**Grad student protest IKE plans**

**By Sarah Rutledge**

When Hurricane Ike tore through Houston two weeks ago, it was expected that most of the city would lose electrical power. However, many of Rice's graduate students found themselves completely in the dark in other ways, as lines of communication with the university broke down. Last week, Graduate Student Association President Michael Contreras met with Dean of Graduate Students Paula Stadler to discuss the way the university handled the graduate student population during Ike. The GSA also provided an open forum Tuesday night for graduate students to share their thoughts.

Contreras, a fourth-year civil engineering student, will assign a focus group to review the university's hurricane steps and to draft a proposal to Sanders next month outlining the ways in which the university could have better planned for the event.

**The administration**

In the week leading up to Hurricane Ike, Sanders was in talks with the Crisis Management Team — which dealt with hurricane preparation and progress — about strategies for keeping graduate students informed. Sanders then sent her first email to graduate students at large Thursday, the day before the hit, mentioning the possibility of an evacuation for students living in the Rice Graduate Apartments. Over 500 of these students living in the Graduate Apartments are headquartered in Rice Towers, which opened the next morning of the mandatory evacuation, and were taken to the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management's McNair Hall for shelter during the hurricane.

Sanders said she could have sent out more notices earlier in the week to inform students of the GSA's plans. "I agree that I could have done better on that," Sanders said. "I think it would've been better if I had communicated that there was uncertainty that we were still weighing various factors. I can understand that people were frustrated by that and I would certainly do things differently in that regard."

**See GRADS, page 9**

**SAC makes changes to tours**

**By Rachel Carlson**

Baker Blues

Baker Blues is coming up tonight, 8 p.m., at Baker College Pits and Quad. If you and your parents are in love with jazz, blues, and everything of that sort, be sure to attend this event! Nothing can be better than nice music and awesome people on a chilly Friday night.

Coffee with President Leebron

No matter if you are a student or a parent, don't miss the chance to talk to the big star of Rice University, David Leebron, in the New English way over some coffee and tea. This event will be held today from 9-10:15 a.m. in Kelly Lounge in Ley Student Center.

**See SAC, page 7**

**Wiess Freshmen One Acts**

Join these freshmen in their self-directed, written and starred plays at 8 p.m. each night. These plays will be held in the Wiess Commons every Tuesday between Sept 29 - Sept 25 from 8 p.m., in the Wiess Commons. Email: roqetandlanches@rice.edu for more info on how to reserve tickets.

**Football player's parents file wrongful death suit**

**By Catherine Bratic**

The parents of Dale Lloyd II, the Rice defensive back who died Sept. 24, 2006 following a regularly scheduled football practice, filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the University Tuesday. They contend that a combination of improper performance-enhancing supplements containing creatine and rigorous practices caused a fatal reaction due to his underlying sickle-cell anemia.

According to the Lafayette press release, after Lloyd's death, doctors discovered he carried the sickle-cell trait. The dietary supplements that he and many other players were given just prior to practice contained creatine, which can exacerbate the genetic disease. The lawsuit claimed Lloyd became exhausted during a grueling workout including sixteen 100-yard sprints.

"By filing this lawsuit, the Lloyd family hopes to prevent other families from having to suffer through a similar needless tragedy," Lawyer W. Mark Loutit said in the press release.

Director of News and Media Relations R.L. Almond said the official statement of the university was released Tuesday, and it states that the coaches did everything in their power to ensure the safety and well-being of their team. Rice has hired Rusty Han- rish & Associates to represent the university in this case.

In the two years following his death, Rice has created an athletic scholarship in honor of Lloyd, who was a 19-year-old freshman. Additionally, the football team has maintained Lloyd's locker in his memory.

"Rice regrets Dale's death and the loss suffered by his family," a Rice official said in the press release, "Dale's teammates, coaches, and friends as well as other Rice friends share the Lloyd family's sorrow. Nonetheless, university employees act responsibly throughout the unfortunate incident, and Rice will defend itself vigorously against this litigation."

**OP-ED**

**Palle in comparison**

Sikhism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity are all examples of religions that have been practiced throughout history. But what is the difference between them? One way to compare these religions is by their beliefs in an afterlife. While Christianity and Islam believe in an afterlife, Sikhism and Judaism do not. Hinduism is another religion that has a similar belief system as Sikhism. Mixing different religious beliefs can lead to interesting discussions. Sikhism and Judaism are similar in that they both believe in one god. Christianity and Islam also share this belief. However, the way in which they express their faith is different. Sikhism is a monotheistic religion, while Judaism is a theistic religion. Christianity is a monotheistic religion, which means that there is only one god in the world, and Islam is a monotheistic religion as well. Therefore, Christianity and Islam are similar because they believe in one god. Judaism is a monotheistic religion, meaning that there is only one god in the world, and Sikhism is a monotheistic religion as well. Therefore, Judaism and Sikhism are similar because they believe in one god. Sikhism is a monotheistic religion, which means that there is only one god in the world, and Judaism is a monotheistic religion as well. Therefore, Sikhism and Judaism are similar because they believe in one god. Sikhism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity are all examples of religions that have been practiced throughout history. But what is the difference between them? One way to compare these religions is by their beliefs in an afterlife. While Christianity and Islam believe in an afterlife, Sikhism and Judaism do not. Hinduism is another religion that has a similar belief system as Sikhism. Mixing different religious beliefs can lead to interesting discussions. Sikhism and Judaism are similar in that they both believe in one god. Christianity and Islam also share this belief. However, the way in which they express their faith is different. Sikhism is a monotheistic religion, while Judaism is a theistic religion. Christianity is a monotheistic religion, which means that there is only one god in the world, and Islam is a monotheistic religion as well. Therefore, Christianity and Islam are similar because they believe in one god. Judaism is a monotheistic religion, meaning that there is only one god in the world, and Sikhism is a monotheistic religion as well. Therefore, Judaism and Sikhism are similar because they believe in one god. Sikhism is a monotheistic religion, which means that there is only one god in the world, and Judaism is a monotheistic religion as well. Therefore, Sikhism and Judaism are similar because they believe in one god.
Rice fumbles graduate student issues during Ike

When Hurricane Ike hit hard toward Houston last weekend, Rice did a great job communicating with undergraduates about shelter and food. However, graduate students seemed to be left out of the loop (See story, page 3). It wasn't until Sunday evening that graduate students received any definitive word about plans for Hurricane Ike from Dean of Graduate Studies Paula Sanders, who e-mailed graduate students notifying them that they could not seek shelter at Rice because the school would be closed. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Students housed in the Rice Graduate Apartments were told they may be able to find shelter at Rice. Unfortunately, this e-mail was sent to only the names of those who had made arrangements to go to Rice to part of their safety plans.

