Wiess, WRC offer free O/C lunch

BY JOCELYN WRIGHT

Will Rice College and Wiess College are now offering to shoulder the lunchtime burden by offering free weekly meals. Will Rice, where the program is in its third year, off-campus students are provided with free sandwiches and cookies each Friday. Wiess is pioneering a similar program, and will be offering free sandwiches to off-campus students two Fridays per term to gauge student interest.

Will Rice Master Paula Krisko said she and her husband, Mike, started this lunch program two years ago as part of a series of efforts to get off-campus students more involved in residential college life. "Pretty much all fourth of our students live off campus and we thought this could help college cohesion," Krisko said. "We tried to make events — and this is one of them — that might encourage people to come back to the college at different times, so people who wouldn't normally come back would have a day when they can come and relax. We hoped this would encourage that and generally encourage people to remain part of the college and hopefully come back during their senior year." Wiess Hall will offer lunch between 15 and 30 participants in any given week, but will put the program's names on a sign-up sheet and not provide lunch to more than six people. According to Wiess said the college had to suddenly deal with bills, beyond the accommodating dorm situation and the economy's downward spiral — and its effects on the mall-frequenting, text-lunging teenage masses.

Farach-Carson named first Associate Vice Provost for Research, begins 2009

BY CATHERINE BRATIC

Rice Webmail upgraded

BY MATTHEW MCKEE

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Rice Webmail received an update in May to make it faster and better able to handle the large volumes of e-mail sent to and from Rice accounts every day.

Barry Ribbeck, Director for Information Technology Systems, Architecture and Infrastructure, said the update replaced old hardware and software from the Webmail interface, which could no longer accommodate Rice's increasing volume of mail. The Webmail page also got a makeover, which Ribbeck hopes will make commonly used features such as spam filters and vacation messages easier to find. Ribbeck said the update was made following student requests for faster Webmail.

This is the first time that an upgrade has been made to the interface portion of the system, Ribbeck said. Only Webmail servers and storage have been upgraded in recent years. He said the old Webmail system's hardware was over five years old, and the operating systems and the version of the software had not been upgraded. "This was old when I got here in Dec. 2003," Ribbeck said. "It was time for an upgrade. ...So it is a new design Webmail service that has an excellent, IT.

Rice Webmail is now faster, able to handle the large volume of mail better, and is more attractive and user-friendly. The Rice University community can expect a faster and better Webmail experience. Students venturing off campus at different times, so people who don't normally come back would have a day when they can come and relax. We hoped this would encourage that and generally encourage people to remain part of the college and hopefully come back during their senior year."
Leebron wisely passes on Amethyst Initiative:

Currently, a proposal called the Amethyst Initiative is circulating among a number of college and university presidents, purporting to be a call to "informed and unimpeded debate" about the current sta-
tus and effectiveness of America's alcohol legislation (see story, page 4). If 130 presidents have signed the initiative, and a few of them are from schools we nominally la-
bel "peer" institutions, like Duke University.

Despite the buzz surrounding the initiative, president Leebron de
decided to implement it this semester. These two colleges have
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students go "deep OC," never to be heard from again. Imple-
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document's purpose would be a mistake, and Leebron is well-
justified in requesting further information and discussion on the real purpose of the Initiative itself.

Secondly, why would Leebron be showing to both Rice students and to the alcohol policy. He realizes that the current drinking age of 21 and the current social strictures in place may not be perfect, but he is confident enough in Rice stu-
dents' responsibility that he believes it is possible for the system to work for now as it is, at least on this campus.

Free O.C. student lunches a good idea

If you're an off-campus student, food is a big deal. Most off-
campus students aren't masters in the kitchen, and their main
recipes are easily made, pre-packaged, sometimes tasteless food.

And who has an hour or even thirty minutes to prepare a meal?
Many off-campus students are working students or students at a
table or a restaurant or deli. It can get to be expensive.

But Why Rice and Winess Colleges have a solution; offer free
lunches for off-campus students once a week in their respec-
tive serveries (See story, page 1). Will Rice will come up with the idea two years ago, and Winess tested the idea last spring and
decided to implement it this semester. These two colleges have
the free lunch idea, and we think it is something the other seven
should implement.

As it is, off-campus life is pretty isolated. Many off-campus students do "go home OC," so we hear from again, implement-
ing a free lunch system at the colleges promotes more
involvement in the colleges, which isn't such a bad thing. And
even if not all campus students take advantage of the free
lunches, the gesture is nice. But really, what off-campus college
student in his or her right mind would refuse a free meal?

The only inconvenience with the setup is that the free
lunches are not a price. They cost about $2 to prepare, totaling about $60 since around 30 students are taking advan-
tage of them.

Considering the comparatively huge sum of money each college hol-
ods in its budget, it seems quite reasonable that all the col-
exes could start this sort of lunch program, whether on a full
or partial scale. We fully encourage any sort of implementation,
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Economic woes ripple into student lives

SOME HAD INTERNSHIPS, some sought adventure abroad, some summertime around the house, some spent summers as a part-time job, and a few found employment. After four years of college, the majority of American seniors 2,000 college seniors reported that they intended to pursue one or more activities for the following three months in a survey by the Department of Labor’s data, which was published in an article by the Washington Examiner, regarding summer employment. According to the Department of Labor’s data, about 60 percent of American seniors 16 to 24 years old would have a job this summer, and vulnerable low-income and minority teens are going to fare even worse. The percentage of teens classified as “employed” — those who are working or looking for work — is more than three times higher than the national unemployment rate, according to the most recent Department of Labor statistics.

