object? (i.e., vibrators, couches, snowmobiles)
28. Have you ever looked at pornography?
29. Have you ever looked at pornography as a group activity?
30. Have you ever walked in on a couple engaging in sexual activity?
31. Have you ever deliberately attempted to perform sexual interactions of other people?
32. Have you ever "sexilled" a roommate?
33. Have you ever held hands with a member of the preferred sex?
34. Have you ever hugged a member of the preferred sex?
35. Have you ever kissed a member of the preferred sex?
36. Have you ever kissed a member of the preferred sex anywhere below the shoulders?
37. Have you ever kissed a member of the preferred sex on the mouth?
38. Have you ever kissed a member of the preferred sex on a part of the body not associated with sex?
39. Have you ever fondled the breasts or ass of a member of the preferred sex while it had your breasts or ass fondled?
40. Have you ever sexually stimulated someone or been stimulated, possibly to climax, with the hands? ("handjob")
41. Have you ever sexually stimulated someone or been stimulated, possibly to climax, with a part of the body not sexually associated with sex?
42. Have you ever had sex?
43. Have you ever had sex while pregnant?
44. Have you ever had sex while menstruating?
45. Have you ever had sex in a body of water?
46. Have you ever had sex in a hotel room?
47. Have you ever had sex in a car?
48. Have you ever had sex in a public place? (i.e., Waffle House, shopping mall, mall bathroom, etc.)
49. Have you ever had sex with a virgin?
50. Have you ever had sex with a non virgin?
51. Have you ever had sex with a non virgin without a condom or other form of birth control?
52. Have you ever had sex with a non virgin while pregnant?
53. Have you ever had sex with a non virgin when you are pregnant?
54. Have you ever had sex with someone who is below the legal age?
55. Have you ever had sex with someone who is not of the preferred sex?
56. Have you ever had sex with someone who is a member of the preferred sex?
57. Have you ever had sex with someone who is a part of the preferred sex?
58. Have you ever had sex with someone who is not of the preferred sex?
59. Have you ever had sex with someone who has received a "hickey" on a place that is not your breast or ass?
60. Have you ever been touched, or felt someone touch you, while in the pursuit of sex?
61. Have you ever caused another person to be hurt?
62. Have you ever refused to serve someone?
63. Have you ever lied about your personal accomplishments while in the pursuit of sex?
64. Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense?
65. Have you ever been convicted of a crime?
66. Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense with a person of the same sex?
67. Have you ever been convicted of a crime with a person of the same sex?
68. Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense against a child?
69. Have you ever been convicted of a crime against a child?
70. Have you ever been convicted of a sexual offense against a non virgin?
71. Have you ever been convicted of a crime against a non virgin?
72. Have you ever engaged in sexual conduct with someone with whom you are not married?
73. Have you ever propositioned sex with a stranger in a public place? (Senator Larry Craig, anyone?)
74. Have you ever propositioned in "straight 1.0.7."
75. Have you ever been engaged in sexual conduct with a person who is in a committed relationship?
76. Have you ever propositioned a person who is below the legal age?
77. Have you ever propositioned a stranger in a public place?
78. Have you ever propositioned a non virgin in a public place?
79. Have you ever propositioned a non virgin in a public place while pregnant?
80. Have you ever propositioned a non virgin who is below the legal age?
81. Have you ever propositioned a non virgin who is not of the preferred sex?
82. Have you ever propositioned a person who is a part of the preferred sex?
83. Have you ever propositioned a person who is not of the preferred sex?
84. Have you ever propositioned a sexual partner?
85. Have you ever propositioned a non virgin in a public place while you are pregnant?
86. Have you ever propositioned a non virgin in a public place who is below the legal age?
87. Have you ever propositioned someone who is not of the preferred sex?
88. ...were you the target?
89. Have you ever propositioned someone who is not of the preferred sex?
90. Have you ever propositioned someone who is not of the preferred sex while you are pregnant?
91. Have you ever propositioned someone who is below the legal age?
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