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Common reading lacking common goal

by Michael Weeks

JASON SIEGEL

with one point of view. To your book-
centric post please pass our refer-
cing to a transfiguration I here beg of you.

Oh Continuous Reading, I must hear you blue but ill’d I’ll fill with heart fill in its for you. Your name, to be frank, is an earthly good. So there’s no twist, no reason to try. This grip with a spine is in just one I want. It’s pressure; it’s bullying; a high school bullish. This shared ID is a humorous given. I’m Hamilton’s mis-ter of the lot! This dialogue’s missing a who, whose, whose, Professor. I’m in the library by the candlestick now.

Our issues are paralyzing, embolded by you. What’s cheaper? A phone or a plane? Easy? Where shouldn’t we look? At what? Keep Oumar at orientation each year. These freshmen, those suckers! Upperclassmen drink beer. And most freshman are beast rappers set this track small. We’re Rice and we’re hedged, but we can’t stand out. We can’t control our pres-
cence by having us rot and sit in a the-
atre of a need. But what of our talents, our burdens, our needs, our fears? We’re not just some sponges; we’re not moving pats.

How ‘bout motive and fervor, a ‘re your mess or in their bodies, the headline for a name. How ‘bout moneys to watch, a speech to persons, books yay, that’s plural? Whatever choice? How ‘bout ac-
ton in numbers, a movement by self? How ‘bout journals and papers that pas-
s for fund? How ‘bout states and those powers change in theme with the subject’s that sat the face? Give us voices, not welcomes, and loudly well call, give people who listen, together well; squad we’ll do as you think. Even as an owl bed; give us meat for consumption, interest, through, great water; give us for rock, discussion in lieu;

give us cause to create a big halluci-
nation. Give us something to fight, give us something to think about. Try energy, health-care or freedom already; try happiness, weed or politi-
cal bits. We’re at Rice, and we can set all that fled; try war, warfare, religion, rela-
tion, privacy or fuel. Try these and we’ll cause that spam unty, not sit in circles with Three Cups of Tea. Like Rice-sudden change, let students be!

To the Editorial Board, September 4

Brian Reinhardt

a miniature scandal is dying down, but you must still be distressed that this calamity occurred in your own family and that it was thrust into the national spotlight. The purpose of this letter is to demonstrate that you have greater reason to be alarmed. You must ac-
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John Nelson's...
Although this school year is far from over, some colleges are already preparing for next year. Since this year marks the end of the masters’ five-year terms, Lovett and Hanszen Colleges are beginning their search for new college masters this fall.

Wes and Barbara Morris, the Hanszen and Lovett masters, have decided to leave their positions in May. Candidates must be tenured professors who are willing to live on campus and serve as college master for the 2009-10 academic years. Both Ted Wieber, chair of the Hanszen Master Search Committee, and Hanszen President Abbie Ryan said their committee is looking for someone who will be involved in everyday campus life.

"I think visible presence is very important, just simply being at lunch every day, going to games on the weekends and going to performances," Ryan, a senior, said.

Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman is in the process of asking faculty associates to join the committee and both colleges are still searching for a master from another college. Reyes said Wheatley College master Misty Gustin is a likely candidate to complete the Hanszen committee.

Both master search committees are waiting for administrative action before coming up with new master search. Within the coming weeks, a resolution brought by President David Leebron will formally announce Hanszen and Lovett masters’ term limit and allow the colleges to begin accepting applications for the positions.

Ryan said the committee would not officially begin the search until after this term.

"Until then we can’t really start accepting applications," Ryan said.

"So we’re doing verbal recruiting, talking to students about our interests and who they think will be good candidates.

Wieber said the entire process of selecting a candidate last six to eight weeks and conclude around Thanksgiving break.

"It is a short but frenzied process," Wieber said.

The committees will begin the process by accepting applications and showcasing the college’s lifestyle to the candidates.

Ryan said this would be the only time outstanding masters would be involved in the process.

"The Masters have definitely agreed to open up their house to applicants and talk around and ask questions on what it’s like to be a master," Ryan said.

After the window for applications closes, the next two weeks will be spent interviewing key candidates. The last two weeks will be spent narrowing the field to two candidates to submit to Leebron, who will interview each.

Reyes said the committee chair and college president will be invited to give a presentation on their college’s recommendation and thoughts on each candidate.

"We’ll be giving a formal presentation to Lovett in an unbalanced way," Reyes said.

Ultimately, Ryan said the final decision rests with Leebron.

"President Leebron officially hires the masters," Ryan said. "I can’t do it ourselves, I don’t have our recommendations.

Wieber, a senior, said participating in the search gave him an opportunity to shape Hanszen’s future.

We see this as a chance to set a course for Hanszen, for charting the next half decade," he said.

Reyes said the decision should be made by no later than May, and that since college masters will be with the college for four to five years, the decision is important.

The committee has considered student input via individual name submissions to members of the committee and from students who applied for the master search committee, Wieber said.

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The Rice Thresher
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

The student association was met at the student association's meeting on Sept. 22.

- President Matt Youn explained that his plan to bring university officials to SA meetings was on temporary hold while each of them dealt with post-Hurricane Ike messes.

- Each senator introduced the New Student Representatives from their respective colleges. The NSR dinner is this Sunday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Internal Vice President Aklbay Dayal announced the new date of the SA retreat, which was rescheduled because of Hurricane Ike. The retreat will be Sunday, Oct. 5.

- Each of the senate committees offered a report of their recent activities, many postponed due to Hurricane Ike. The Environmental Committee expressed its desire to work with its graduate associates to rejuvenate recycling at each college, and the Intercollegiate Committee discussed plans for a Mar-Mel tailgate.