At the beginning of the summer, we heard about the incredible growth of the El Salvador project in El Salvador. For 45 minutes we shared more information, and the Delphi Group expected the following:

Three Cups of Tea*

A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, the movie American Beauty loosely imagined a world in which a slightly disaffected President Bush, attempting to boost his sagging approval ratings, would choose as his new press secretary a 24-year-old son, Juan Carlos, also a 24-year-old son, Juan Carlos, also a 24-year-old son, Juan Carlos. The character sounds like it, or thought it was an idealistic one, but it was the story of the main character, Anthony Bumpass, in the popular television series, The Office. The main character is a 24-year-old son, Juan Carlos, who, after being fired from his job, decides to travel to El Salvador and work on an aid project. The project is a response to the economic crisis in the country, where poverty and unemployment are high.

The problem, however, is that the project is also a response to the political crisis in the country, where corruption and government inefficiency are widespread. Juan Carlos initially finds it difficult to adjust to the culture and language, but he soon becomes a valuable member of the team. He learns about the culture and the people, and he begins to develop a deep appreciation for the beauty of the country.

The project is also a way to help the local community. Juan Carlos and the other members of the team work on a variety of projects, including building a school, providing health care, and implementing microfinance programs. The projects are funded by grants and donations, and they are designed to be sustainable in the long term.

During his time in El Salvador, Juan Carlos also has the opportunity to meet and work with other experts in the field, including Dr.厲erve, who is a leading economist in the country. Dr.厉erve is able to provide guidance and advice to the team, and he helps them to develop a more effective strategy for the project.

Throughout the summer, Juan Carlos and the other members of the team are able to see the impact of their work firsthand. They witness the joy of the children as they learn to read and write, and they see the difference that the project is making in the lives of the people. The project is not just a way to help the community, but also a way to learn more about the world and ourselves.

The project is also a way to reconnect with the values and principles that motivated us to choose this path in life. As we work on the project, we are reminded of the importance of service, of giving back to the community, and of helping others.

The project is also a way to learn more about ourselves. As we work on the project, we are able to discover more about our strengths and weaknesses, and we are able to grow and develop as individuals.

In conclusion, the project is a way to make a difference in the world, a way to learn more about ourselves, and a way to reconnect with the values and principles that motivated us to choose this path in life. It is a way to be a part of something bigger than ourselves, and to make a meaningful contribution to the world.
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Common reading author Mortenson addresses the importance of education in fighting global terrorism

BY KEEN VIJAYVARGIYA
FOR THE THRESHER

Mortenson started his address by congratulating Rice University for its legacy of community service. He cited the fact that Teach for America is currently employing the largest percentage of Rice graduates. “I don’t think there are many other universities in the country that have that percentage of students going out and making a difference,” Mortenson said.

After congratulating the Rice freshmen on their matriculation, Mortenson began to describe his life’s work, emphasizing the magnitude of under-enrollment in schools around the world. He said 150 million children are denied the opportunity to have an education, which would cost $2 per month per child.

“I don’t think there’s really happening,” Mortenson said. “Every single child on this planet should have the right and privilege to have an education.”

In his travels, Mortenson said he found the desire for education to be a common concern. “What most women tell me are two things,” Mortenson said. “One, we don’t want our babies to die. Two, we want our children to go to school.”

“What most men tell me are two things,” Mortenson said. “One, we don’t want our babies to die. Two, we want our children to go to school.”

Mortenson also presented a six-minute DVD, “Pennies for Peace,” narrated by his 11-year-old daughter, Amira Mortenson. “Pennies for Peace” is a Central Asia Institute project that collects pennies as donations.

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Mortenson mentioned several international success stories. For example, a 12-year-old from California raised $5,000 last year to set up 15 soccer fields in Johannesburg, South Africa. An 11-year-old from Florida set up a non-profit organization called the Red Wagon Foundation and raised $100,000 last year to help children who have trouble reading.

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Mortenson ended his address by discussing the importance of education in the fight for world peace. “We can drop bombs, build roads, put in electricity, but if girls aren’t educated, then society won’t change,” Mortenson said.

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Wiess senior Jeremy Caves said the alcohol policy, which separates Emergency Medical Services and the Rice University Police Department, keeps Rice students much safer than those at public schools.

"My friends at public universities have this big dilemma," Caves said. "They can get in trouble and save their friend by calling the police if they're drunk, or they can stay out of trouble and hope their friend is okay."

Leebron said the debate was also complicated by the fact that only 46 percent of 18 and 19 year-olds are in college, and that even fewer are on residential college campuses.

"You can't separate people in college from what goes on outside college," Leebron said. "What's right for us may not be right for everyone."

Leebron said the discussion should not limit itself to the idea that there are only two solutions: a drinking age of 18 or 21.

"Is 18 the right number, or is it 21?" Leebron said. "Is it the right age? Is it right? There's nothing magic about it."

Fitzpatrick said she felt Rice would benefit from opening up a debate on the current drinking age.

"I really believe the situation would improve if we lowered the drinking age back," Fitzpatrick said. "Having a family who's very open with having a glass of wine at dinner has allowed me to view drinking not as something to do to get drunk."