- External Vice President Nick Muscara, who recently shifted his distinctive sideburns, looked up from his phone, and then the third consecutive SA meeting, discussed Families Weekend, which begins today. Families weekend registration will take place in Fannin Pavilion from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

- Muscara, a Mar-Mel college sophomore, announced the beginning of the "Rate that Restaurant" campaign. Students are encouraged to vote and rate Hedgehopper restaurants, and the college with the most proportion of reviews in the college population will win $100 to the restaurant of its choice.

- Will Rice College President Rahul Agrawal expressed severe frustration at Amy’s Ice Cream’s refusal to accept his Hedgehopper card.

- Yoon, a Brown College senior, said GoCrossCampus Begins today. Students can sign up for their college’s team at www.gocrosscampus.com.

- Parliamentarian Christopher Warrington, noting that all college presidents were dressed like Muscara with blazers and pointy shoes, asked that next week the presidents dress like him.

- The senate voted to approve Rice Powerlifting Club, a constitution amendment for Rice Undergraduate Biological Society (RUBS, pronounced "rub. c-"), and a Warrington-sponsored constitutional amendment requiring all club constitutions to include the date of last revision.

- Mar-Mel College Senator Sairin Sheikh shared that after being presented with 400 signatures on his petition, Housing and Dining had agreed to increase the Tetra reimbursements for students observing Ramadan from 50 Tetrapoints to 65.

- Sid Richardson College President Claire Shorall announced that Sid’s "Roo’s Party" had been moved to Nov. 15.

- The next SA meeting will be Monday at 10 p.m. in the RMF Fannin Pavilion.

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Masden to leave Rice

BY JACLYN YOUNGBLOOD
FOR THE THRESHER

After holding down the fort for five years, Director of Student Activities Heather Masden will step down from her position Tuesday to return to Florida with her family. Assistant Dean of Students Catherine Clark will begin the search for a new director this semester, Masden said.

As director of student activities, Masden oversees Rice clubs, provides students with opportunities to engage in leadership positions and organizes campus events.

Masden attended Colgate University for her undergraduate studies and received her master's degree in higher education from the University of Florida. After a three-year stint at the College of Charleston in South Carolina, Masden arrived at Rice in 2003 as student director, where she primarily oversaw Rice Program Council and Orientation Week planning.

Masden said the position at Rice appealed to her because she was already familiar with similar programs at the College of Charleston.

"I had been working with a similar version of [RPC] at the College of Charleston, so that appealed to me because it was something I was familiar with," Masden said.

Masden was promoted to director of student activities in 2003 and she has since been primarily involved with organizing the annual Impact Rice retreat and overseeing the Women's Resource Center and the Student Association.

Masden said she has enjoyed getting to know the students at Rice.

"They've made this a wonderful experience," Masden said. "I think that they're so invested in pursuing whatever goal they might have and want to find whatever way they can to make it work."

Working with the students and helping them achieve their goals has kept her on her toes and has proved a demanding job, Masden said. She was involved with marching band before it was canceled due to a student death.

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Masden said she found it challenging.

"It's not a problem to be challenged," Masden said.

Masden said she, her husband and their seven-year-old child will be surrounded by three generations of family in Florida. She said she is looking forward to this new journey.

"It's your job to help them figure out what that is, but trust them to do it," Masden said.

National Society of Collegiate Scholars holds fall induction

BY MICHELLE JAN
FOR THE THRESHER

This Monday, NSCS chapter president, said the NSCS induction ceremony at the College of Engineering.

"We're very excited about being an NSCS chapter because the organization was dormant for a while," Hunt said. "Rice NSCS Vice President Saadiyah Bilal said the NSCS induction ceremony had been trying to revitalize its program since last year by increasing outreach on campus.

Last year, members tutored elementary school students through the Neideman Center of Houston and spoke about the importance of Integrity Day to those students at assemblies.

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"It's really about having one of these organizations in the College of Engineering.

"We're a lot more than a regular honor society, which sometimes just has an induction ceremony," Hunt said.

Hunt said the most valuable aspect of being an NSCS member is the networking opportunities. NSCS is partners with various corporations and graduate schools, which gives both scholarships and recruiting offers to NSCS members.

On the national level, NSCS holds a conference every summer called the Convention for representatives from each NSCS chapter. The Convention offers leadership seminars and career networking opportunities for attendees and is a chance for different chapters to compare past activities and work with each other in the future.

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FORWARD thinking
Temporary triage center set up in Oshman Kitchen

The Memorial Hermann Hospital System set up a triage unit last week in the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen. The triage welcomed patients in an effort to prevent overcrowding at the medical center.

The triage center
The triage center closed at the end of last week because there were not enough patients to justify the center's presence and the hospitals were operating smoothly enough that they could handle more patients, Caroline Allgood, School Administrator for the Brown School of Engineering, said. Parisi said the combination of the lack of electricity in most of Houston immediately following Hurricane Ike and the fact that people were quickly running low on their supplies of medicine meant that surrounding hospitals were being filled to capacity. Parisi said he reached out to near-by medical facilities like Methodist, McGovern's and Ben Taub Hospitals, which agreed that an urgent care facility was needed.

A triage prioritizes patients by their injuries before treating them. The triage center at Rice primarily re- ceived patients who arrived in ambu-lances. Once they arrived, they were screened for injuries. If the wounds were minor, they could be treated on the spot, and if the wounds were seri- ous, the patients were transported to nearby hospitals.

Parisi said the triage center was not intended as a long-term care facility. "We're more of an urgent-care place," Parisi said. "We got [the triage] set up so we could decongest the emer-gency rooms after the hurricane."

Last Monday, Parisi said he filed an official state request for a triage facility and was granted permission. He provided the ambulances with a map to the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen.

The area was ideal because renovations to the kitchen had just been completed, but students and faculty had not yet been able to use it.

Dean of Engineering Sallie Keller McNulty said she embraced the idea of using the department's new kitchen to help the community.

"To renovate [Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen], we had to raise money from alumni and industrial partners," Keller McNulty said. "When I let those key donors know what we were doing, they were thrilled that the facility was helping Houston in crisis."

Although the triage did not have the capability to perform advanced testing, such as taking X-rays, the center could treat a variety of problems ranging from respiratory troubles to burns, and could test for blood sugar and po-tassium levels.

The triage center could providi-care for up to 250 patients per day.

Two Disaster Medical Assistance Teams comprised of 75 volunteers, some from as far away as Florida and North Carolina, came to assist in the efforts. Rice Emergency Medical Ser-vices also had plans to coordinate some of their students to help out.

Rice EMS representative Michael Pandya said, "That last weekend was probably the best that this facility that they've helped us build is now serving such an impor-tant purpose."

Landing Space
Providing space for a triage center wasn't the only contribution dur-ing the aftermath of Ike. The Helipads at Memorial Hermann were damaged during the hurricane, and the hospi-tal needed a place for their LifeFlight helicopters to land.

Rice became the auxiliary land-ing spot for the incoming heli-copters. Texas Search and Rescue worked with the Rice University Police Department to determine the temporary site's location. The Greenbriar Lot, which was vacated at the time, provided the facility with sufficient space to land the helicopters. Police Chief Bill Taylor said, "They were bringing in large heli-copters, military style like Jet Ranger and Black Hawks." Taylor said. Greenbrier stayed open for land-ing spots, but through last Monday helped to set up and coordinate the site, Taylor said. He said five helicopters had flown through the site to transport their passengers to awaiting em-ergency ambulances.

Rice endowment decreases $60 million

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period Sept. 17-24:

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For Esperanza, Rice Program Council will use the same tent the Rice Board of Trustees uses for its Capital Campaign kickoff event. The tent will have hardwood floors, clear plastic walls and air conditioning.

**Beer Bike coordinators chosen**

This year’s Beer Bike coordinators will be Brown College junior Mary Chapman and senior Mark Eastaway, Rice Program Council President Michelle Kerstina said at the club’s meeting Tuesday. Both Chapman and Eastaway have been involved in Beer Bike before, but they will not participate in Brown’s activities this year.

“We’ve taken ourselves out of the equation to increase fairness throughout the whole event,” Chapman said. Chapman said the two plan to increase communication between the BPC and alumni and formulate better contingency plans in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Chapman said she was thrilled to be chosen and had high hopes for the event.

“We’re a huge honor,” Chapman said. “We’re really excited, I hope that it’s successful.”

**SAC from page 1**

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For ESPERANZA

FROM PAGE 1

noon Nov. 7 in the Brockstein Pavilion quadrangle. Do you students requested artists they would like to see perform from a list of 25 bands in late August via the RPC Facebook page, and they selected The National, Hot Hot Heat and Gavin DeGraw on the top three, in no particular order.

Currently, RPC and the Capital Campaign Committee are in the process of negotiating with the bands and booking agencies. “We’re looking to add new attractions to the usual Esperanza events,” Formal Campaign Committee co-Chair Ezra Guzman said.

In spring 2007, RPC was forced to cancel Rondelet, the spring formal, surprising to some students.

“She’s a display of extravagance a little overdue to financial issues, making such cancel Rondelet, the spring formal, surprising to some students.”

Formals Committee co-Chair Esra Gutierrez said. “I’m a little amazed that they are making sure that it’s a success. I really hope that it’s successful.”

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“The SAC used to be very much run by students, and the students have been progressively phased out, but there was a big jump this year,” Silberman said.

Silberman said he knew at least right former tour guides from Hanszen who did not reapply as tour guides.

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Former Chair of Tours Sam Baen, who did not return this year due to schedule restrictions, said he was wary of the reapplication requirement at first, but now considers it to be reasonable.

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**Memorial**

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would have hardwood floors, clear plastic walls and air conditioning.

**Beer Bike coordinators chosen**

This year’s Beer Bike coordinators will be Brown College junior Mary Chapman and senior Mark Eastaway, Rice Program Council President Michelle Kerstina said at the club’s meeting Tuesday. Both Chapman and Eastaway have been involved in Beer Bike before, but they will not participate in Brown’s activities this year.

“We’ve taken ourselves out of the equation to increase fairness throughout the whole event,” Chapman said. Chapman said the two plan to increase communication between the BPC and alumni and formulate better contingency plans in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Chapman said she was thrilled to be chosen and had high hopes for the event.

“We’re a huge honor,” Chapman said. “We’re really excited. I hope that it’s successful.”

Catherine Brovic

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SAC Director Kevin Sigerman said interviews from faculty eliminated the threat of student bias.

“In the interviews, we wanted to make sure it was not just student-run,” Sigerman, a Lovett College junior, said. “We wanted to professionalize and elevate it, to make sure students weren’t just picking who they knew.”

Silberman said the application process reflects greater faculty regulation of the SAC. He said this differs from past years, when Rice students were responsible for interviewing new tour guide applicants, training the new guides and setting tour schedules.

“The SAC used to be very much run by students, and the students have been progressively phased out, but there was a big jump this year,” Silberman said.

Silberman said he knew at least right former tour guides from Hanszen who did not reapply as tour guides.

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Filina Jackson Associate Director of Admission

“The tour guide program is not going to suffer because certain students decided not to reapply,” Silberman said.

Banon said it might be too soon to tell what kind of impact these changes will have on the SAC and campus tours.

“Things have certainly changed, but the jury’s still out,” Banon said.

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Sanders stayed in McNair Hall for three days during the storm. However, she did not send an e-mail during that time because she did not have access to the internet, she said.

"For me as I can't really say, I wasn't able to access bulk mail lists..., that allow us to communicate with grads as a whole," Sanders said.

During that time, Sanders met with members of the CMT to discuss the best ways to communicate with students. She said the CMT decided to send messaging and the Rice and graduate student Web sites would be the most efficient ways to provide students with updates, as data coming from the GSA reminded them that students check the Web sites frequently.

Sanders said she decided e-mail was not an efficient mode of communication due to the higher than usual frequency of bounce e-mails she received from nonworking addresses. She decided posting updates on the Web site were a more effective way of distributing news to off-campus students.

"If you use that system and get hundreds of messages bouncing back, you run the chance of clogging the system so it doesn't work for anyone," Sanders said.