Cox said in his family, of Northern European heritage, alcohol was seen as part of a cultural awakening.

"Maybe I'm being overly romantic, but in my mind there is a powerful awakening with anything that makes you eat food more slowly," Cox said. "Food and alcohol go hand in hand. I'm not able to candidly express this to anyone except seniors, and then it's too late for them. They've been drinking coke for too long to appreciate the power of beer and wine with food."

Wiess junior Erin Waller said the drinking age might be a situation in which the United States could benefit by studying Europe's policies.

"It works in Europe to have a lower drinking age because there's not as much of a breakaway moment where people go binge drinking or drunk driving so I guess in that way I think it's kind of good," Waller said.

Wiess sophomore Peter Hoagland said that it was misleading to compare the United States and Europe.

"I don't think you can compare what we have here to Europe because in Europe everything's so close together," Hoagland said. "Not so many people drive to get to the pub, so drunk driving isn't as much of a problem. Here, things are more spread out so you usually will have to drive somewhere if you're going to drink publicly unless you're on a college campus."
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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
The following were noted at the oral meeting of the Faculty Senate on Sept. 5, 2008.

The Faculty Senate met Wednesday. The following were discussed:
- Jesse E Jones School of Management Duane Windsor was announced as the new Deputy Speaker for the Faculty Senate.
- The senate approved the Academic Calendar for 2010-2011.
- Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman said the Committee on the Rice Undergraduate Program would be holding meetings about curriculum reform.
- Vice President for Resource Development Darrow Ziebstein gave an update on the faculty philanthropy campaign, which started in June. He said it had raised $460 million from trustees, alumni and other sources and that he hoped to hit their goal of $500 million by Nov. 6. Ziebstein said the Centennial Campaign would start Nov. 6, with two additional launch events that night. He said their goal was to raise $1 billion. He also announced a second campaign that would include other universities Nov. 5-6.
- Three projects from last year will continue this year: Athletics Admissions, chaired by Earth Science Professor Dale Sawyer; Hon Tenure Track Faculty, chaired by Senior Lecturer for the Center for the Study of Languages Gautami Shah; and Faculty Priorities and the Admissions Process, co-chaired by English Professor Meredith Skura and Professor of Bassoon Benjamin Kamins.
- The Chandler Davidson Committee announced that the Davidson Athletic Report is available at the library.
- Provost Eugene Levy said he was working on a new approach to sabbatical leave-taking.
- The updating of the Faculty Handbook is also underway.
- The wording of a Senate voting policy is being worked on.
- A report on Faculty Compensation is underway, as this issue has not been addressed in recent years.
- Forman and Jones School Professor Gerry Sanders said that a working group to look at whether plagiarism and cheating are on the rise might be put together in the future.
- The scheduling of extracurricular activities during finals week was discussed.
- Improving communication between the Senate and other university committees and undergraduate students was discussed.
- Bioengineering Professor Rebekah Drezek said Rice's Policy on Amorous Relations should be reviewed. Drezek suggested the policy be worded simpler.
- Speaker and French Studies Professor Deborah Harter said the Senate must remember to keep sexual harassment and amorous relations as separate issues.
- A committee made up of Drezek, Bioengineering Professor Rob Raphael and Chemistry Professor Matteo Pasquali was founded to review the policy and tweak the language.
- The Senate will review its statement on Type II interdisciplinary minors.
- Computer Science Professor Moshe Vardi suggested the Senate form a working group on the Research Repository at Rice. The repository provides a formal way for research Rice receives from other universities and the government to be available to the public in accordance with a new law.
- Electrical and Computational Engineering Professor James Young, Political Science Professor Randolph Stevenson, Anthropology Professor Susan McIntosh, History Professor Edward Cox and Sharon said the Senate should form a committee on supporting, developing and evaluating teaching at Rice.
- Young said the use of the course evaluations needed to be examined more closely.
- President David Leebron said Rice had an strange methodology of giving teaching awards.
- Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Professor Evan Siemann, Mathematics Professor John Hempel, Physics and Astronomy Professor Thomas Killion, Cox and Windsor proposed a review of the Honor Council System. Many cases do not go to the Honor council, Siemann said.
- Harter said Honor Council students last year said they were so overwhelmed that the system was almost broken.
- Stevenson said he was still not sure the current system was working and suggested graduate students be included in the process.
- Forman said with the planned 30 percent population increase, the faculty should be a part of Honor Council proceedings.

The next Faculty Senate will be Wednesday, Oct. 8 in the Founder's Room of Lovett Hall.
Physics professor Mutchler dies

Physics and astronomy professor Gordon Mutchler, 76, died Aug. 15 of a heart attack.

Mutchler worked at Rice almost 40 years. He was highly respected and well liked among his colleagues, Physics and Astronomy Department Chair Barry Dunnings said.

“Everyone liked him,” Dunnings said. “He was always willing to help.”

Mutchler’s good-natured personality was evident in his sense of humor, Dunnings said. He said Mutchler was quick to make a witty quip and was unafraid to poke fun at himself.

“He could laugh at himself and recognize his own foibles,” Dunnings said.

Mutchler was also down to earth as a professor and recognized that everyone made mistakes, Dunnings said. He said Mutchler was a dedicated teacher and mentor.

Most recently, Mutchler taught Physics 121/126, the physics course for pre-medical students. Also a researcher in nuclear medium energy physics, Mutchler had worked at the Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Virginia.

Rice will hold a reception in Mutchler’s honor Sept. 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Farnsworth Pavilion.

—Sarah Rutledge

Administrative Systems User Support Specialist Ernest Warren passes away

Administrative Systems User Support Specialist Ernest Warren died Aug. 27 of pneumonia, a complication of his heart surgery.

He had worked at Rice since June 1989.

Director of Infrastructure Support and Production Management Renae Scott worked with Warren for 18 years. She said Warren’s funeral service was well-attended, estimating a turnout of several hundred.

“His personality was evident in his sense of humor,” Scott said. “He was always willing to help.”

Scott said Warren will be missed by his teammates, “He was well-liked with his colleagues and an armed forces veteran, was also a father and grandfather. The proud father and family man also enjoyed the company of his dogs, notably his American Boxers,” Scott said.

“He was well-liked by his teammates,” Scott said. “He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone.”

Warren, who was a certified pilot and an armed forces veteran, was also a father and grandfather. The proud father and family man also enjoyed the company of his dogs, notably his American Boxers, Scott said.

“There were like children to him,” Scott said.

Warren worked in back-end check processing. Anyone who has received a Rice check in the last 15 years has been affected by his work, Scott said.

—Sarah Rutledge

WEBMAIL

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years are kind of like dog years.” Ribbeck estimates the old hardware might have been from 1999 or 2000.

For most students, the only change to their Webmail is a more efficient system. Ribbeck said Webmail’s basic functions remain the same, but the page now has a new skin. All old e-mails, which were stored on an unmodified piece of hardware, are still intact. However, a handful of people still using the old e-mail client will now be forced to switch over to the main system.

Ribbeck said these changes have resulted in positive responses from students so far.

PROVOST

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proposals, equipment needs, dealing with federal regulations governing research and communication tools to find scholars interested in similar fields of work.

“Because of her biomedical background and her experience in the medical sciences, she has a lot of connections and a lot of understanding of what they’re doing in the Texas Medical Center,” Coleman said. “By her nature, she’s extraordinarily energetic and collaborative, and those traits coupled with her scientific credibility have enabled her to build really strong collaborations at the University of Delaware. We are looking forward to her putting her substantial skill to work here at Rice in a similar way.”

Born in Galveston, Texas, Farach-Carson grew up in Houston and received her Ph.D. in biochemistry from the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University in 1982. She has worked at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and has taught at the University of Texas’ Health Science Center. She left Houston for Sewanee, Del., in 1998 and looks forward to returning to Houston.

Her husband, Dan Carson, will come to Rice next January as the new dean of the Rice School of Natural Sciences.

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STUDENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

The following were noted at the most recent meeting of the Student Association Sept. 1.

• President Matt Youn welcomed the SA back for the first meeting of the year.

• Youn, a Brown College senior, announced that the senior committee, the student activities fund and the president’s programming fund are still looking for representatives. These applications can be found on the SA Web site, sa.rice.edu. Applications are due by 1:59 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 to the SA office or to Matt Youn at Matt.Youn@rice.edu.

• Youn said the SA is looking into printing more True Blue shirts because of increased interest from students. He said the shirts will likely sell for $5 and will be distributed in Oct. or Nov.

• Academics Committee chair Jasdeep Mangat said the committee’s first meeting will be near Monday from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. in the Rice Memorial Center’s Miner Lounge.

• Environmental Committee co-chair Sara Hartnett said the committee’s first meeting will be Wednesday at 8 p.m.

• Student Life Committee co-chair Nicolas Feltman said their first meeting will be Tuesday.

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• Youn asked for thoughts on last week’s Sammy’s Picnic in preparation for Rice’s next home game, Saturday, Sept. 27, against the University of North Texas.

• Muscara, a Martel College sophomore, said the trashcans were provided by Housing and Dining just an hour before the picnic.

• Andrew Fischer, a Martel College sophomore, said he thought the competition encouraging individual college turnout at the game was successful.

• Director of Elections Tim Faust said he disagreed because it pitted the colleges against each other rather than uniting the university at the game.

• Parliamentarian Christopher Warrington presented a motion for the Black Student Association’s constitutional amendment.

• BSA co-President Chuck Franklin said the constitutional changes will reflect changes that consolidated the club. Franklin, a Wiley College senior, said these changes will make the regulations more broad and less detailed.

• The SA senate passed the motion.

• Lovett College sophomore Margaret Diddams announced that Rice’s coal campaign’s kickoff will be Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 8 p.m. in Sammy’s Cafe.

• Leonard said the Rice Program Council calendar and lost-and-found database can also be found on the SA Web site.

The SA will meet next Monday at 10 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion.
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In Defense of the Jonas Brothers
or How I Learned to Stop Being Pretentious and Love the Music

Sarah Cook

"Faithful? You still listen to MGMT? Their best record is "The Snares Spectacular" seriously fell out of their usual shape-shifting psyche-delia. Now it's just MTV bullshit. What's next, the freaking Jonas Brothers?"

Yes, actually.

"What if I listened to all the stuff I wasn't supposed to? All the stuff that was mainstream and popular, and by the indie transitive property, completely worthless?"

Hi, I'm Vin Diesel. I look like a fat baby on steroids.

total rip-off of the stellar: The Fifth Element. I have decided to preview my top seven most anticipated films for the upcoming year.