The inclement weather proved challenging for communications, she said. Students were encouraged on cleaning with the Hurricane is proof that the GSA, she said. The GSA is working on addressing the Web site to call the CMT for emergency information, but that might have proved difficult to students with access to phones or computers.

"Everyone lost left illusions before the hit, so Sanders had no way to get in personal communication with the GSA," she said. The GSA is working on updating its backup for on the telephone system.

Sanders said her talk with Contreras about the GSA's strategy in dealing with the Hurricane is proof that the CMT has made improvements. She said the CMT is continuing to debate the situation and is looking to change its method of communication with the graduate student community.

Graduate student response
At Tuesday's forum, Contreras said she had heard complaints from graduate students about the nature of Sanders' Thursday e-mail, including that it was overwhelming, Contreras said many students had not received the e-mail regarding the dry campus policy sent out to Rice undergraduates. Furthermore, while the administration may have forbidden students to return to campus following the hurricane, many faculty members were sending out different messages, he said.

GSA Representative Eileen Meyer said some professors did not extend post-deadline deadlines, making it really impossible for the graduate students to return to campus that weekend.

"Some professors were actually putting pressure on grad students to...," she said. "Get things done over the weekend, and this was one of those cases." Stoney, a physics graduate student, said.

"We were students with no power at their homes, returned to their labs and offices to do work," Stoney said.

"We think of Rice as being this ivory tower in a sea of no electricity or internet," Stoney said. "Of course they're going to come to campus, especially when they have card access to the building.

GSA Representative Eileen Meyer said she declined the apparent change in policy between 2005's Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Ike. Meyer, an astrophysics graduate student, said the university was open to sheltering all students withrita, in fall 2005. GSA Secretary Nikhil Ghewala agreed.

"I was disappointed compared to [last] year's response to Hurricane Rita," Ghewala said. "We have some biostatistics graduate students, and it seemed like two different storms and two different responses. We received notification of the university's plans much more to advance with Rita."

Meyer said she was appalled by the lack of e-mails sent to the graduate students.

"We would understand if the storm was so bad it knocked out our e-mail, but the undergraduates were getting timely, informative emails," Meyer said. "Why didn't they just CC [Dean of Undergraduate] Robin Forman's e-mail?"

Although Sanders' e-mail Thursday mentioned the campus' closure Friday and through the weekend, Meyer said the communication of the GSA was not adequately conveyed to students.

"Grad students are used to campus being closed on holidays," Meyer said. "We work anyway. People have cell phones to feed, and they're going to do it anyway, even if it's Martin Luther King Jr. Day. I don't think any of that was clear at all."

After the e-mail Thursday, Meyer said she did not receive any notice from the university until Monday evening, after Hurricane Ike.

"Almost, by the time we got an e-mail, expected it to be an apology for the lack of communication," she said.

Meyer said the updates on the Rice Web site were primarily meant for parents and public relations reasons and provided little information for students checking up on the school's status.

GSA evaluation
Contreras said many students had also complained about faculty members' response to keeping students away from campus.

"Tell us a case issue or a liability issue," Contreras said.

Proposal
Sanders and the CMT will review the GSA's proposal this month. Sanders said this proposal will offer an unbiased and unedited insight into graduate student opinions about the storm preparations.
**Wiess Freshman One-Acts**

**New Showing: Wiess College Commons, Thursday through Saturday**

There's something to be said about "The Tragical Tale of Melissa McPherson McWhale" and her large carcass. Whether or not Sir Mix-A-Lot's "Baby Got Back" inspired Walter Ryder's play, the silent one - just like the song - provides another amusing and sometimes horrid experience. Directed by sophomore Mallory Pierpoint and senior Alex Mainor, it is light, witty and unexpected and certainly makes the walk to Wiess worth it, even for North College residents. What could possibly be a better distraction the night before an exam than listening to an economic, yet terrifyingly fascinating poem about a woman with an extraordinary bust?

Another light and humorous play, written and co-directed by senior and veteran One-Acts playwright Patricia Ladd, might have been an attempt by freshman Nathan Gabriel, leads audience members to question their lives and whether they're living them to the fullest. Lighter moments come in the form of a crazy reception, wonderfully played by freshman Alycia Woman, and a "good guy" angel, played by junior John Pulmer.

In the One-Acts the highlight of many an audience member's night is "Inward: Where's the Gold?!" It's not the lines that make this play so fantastic; it is the actors and the open space. A scene by scene play written by freshman T.J. Burleson, the ghost of William Marsh Rice and, if the audience is lucky, a falling mustard as a result of cheap tape are enough to make viewers double over with laughter. The acting is amusing enough, so forget the lines.

One play in the One-Acts is amusing but also very meaningful. In "Purgatory Life" by S.W. Seneck, the characters face, played by

**Lakeview Terrace mixes absurdity with substance**

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**The Weekly Scene**

Editors' picks for events outside the hedgerow, both around Rice and in the Houston area, for this week.

**Entertainment**

**Wiess Freshman One-Acts start theater season right**

**BY AISHA KIBWANA FOR THE THRESHER**

Just in time for Families Weekend, Rice's college theater season opens this Thursday, Friday and Saturday with Wiess College Tabletop Theater's annual Freshman One-Acts, produced by Wiess College senior Roque Sanchez and presented entirely by Wiessmen.

**The Women**

Intriguing is a hybrid film that combines the metropolitan feel of "The Devil Wears Prada", the sappy sweetness of "Four Friends" and the high drama of "Gossip Girl." All great if you watch separately, these elements combined into one make the viewer feel for the characters, even the disappointing one that appears after the initially exceedingly believable buildup it's a disappointment.

**Rainbow**

Based on Alice Walker's novel and Steven Spielberg's film, directed by Oprah Winfrey and nominated for nine Oscars, "The Color Purple" is a musical not to be missed. The five-member musical and evening performance runs Friday through Sunday: call 713-558-TUTS or look online for specific times.

**The Women**

Starring: Meg Ryan, Eva, Pinkett Smith, Amber Tamblyn and Debra Messing

A chick flick without a direct plot line and a drama without enough ethos to make the viewer feel for the characters. The Women is a disappointment.