1) Watchmen, helmed by visionary director Zack Snyder (300), takes the story of this groundbreaking graphic novel to the big screen. Comic enthusiasts have been looking forward to a movie adaptation for years, but only recent advances in computer graphic technology have made this possible. Watchmen takes place in an alternate universe where conventional vigilantism has been put to a stop due to government crackdown. When an ex-superhero is murdered, the retired heroes don their costumes and launch their own investigation. The trailer is enough to send goodwill down your spine. Release date March 6, 2009.

2) Terminator Salvation is the fourth installment of the classic Terminator series. After Skynet has destroyed much of the world in a nuclear holocaust, John Connor must lead the last vestiges of human civilization in a battle against the villainous machines. There has been a lot of skepticism about the film. This will be the first in the series without Arnold Schwarzenegger, and it is directed by Joseph "McG" McGinty Nichol, whose limited credits include the awful Charlie's Angels. What sends this movie into the "awesome" category is that the script is penned by the legendary James Cameron (Aliens). Sounds fan-friggin-tastic! Release date: May 22, 2009.

3) Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen is the sequel to the wildly popular Michael Bay cartoon reboot. Honestly, I would be okay with two hours of Megan Fox bending over a steamy car engine (admit it, you ladies loved that scene, too). While the battle for Earth has ended, the battle for love has just begun. Starcrossed assumes the leadership of the Decepticons and returns to Earth with a full arsenal. The Autobots, see MOVIES, page 15

Jeffrey Dean Morgan prepares to raise hell as The Comedian in Zack Snyder's Watchmen, to be released March 6.

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THE WEEKLY SCENE
Editors' picks for events outside the hedges, both around Rice and in the Houston area, for this week.

BLACK LIST
Those for whom every month is Black History Month should visit the MFAH this Saturday for a look at the treasures of "The Black List: Volume One, 2001-2005". Admission is free, and the director's related photography is on view.

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SAMBA
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BURN
Also on Friday the 12th, the Corm brothers' comedy Burn After Reading opens at the Angelika. Tickets are $5-$9 depending on the show time, but save some money for puppies in part.

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Hi, I'm Vin Diesel. I look like a fat baby on steroids.

What if I listened to all the stuff I wasn't supposed to? All the stuff that was mainstream and popular, and by the indie transitive property, completely worthless?
At 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, the Rice Chorale will perform Gabriel Faure's Requiem in the University's Grand Organ Recital Hall in Alice Pratt Brown Hall (the Shepherd School of Music Building).

Garrett Schumann

This is the sixth year Tom Labor has led Rice University's only choral group in a memorial concert honoring those who died in the infamous terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The first of these concerts, in 2002, was part of a worldwide event that coordinated the performance of Mozart's famous Requiem at the exact time of the first aircraft's impact into World Trade Center towers. In years since, the Chorale has presented requiem settings by Brahms, Rutter and Duruflé, among others.

From a humanitarian perspective, these annual performances are a beautiful demonstration of the Rice community's compassion. Anyone is welcome to join the Chorale, regardless of that person's affiliation with Rice or the Shepherd School. Moreover, the musical presentations pay respect to the university's unfortunate familiarity with tragedy. Dealing with death, whether of a family member, friend or stranger is an experience that binds all people together. The Requiem Masses presented by the Rice Chorale are tributes not only to all whom we know who are dead, but to the power of music to affect our emotions, as well. Faure's Requiem gives us a particularly unique response to loss, providing us with a wide palette of moods, wholly designed to alleviate every part of a grieving conscience.

Some of you may be wondering why composers have such a fondness for Requiem Masses. Why so many have been written and why so many are considered as great pieces. To start, the universality of death and the influence of the Catholic liturgy on Western music made the Requiem Mass a popular pick for compositions throughout history. Even when a piece is not connected to the Catholic Church, the gravity of the Mass's subject matter makes it an attractive and extensive topic for musical exploration.

In fact, two of my favorite Requiem settings were not composed with the intent to uphold the Catholic tradition: The German Requiem by Johannes Brahms and Requiem by György Ligeti.

In a superficial sense, Faure's Requiem is traditional. He sets most of the original Latin text (unlike Brahms, who decided on German) and uses an accessible musical language, by modern standards (unlike Ligeti). Faure does alter the text slightly by omitting the Dies Irae pece, one of the most famous parts of the liturgy. The piece, on the whole, sounds very French, and is full of lush sonorities whose distinct character comes from Faure's extensive training in early church music. He commonly draws on the ecclesiastical modes, the total foundation of music before keys were invented, for interesting scalar figures and to decorate chords.

My only criticism is that it is very subdued and relaxed. These are no violently rhythmic movements like the "Confutatis" or "Dies Irae" from Mozart's Requiem. Although you will surely feel awed by the sublimity of Faure's harmonies, it is possible you might find the piece too gentle. Faure, of course, meant for the piece to sound that way and said, "It is thus that I see death: as a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards happiness above, rather than as a painful experience."

Everyone who can make it to the concert should, even if you aren't interested in the music and just want to honor the victims of our nation's last great tragedy. Hopefully, those who come to hear the Chorale on Sept. 11 will find themselves not only moved by the music, but proud of their colleagues and friends from Rice who make it a point each year to honor our nation's dead.

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For a rock star, being overtly sexual isn’t exactly edgy. No, in our crazy world, the Jonas boys’ clean-cut images and wholesome morals are, ironically, fresh and unexpected.

Each one of the boys wears a prom king’s ring. A prom king ring. Remember in high school for prom night when that one kid wore a prom king ring adorning his jeans and said that’s what he was? This dude has a prom king ring on his finger and he says “I am the Jonas Brothers,” and I’m almost a copy of Jerry Lee Lewis. His hair is spiky, flat-ironed hair, indie aesthetics (which they choose to wear with “me” and “be” again) and multifaceted. The boys talk about being liked just for their music, about fear after a diagnosis, about入围 commodity and about being drawn into hobbies and政协 friendships for relationships they realize they won’t break off. They wore all the songs themselves. When I was 16, I had a live-in. I wasn’t nearly that witty with my anger and hormones.

Which brings me to the final reason I know the Jonas Brothers. Because I want to like things because I can dance to them. Because they make me happy. Because music is just as much an escape from boredom as a way to change the world. Because music should shatter closed-mindedness and ideas of our society. Because I want to put off kids in skinny jeans who say “Pomo.” Because Joe Jonas can be himself. Because I want to piss off the general public because of our crazy world.

S idle up: So, I think the Jonas Brothers are the greatest group of brothers, grown in the Disney Laboratory, called the Jonas Brothers, who are standing against everything, though a hard hat has to be. I found them amazing.
Football begins play with win over SMU

by Nathan Bledsoe

After dulling Southern Methodist University for the third year in a row, the Owls will look to bring out a quick 20 conference start when they face the University of Memphis at 7 p.m. tomorrow night in Memphis.

Rice should have the upper hand in terms of momentum. While the Owls are coming off a solid victory, Memphis is trying to bounce back from a 3-7-1 loss to the University of Mississippi.

The biggest test the Owls have to pass this week is turnovers. Last week Rice dominated that category, forcing the turnovers from SMU which resulted in 36 points. Memphis, on the other hand, found itself on the short end of the turnover stick last week, giving the ball away twice. To remain successful, the Owls must continue to force turnovers while protecting the football themselves. With 39-39 point-total games common in modern football, turnovers are the biggest defensive key to sustained success. The Owls cannot expect to maintain a large turnover advantage every week but continuing to take away the football should remain a major focus.

In terms of match-ups, Memphis's biggest advantage comes in the size disparity between their tall receiving corps and the Owls relatively short secondary. SMU's run-and-shoot offense is based on very quick passes from the quarterback, and thus the Rice defense had trouble forcing pressure. That pattern must change when Memphis drops back to pass.

Progressively, when playing against most Conference USA foes, the Owls must not beat themselves. Continuing to run the ball the way they did against the Mustangs would be welcome, but not wholly necessary. Rice does not have to rely on the running game thanks to the emergence of sophomore wide receiver Patrick Randolph, junior wide receiver Cobbie Smiler, junior wide receiver Taron Drason and sophomore tight end James Casey to supplement senior quarterback James Casey to supplement senior quarterback F'leesi Smith.

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NFL season predictions: this is the ultimate showdown

VS.

Abbie Ryan
Hanssen Senior

Dylan Farmer
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NFL East:

The first conference: Patriots coach Bill Belichick opens the season for a coup and assuming de facto power in the commissioner’s office. His first mandate? All coaches must wear streetwear sneakers.

Also, Trent Farmer’s first few weeks in New York seem promising, and he plays with a reverse script. Naturally, although, the coach is better known by wearing a new team’s jersey and giving it to the player, and he is making de facto quite quickly. Moonlight through the season, with a long, white beard and cane in hand, he sadly but definitively announces his retirement.

See you next year, Trent!

In Miami, Bill Parcells中新网 himself unretired, and is killed off from the owner’s box down to the field,suite security company, his wife and his family.

With some stealth moves, and strategies terrible

The third conference: Tom Brannon. This could be the end of the ‘Tuna.’

So you know those bottle caps I was talking about earlier? I actually wanted them to be restored.

Yes, there were mistakes. I never know where Jacksonville is. He just feels bad for them.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers -1

I’d bet the Buccaneers win.

Tennessee Titans -2

I really like Classical Studies and so I like the name ‘Titans.’ Yes this is really how I am making these picks.

Philadelphia Eagles -3

This is my least favorite mascot of all time.

Miami Dolphins -2-14

I live with a Dolphins fan. And I swear if I have to hear another ‘Dolphins’ comment I will not be able to continue reading this page.

Cincinnati Bengals -2-12

I think ‘The Cat’ is the best nickname

Tennessee, maybe? Do they even have jaguars in Tennessee? Oh snap. just Wikipedia’d. Jacksonville apparently is in Florida. Who knew?

Kansas City Chiefs -1-5

I don’t even know where Jacksonville is. I mean, props for not going with an animal but I guess a Buccaneers is what you call a four year old at a birthday party. Not a津巴布韦

Dallas Cowboys -1-2

And they will still find a way to screw it up all in the first round of the playoffs. Damien, you bastard.

San Francisco 49ers -1-5

Republicans pick a number as a mascot.

NFL West:

When I was a kid, I managed to acquire a box of juice bottle caps dating from the 1970s. Each cap displayed the name and logo of the particular team in the NFL at the time, and they were priceless.