The play follows four friends: the perfect designer-wife-mother-volunteer Mary (In the Land of Women's), Edie (Ocean's Eleven) and the successful fashion magazine editor Sylvia (You've Got Mail). The film is set when Sylvia loses her dream job, when Edie goes into labor with her fifth baby and when Alex (Meg Ryan), the successful fashion magazine editor Sylvia, is left without a direct plot line and a drama without enough ethos to make the viewer feel for the characters. The Women is a disappointment.

Nevertheless, The Women, literally no men in the movie, no husbands, no boyfriends, no little boys, no even interesting extra walking down the street, just a tiny baby born in the end of the film amidst her mother Edie's blood curdling screams. This decision was a mistake.

Women go to chick flicks not only to escape the oppressive, filthy realizations but also to see some of Hollywood's main stars, such as George Clooney (Ocean's Eleven), Matthew McConaughey (Dazed and Confused) and Eva Mendes (27 Dresses). A chick flick without a direct plot line and a drama without enough ethos to make the viewer feel for the characters. The Women is a disappointment.

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The Nevermos, a couple dealing with pregnancy but unwilling to have a baby, are played by Andra Williams and Tiffany Kim and starring freshmen Alice Ba and Matt Banks. The couple deals with perceived and real social disapproval.

**Wiess Freshmen T.J. Burleson and Adrina UMICH hang it up as a singing trio and the ghost of William Marsh Rice also fire freshmen Anna James and Courtney Souza look on in Wiess senior Patricia Ladd's third one-act play, titled "Inward: Where's the Gold?"**

**Rainbow**

The 12th Annual Houston Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, or Q-Fest, premieres everything from international festival winners to box-office hits to local documentaries. It runs Friday through Sunday, and tickets are $8 for students. Showtimes available online.

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HedgeHopper Week 4: Reggae Hut Café

BY JORDAN DAVIS
THRESHER STAFF

The new Reggae Hut Café, located at 4814 Almeda Rd., right after Southmore Blvd. and right before Blodgett St., is the closest to Jamaica that Houstonians can get without actually traveling there. In addition, it offers the Rice community a 15 percent discount with the HedgeHopper card.

Opening at 11 a.m. for lunch Monday through Saturday, it is a welcome change from barbeque, Tex-Mex and Thai. Soft reggae and resonances of jazz sounds gently serenade entering customers, while the smells of amazing dishes entice them. For appetizers, the Reggae Hut Café has a great selection. The beef, chicken and vegetarian patties are pockets of fatty, crispy bread filled with choice ground meat and spices, making a light but filling snack. The Cocoa Bread, a Caribbean specialty, is soft, warm, buttery oat. The café really outdoes itself, however, with its fried plantains. Sliced and bright yellow, they retain their soft, squishy center and rich plantain flavor.

The main courses are all culinary delights. Served at all times of the day, the menu is divided into seafood, non-seafood and continental offerings. On the seafood menu, the chefs offer curry, jerk and gulf shrimp, as well as beef and curry snapper. The yellow curry is a sweet, creamy curry often offered in Indian restaurants, but it’s spicy, slightly salty sauce in which the juicy shrimp and snapper are simmered.

The specialty of the Reggae Hut Café is definitely their Jerk Shrimp. The jerk shrimp are perfectly boiled, plump and juicy with numerous Caribbean beverages, although they should become the ginger beer, which packs a real wallop. The non-alcoholic beverage is infused with fresh ginger and can burn more than it refreshes. To get a real taste of the Caribbean, customers should try the Sorrell drink, made from the fruit of a Roselle plant, or the Caribbean Kola Drink, also known as Kola or Pineapple

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Looking for a delicious and different homestyle meal just a few minutes from campus? Definitely give this place a try. There are electricity runs for improvement in the acting department for some of the plays; nevertheless, they are entertaining and a nice way to relax at the end of a hectic week.
Volleyball sweeps tournament for landmark win

After going winless in tournaments since 2005, squad takes Best Western Invitational

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The Owls have lost numerous close games against us. "The team isn't looking ahead to Tulane," Volpe said. "They definitely outplayed Hofstra's outside hitters. They just didn't make a lot of mistakes." Rice's match against Tulane will be a great barometer for the team, not looking ahead to Tulane, Texas then notched 21 more points to win the second 25-20. In the second game, Rice began with a big lead and won 25-21. In the first game, Rice got over the hump against the Longhorns, Owls can not keep up with Texas' offensive attacks in the air..."We've always been really confident, and this proves how good we are and finally we're getting what we deserve for all our hard work," Morgan said. In Rice's match against Hofstra, the two teams battled throughout the first game, trading points until Rice took a late lead and won 25-21. In the second game, Rice began with a big lead and won 25-20. The Owls were able to bounce back, however, winning the last two games 25-21 and 25-12 to take a 3-1 match win. Volpe cited the performance of Holderness and Morgan as critical to the team's victory. "Our outside hitters dominated," Volpe said. "They definitely outplayed Hofstra's outside hitters. They just didn't make a lot of mistakes." Rice's match against Bowling Green turned into a battle of perseverance over skill. The match started similarly to the Hofstra match, with Rice winning the first game 25-21 and dropping the second 25-20. Not wanting to let the match get away, Rice powered back in the third set, coming out with a win.
As the offense runs plays in practice, senior quarterback Chase Clement drops back and fires the ball. And whether it's a long spiral or even a brother, "Dillard said. "When he doesn't have a grudge. With Chase and I, we have more of a brotherly relationship that allows us to really dig into each other and really push each other to play our best."

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The deadly Dillard-Clement connection

Who could have guessed that two under-recruited players from San Antonio would change Rice football history?

The Owls finish their 2006 campaign with a loss to Louisiana Tech. Next semester, Dillard and Clement return to their alma maters and each play a key role in their respective bowl games. Dillard will return to San Antonio to face the Owls for the first time since his high school graduation. Clement will return to San Antonio to face the Owls for the first time since his high school graduation.

The Owls will be looking for their first win of the season against the Owls. The Owls are 2-1 in the season so far and are looking to bounce back from a loss to the Owls in their last meeting.

"We both came into Rice with the same goals and the same attitude," Dillard said. "We thought we could have been recruited more, but Rice was our choice that we decided to come to. With that, we both had a chip and thought we had to prove to the world something and that we were going to put Rice on the map. And when you have two individuals with those same goals and same aspirations, you're just born to do incredible things.