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Atlanta Falcons -7-9

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Washington Redskins -0-16

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If they aren’t on top of the conference, they aren’t good enough. In my humble opinion, this means that the Dallas Cowboys, who win the division? The Dallas Cowboys.

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Don't ask, don't tell: An in-depth look at Rice scholarship athletes participating on powderpuff football teams

by Yan Dilligov
ProSeer Editorial Staff

For most Rice students, powderpuff is a unifyng display of college dominance and pride, but for female varsity athletes, choosing to play is a decision that has consequences far beyond representing one's college.
The game's worst kept secret asks Division I athletes to choose between participating without the approval of their coaches or missing the chance to take part in one of the most popular aspects of college life.
Without knowing how deceptive the

little "powderpuff" is at Rice, many freshman athletes join the squad with good intentions.

"We are making an effort to integrate ourselves in our colleges," said one member of the varsity track team who chose to remain anonymous. "People shouldn't be against that."
The people most ardently against it are varsity coaches who have a responsibility to keep their athletes safe, but while their involvement is kept secret, it is widely recognized that many varsity athletes are part of powderpuff squads.

"It is a lie of omission," junior Richard Solis, Brown powderpuff coach, said. "We don't go around telling coaches because some of the athletes are the best players. Most of us [powderpuff] coaches don't mention it if we don't have to."

While some powderpuff coaches claim to get permission from varsity teams before utilizing scholarship athletes, there is usually some clandestine piece to the story.

"The coaches last year expected me not to play," one member of the Brown team said. "It is more or less 'don't ask, don't tell.'"

With little to no communication between varsity players and coaches on the subject, the safety of the powderpuff players lies squarely on their own shoulders and those of their own coaches.

"As a coach and as a friend, we can't put these girls in a situation where they get hurt," sophomore forward Goodness, a coach at Wrens, said. "I don't want to see any of those girls lose scholarship." Coaches are aware that at times their players are more to worry about than the outcome of the game. They often choose to keep their athletes away from high intensity positions like the offensive or defensive line. However, as history has shown time and time again, one is on the powderpuff field is free from the risk of injury.

Additionally, while the powderpuff coaches try to maintain a lower level of risk for their own players, they cannot control the intensity of the opposing teams. Players on the other side have no way of knowing when to tone down the physical contact until it is too late for a "5'4"" swimmer or a 170 lb. runner when the identity of the athletes is kept secret.

Despite the risks, varsity coaches are repeatedly kept out of the loop when it comes to powderpuff. "I am not really sure how they react," an anonymous track coach said. "I don't think they would approve of it at all."

An athlete's scholarship can easily be revoked if he or she breaks procedure, but since neither powderpuff coaches nor players are asking what that procedure is, it is difficult for them to know if they are actually breaking any rules.

In fact, the procedure followed by the athletes' department has recently changed, creating a fuzzy area of uncertainty.

"We had a cut and dry rule for years—absolutely, no," women's track coach Jim Bevan said. "As of two years ago, that policy has changed as part of a larger effort to increase athletes' interaction in the college community. The larger effort to involve athletes in college life started with former Rice President Malcom Gillis who made it a point to get athletes more involved in Rice life institutions."

"Athletes need to be more and more involved," Bevan said. "It is important, and it is one of the best things about Rice."

Whether the athletic department is encouraging players to get involved as beer pushers at Beer Bike or coaches on the intramural teams, many coaches are not ready to risk the health of their athletes.

Now without a clear policy on the subject, the issue remains unspoken among players and coaches, leaving both with little more to do than keep their fingers crossed.

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Yankees fan grapples with harsh reality

Natalie Clericuzio
Managing Editor, Staff

The day I moved back on campus a few weeks ago, I wore a New York Yankees t-shirt. I wasn’t trying to make a statement or be an obvious Yankees fan. It just happened to be the shirt I wore that day. That afternoon, as I was walking with my parents across the wires College at the bottom of the fourth floor balcony, “Yankees suck!”

My dad, a lifelong Yankees fan, muttered to himself, “The truth hurts,” demonstrating that this season, more than any in recent history, has been rough for Yankees fans everywhere.

The fact is, as difficult as it is for me to admit it, my friend and my dad were right. This season, the Yankees are just downright bad. They are a hard team to play against. They are not simple. There is simply no other way to say it.

On that day, Aug. 12, when my friend so accurately described the talent level of my team, the Yankees were nine eight eight games behind first-place Tampa Bay and five behind second-place Boston. Being the optimistic fan that I am, I did not agree with my father or my friend on that day. The season still held 42 games remaining, and the Bronx Bombers had series remaining with both Tampa Bay and Boston with ample opportunities to regain that ground.

That was then. As of Sept. 1, 2008, the Yankees were 12 games out of first place and seven behind in the wild-card race. There were 25 games left in the season. While a postseason that includes the Yankees becomes more likely with each game, on paper, the Yankees are not a “bad” team. Sure, this year’s team has had an inordinate number of injuries and disappointing appointments. Predicted rookie phenoms hatchets Phil Hughes and Ian Kennedy crashed and burned at the start of the season. Thus, a month into the season, the Yankees had lost 12 of 25 of the starting rotation. On June 16, the Yankees’ pitching took another blow when last season’s ace-game winner Chien-Ming Wang, staff ace, went down with a foot injury. The rest of the season, the team has been forced to “make do” with only two of the team’s original five starters in the starting rotation – Mike Mussina and Andy Pettitte. It is no small coincidence that those two are the only two members of the staff.