Chasing the Record Books

Chase Clement set 18 records in 2007

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Touchdown passes: 55
Total offense: 6,716
Total touchdowns: 68
Season
Pass attempts: 508
Pass completions: 300
Passing yards: 3,377
Completion percentage: 59.1
Touchdowns: 29
Total offensive plays: 652
Total offense: 3,912
Total touchdowns: 37
Game
Pass attempts: 66 vs. Tulsa
Pass completions: 48 vs. Tulsa
Passing yards: 341 vs. Tulsa
Touchdown passes: 6 vs. UTEP
Total plays: 83 vs. Tulsa
Total touchdowns: 8 vs. UTEP
Total offensive yards: 601 vs. Tulsa

Clement starts his first game in the place of injured quarterback Joel Armstrong. In his first game, Clement was the starting quarterback. He led the Owls to a 34-27 win over the Owls in their first game of the season.

"Knowing that they didn't have one run and we wasn't going to get the ball much, it was my only opportunity," he said.

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Dynamic duo has one more shot to impress

Underdogs once again, Dillard and Clement face the prospects of an NFL dream supposedly out of reach.

I didn't think what we're doing now was in my viewpoint, but now that I see it happening it's just ridiculous, how everything has meshed," Dillard said.

"I play with that edge that this is what you missed out on," Dillard said. "But is there any place I'd rather be in the world? No. I'd only want to be right here at Rice University. Rice is the perfect fit for me." Part of the reason Rice is perfect for Dillard is its academic reputation. Dillard, who graduated in May with a degree in political science, has been taking graduate-level classes this fall. I'm just loving going to class," Dillard said. "I'm there because I want to learn this. And taking class I want to learn from is by far so much different than just taking classes because you have to." Last year, the Owls finished 7-9 after creating the season with their third coaching staff in three years. This year, the Owls are off to a 2-2 start with two come from behind victories over CUSA opponents.

"The difference has been clearly just confidence and trust in one another to get it done," Dillard said.

"Our seniors have led us very well and they've put us in good position to be successful," Clement said.

"The Owls' acquisition has led to tighter team goals. As Dillard changes the Rice career receiving mark, he hopes that his efforts will ensure that the Owls still have to wait another 45 years for their next bowl game: "I want us to, in all our games, play as an offensive unit with confidence," Dillard said. "And individually, I just want to play my best year, and I want to end this year with, 'I gave it everything I had.'"

"Coming into their final season after playing together for so long, the two are struggling with the thought that this is their last year.

"When the day comes it's going to be really hard knowing that you're never going to put on the pads and play at Rice again," Clement said. "Clement set school records last year, permanently leaving his mark on history. Having certified his position on the record books, he only faces the challenge of improving scores in 2008. Dillard, on the other hand, will be forced to wage his assault on the record books alongside his struggle to impress scouts that may be skeptical of his 5'11, 185 lbs. figure.

Despite his smaller figure, Dillard's impressive vertical jump, which he has been working on since the eighth grade, has led many to say that he may stand 5'11, but he plays as though he were 6'. Before the three games for combined weightouts, though, Dillard has unfinished business in the NCAA.

"For all the goals you set during college, this is the last chance to get to do them," Dillard said. "It's never over. This is my last go-round, and I have to prove to myself as well as everybody else what I can do." Regardless of their futures in the NFL, both talents have already beat the odds and bashed the critics. Now, they will be charged with the task of doing it one more time. If history repeats itself, the NFL teams that gave the duo a chance will be getting a real bargain.

CHASING THE RECORD BOOKS

Dillard changing national and local books

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<td>Yards in career</td>
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*only place on the list with no registered rushing touchdowns

Dillard registers three touchdowns passes for the third time and makes his second game-winning goal in double overtime against Tulsa. The game marked a triumphant return for Todd Graham.

Dillard passes Aaron Turner for second place on the NCAA career touchdowns list with 21 touchdowns.

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Senior quarterback Chase Clement's ability to both run the ball and pass it to star receiver Jarett Dillard led the Owls to average over 31 ppg in 2007.

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Dillard makes his third game-winning goal of the season against Tulsa. His sixth of the season, he makes 59 yards reception that marks his 19th TD of the season.

Dillard scores three touchdowns against Memphis and breaks the Rice record for touchdowns in one season, previously set in 1966.

Clement sets school record with 409 total yards against UTEP. He throws a record six touchdowns and runs for 188 yards.

Tod Graham leaves Rice to accept a job at Tulsa, days after being offered a hefty contract extension. David Bailiff takes his place, making him the head Rice coach in as many years.
We definitely did worse than we can do," Olson said. "We can do better."

The 22nd-ranked Texas A&M University squad finished with four runners in the top five spots and took first place overall, with Stephen F. Austin State University and Tarleton State University taking second and third, respectively.

Rice was not without two of its top runners. Junior Simon Bucknell and senior Aaron Robison, but Warren insisted that those losses should not have prevented the Owls from running at a higher level.

"We didn't perform to the level we expected," head coach Jon Warren (Jones '98) said.

Rice, which finished with 149 points, was led by senior Austin Maxwell and sophomore Michael Troj, who finished 26th and 27th respectively. Rounding out the Owls scorers were junior Brad Mor-}

"At least we know where we stand," Olson said. "We have a lot of work to catch up on." The Owls also were keeping close tabs on their Conference USA rivals, University of Texas at El Paso and the University of Tulsa. The Miners mantained the competition at the Kachina Classic held on the New Mexico State University golf course in Las Cruces, N.M. They placed three runners in the top five and all five runners in the top ten on their way to a first-place finish. Tulsa competed at the Southern Stampede in Joplin, Mo., running just three runners, all placed in the top ten.

"We came back [Monday] and had a workout that indicates that they should have all done significantly better," Warren said. "The fitness is there, the expectation is that they can run where their fitness is at."

Olson was in step with Warren in this philosophy as well, realizing that Rice would be able to put this race behind them and focus on the rest of the season.

WE'RE GOING to South Bend, Ind., for the Notre Dame Invitational. There, the Owls will compete against national powerhouse, such as the University of Florida, Florida State University, the University of Oregon, Princeton University, the University of Illinois, the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

Bevan believes Rice will come into the meet with high expectations for the Owls to gain an edge in qualifying for regional competition.