Injury has not been limited to the pitchers, either. Alex Rodriguez spent time on the disabled list at the start of the season, and the team has all but gone into a free-fall, a fact made all the more painful seeing as how this is the final season in the House That Ruth Built, the Cathedral, host to many dignitaries from Springsteen to the Pope: Yankee Stadium.

Nevertheless, despite all the problems with injury, at the end of July, the Yankees looked like they were just waiting for the chance to snatch first place, only three games behind. Since then, the team has all but gone into free-fall, a feat made all the more impressive seeing as how this is the final season in the House That Ruth Built, the Cathedral, host to dignitaries from Springsteen to the Pope: Yankee Stadium.

Every true Yankee fan hoped desperately that this team would make the playoffs this season not just because they are the Yankees, but because we desperately want to see YANKEES, page 20

Finally, a ballot with real candidates!

SMU players look on as defensive back Andrew Sendejo scores Rice’s seventh touchdown of the game. Sendejo’s play was also recognized by Conference USA when he was named USA Defensive Player of the Week.

An owl is in the ‘zone

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SPORTS SWEEPS

resembled the previous two, with the Michigan game by the Owls giving the game to the Wolverines. However, missteps at the end of the match gave the game to the Owls.

The final game of the match against the Owls was a surprise, as the Owls had previously epoxied to the Michael Phelps extravaganza, I had barely

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The Owls began their 2008 campaign in impressive fashion, defeating SMU 56-27 in front of 23,164 fans as well as a national television audience. Friday night at Rice Stadium. Clement lit up the scoreboard, tying his own record of six touchdown passes in a win over SMU. Nine of his 12 completions were for at least 20 yards and most of those were designed to test Chase Dawson's defensive play. It was excruciating, head coach David Bailiff said.

Defensively, the Owls had their strongest performance in the Bailiff era. Two of their five fumble recoveries were interceptions returned for touchdowns, one by senior defensive back Andrew Sendjo and one by senior defensive back Brandon King. Sendjo's defensive play was so impressive it merited recognition by the conference. He was named C-USA Defensive Player. Of the Week. Thanks to the tight defense and protect senior quarterback Chase Clement from jarring fumbles and protecting senior team through conference play. Minimizeing fumbles and protecting senior quarterback Chase Clement from injury are keys to season-long success.
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On behalf of the entire Rice Owls Football Team, we'd like to thank you for your spirited contribution to our win over SMU last Friday. Your thunderous cheering and applause truly gave us a home advantage.

Coach David Bailiff  
and the Rice Owls Football Team  

IT'S R TIME
FRIDAY

 Seriously, this is actually important
 Did you know you can get your Pass/Fail back? Fill out a Pass/Fail conversion form and take it to the Registrar by 5 p.m. today and you can get a shiny new “A” on your transcript and then reuse your Pass/Fail. Thanks, David Tomney!

This event is so exclusive no one even knows where it’s going to be

The School of Engineering is hosting an ice cream social to celebrate the beginning of the year. So, drop in on Mr. Jerry’s assuching you can find it. Maybe just walk around campus from 2-4 p.m. and hope you find it by chance.

I love when people try to make classical music sound hardcore

Tonight’s Miller Outdoor Theatre show is entitled “Strings and Hope” and will feature Vivaldi, Corelli, and Geminiani. It’s 7 p.m. at the Lovett Underground. Don’t believe me? Here’s what they had to say about it:

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• Prepare to discover whatever you want. We don’t know what to expect. You haven’t made it up yet. Bring your sense of humor, practical clothing, and be potentially available for callbacks on Sunday, September 28th from 9 am to 6 pm. See you then!

(Saturday)

Ironically, the Spontaneous Combustion auditions are completely pre-planned

I don’t know if you’re ever good at this kind of thing. But you should try it. You never know. Go to Miller Outdoor Theatre at 8 p.m. to find out for sure.

FRIDAY

What do you call an elephant with an antelope on its back?

I don’t know and neither does the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, which is using them in its new exhibit and holding a raffle of sorts to name it. “Because a part of history and enjoy free admission today from 12:15-7 p.m., with ‘family activities’ from 1-5 p.m.”

MONDAY

Fee fine for you get charged

In the old school you’ve just been living it up for the last two weeks and are currently enrolled in any classes, you’re going to be fined.

From the look of it, MEMS is in charge of everything at this school. For example, today “Late Registration begins,” another valuable Rice event brought to you by MEMS.

ExxonMobil uses computers

Yes they do. And they’re having an info session for any Computer Science and Computer Engineering students interested in a career with IT at ExxonMobil. It’s today 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Duncan 209. Registration is “required,” but I don’t know where you’re supposed to do that.

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Courtyes of my good friend Steven J. Ross, Ph.Douche.

It’s No-Pants-Wednesday! I think that means exactly what it says...

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2:53 - Dean Forman dragged us to Katz’s Deli on the Friday prior to publication. Out of all the delis in the world, Dean chose Katz’s. It was 7:33 am. His eyes were red. His mouth was dry. He said he had been up all night.”

“Dean Forman is challenging us to a game of human chess. He’s trying to outmaneuver us.”

“President Leebron’s open door policy is a joke. He’s closed the office for the rest of the day.”

“The Backpage is satire and is ineptly written by Kyle Barnhart and Timothy Faust.”