"We're going to say and meet than they were last year at this juncture. Rice was ranked seventh in the country. After the meet, the team was ranked seventh in the country.

Additionally, the women's team will boast this season. Both Baylor, Michigan and SMU's Silje Fjortoft, fin-}

11 seconds faster.

Overall, though, the team's performance at the meet provided a number of positive points. Senior Leslie Waite, who finished the 3k run third overall and first for the Owls with a time of 17:33, improved her time from the Rice last season by 30 seconds. Additionally, Waite fin-}

"I think we're better in the top three positions this year, and we're hoping to improve in running free through time," Bevan said. "Williams has also improved a lot." Rice did not field a one hundred-}

Additionally, this week's rare allowed Rice to see for the first time what kind of teams their competition and regional competition will feature this season. Both Baylor, a regional opponent, and SMU, a conference opponent, proved to be more competitive than the Owls had anticipated.

"You never know what competition is like year to year until you face them, and SMU is a lot better team, and Texas is a lot better than they were last year, and Baylor is better than they were last year at this juncture," Bevan said.

Additional points.

A CLOSER LOOK:

**DATE**

New Balance Islander Splash

**LOCATION**

Corpus Christi, Texas

Penn State National

Oct. 12

University Park, Pa.

C-USA Championship

Nov. 1

Memphis, Tenn.

NCAA Regional

Nov. 19

Houston, Texas

NCAA Championship

Nov. 24

Terre Haute, Ind.

**DATE**

South Bend Invitational

Oct. 19

South Bend, Ind.

History

Last season Rice took first place in the Notre Dame Invitational, upsetting a number of nationally ranked teams. The Owls placed second in the No. 2 University of Michigan and third in the University of Illinois. The Owls had a head start on their season, so Rice will be able to run well this weekend.

In two weeks the team will travel to Terre Haute, Ind., for the Notre Dame Invitational. There, the Owls will be able to put this race behind them and focus on the rest of the season.

"That's how we're going to be competitive in the regional title again in November," Bevan said. "We have a lot of experience and are looking to have a solid race.

"There's no place like home." Dorothy's words succinctly summed up the Texas A&M Invita-}

11 seconds faster. Warren was happy with his top ten on their way to a first-place finish. Tuls
Soccer defeats McNeese St. 4-2, but Owls fall to Texas A&M in final moments of game

by Yan Digilov

Entering their final weekend before conference play, the Owls knew they were waging a war against history, but they could not have been prepared for how difficult gaining even a partial victory would turn out to be.

Though they were able to fend off McNeese State University, whom they played to an uncharacteristic 2-2 last season, and challenge eighth-ranked Texas A&M University, who beat them six hours before last year, the Owls were unable to claim the victory.

The weekend kicked off with a home match against McNeese St., and though the competition heavily favored the Owls on paper, two early goals from freshman midfielder Amy Jumper and junior forward Ante Candes were not enough to put the game away.

The Owls were caught off guard by a sudden, unexpected attack on the Owls' defense, and McNeese Cody was able to score on the Owls' goal for the second goal of the game, 8-0.

Freshman forward Hope Ward placed a corner kick in the 90th minute, and sophomore midfielder Kate Edwards shocked the Aggies with a header, tying the game 1-1. For the rest of the game, the Owls put together their best performance of the year, keeping strong form defensively and offensively.

Head coach Chris Huston had been preparing her team mentally and physically with intense practices in the week leading up to the match. She made it clear that the team would have to climb a tough hill in order to defeat the Aggies, but the team did not expect that they would have to make the trip to the top without Candee, who sustained an ACL injury against McNeese St.

The hill to climb even turned into a mountain to scale when Candee's replacement, senior midfielder Ashley Lucas, also went down with an injured ACL.

Huston said those injuries were major deterrents for the team.

"That definitely hurts," Huston said. "Ante was a major contributor for us. When she went down, we had to adjust and adapt, so in essence, we lost two stars this weekend. They are key players, and we are going to miss them, but this is where you see the character of the team."

In the Sunday game against A&M, the team appeared to fly up on their feet. The defense, which was completely unaware of the state of the season and currently has four players out due to injury, performed well offensively, maintaining the goal tied 1-1 for the remainder of the game.

A&M struck first in the 26th minute with a shot inside the 18-yard line after a free kick from midfielder. Even though Rice was outshot 7-2 in the half, they walked off the field at halftime down only 1-0. The one goal deficit would be enough motivation for the squad to come out fighting.

The Owls' only ticket into the show, with the opponent would have given the Owls the national recognition they need to make the NCAA tournament, and now the upcoming conference schedule is the Owls' only ticket into the show.

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The Rice Philharmonics, Rice’s pre-
nure a cappella singing group,
perform tonight in their first show
of the year within the confines of
the Lovett lower commons tonight.
Let them serenade your
side, go to the RMC’s Grand Hall
at 9 p.m. Let them serenade your
family, and I quote, “food, ice cream,
corn-
and I quote, “food, ice cream, corn-
extreme here. Ask your kid what
them that your time here will be
ter way than a Rice party to show
your pride for your education. There’s no bet-
theres to make Mom and Dad pleased

This one ain’t in Arkansas...
The Harvest Moon Ball, hosted by the
Rice Social Dance Society, is tonight
at 8 p.m. in the RMC’s Grand Ball.
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the Ball boasts a live band, swing,
ballroom and salsa performances.
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Tonight is Screw Your Roommate.
Rice’s annual campuswide blind
date. Don’t worry, it’s not deadly,
just super-awkward, usually.
Here’s the DL: Dress like a fool. Go
to the Willy’s Statue at 6 p.m. Meet
your soulmate. Go do something
that you’re “giving” you foodstuffs, like
meme: 1. Copacetic 2. Sesquipeda-
lian 3. Truthiness) Right, tailgate.

Hey Parents!
It’s tradition to you should
do all these things before you graduate...
But since you’re only here for one weekend,
you should probably get started:
1. Jump the Hedges
2. Sit in Willy’s lap
3. Swim in Gillis’ pool (oh, wait...)
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