More money, more problems
Upcoming account restructuring could restrict club financial autonomy

BY KERN VIJAYAVARGIA AND CATHERINE ERATIC
THRESHER STAFF

College and clubs at Rice are looking at their finances extensively as they attempt to balance budgets. The budget is made up of revenue from entrance fees, ticket sales, and advertisements as well as donations, and these are all used to fund the clubs’ operations.

Students are concerned about changes made to the budgeting process, which is currently handled by the Student Association’s Finance Committee. However, the new system would move student funds from a centralized budget to an external vendor, which would be responsible for budgeting and financial planning.

The new system has been met with mixed reactions from students. Some are concerned about the loss of control over their finances, while others are excited about the potential for more flexibility and innovation.

The proposed plan
The plan would create a separate fund for each club, allowing them more control over their finances. Additionally, the new system would include a new budgeting process that would be more transparent and accountable.

However, the Club Finance Committee is concerned about the potential for increased bureaucracy and decreased flexibility. They are also concerned about the impact on the budgeting process and the ability to manage finances effectively.

The current situation
Currently, student finances are managed by the Student Association’s Finance Committee, which is responsible for allocating funds and ensuring that they are used in accordance with the university’s policies.

The proposed changes
The new system would move student funds to a centralized budget, which would be handled by an external vendor. This would allow for more flexibility and innovation in the budgeting process.

The stakeholders
The stakeholders in this issue include students, faculty, and staff. Students are concerned about the loss of control over their finances, while faculty and staff are concerned about the potential for increased bureaucracy and decreased flexibility.

The impact
The impact of this issue is significant, as it affects not only the finances of the clubs but also the ability of students to manage their own finances.

The solution
A solution to this issue would involve finding a balance between the interests of students, faculty, and staff. This may involve finding a way to centralize budgeting while allowing for more flexibility in the budgeting process.

In conclusion
The issue of club finances is complex and requires careful consideration. A solution that balances the interests of students, faculty, and staff is needed to ensure that the financial system is functioning optimally.

Screw Yer Roommate

The long-anticipated event is finally coming this Friday! Here's how it works: Find a date for your roommate, then write your roommate's name on a slip of paper, put the two slips in a bag, and give it to the main office. The winner is set in the Aca-

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Financial changes require student input

At Monday's Student Association meeting in Farnsworth Pavilion, Vice President for Finance Kathy Collins will speak to those in attendance about a goal that has been set for change: Rice undergraduate organization finances work (see story, page 1). Instead of being able to use external, public banks to house funds, clubs and colleges would be required to transfer their money to internal Rice accounts, for which the university would act as banker. Any plan leading to this goal has the possibility of drastically changing how colleges and undergraduate clubs function. The role of the treasurer in the budgeting and record keeping and writing checks and the ability for any student to be reimbursed would all be altered. The greatest issue at hand is that with this proposed financial plan, clubs could lose a great deal of autonomy and freedom.

The fact that the information relating to this possible change has not been well publicized is another cause for concern. Collins stated that she has been working on the proposal since the summer months, and the college presidents have been in contact with Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman about the matter, but Monday at 10 a.m. will be the first time the rest of the student body will be in on the proposal and be able to address these questions via question-and-answer with those with the power to shape the policy.

Because of the proposal's preliminary nature, we have retracted from initiating any specific grievances in this column. Instead, we strongly encourage all members of the student body, and especially club presidents, to attend Collins' talk in order to better understand how any change along these lines could affect student life. Students should voice concerns, ask questions, get information and then provide feedback, because there is no easier way for the administration to hear undergraduate concerns than to tell them directly. The final decision should be well informed, with input from both students and administrators taken into account.

Faculty Senate should revise add/drop deadlines

Back in January, when the Faculty Senate was in the process of adjusting the 2009-2010 academic calendar, the main concern of most students was that the senate kept spring recess on the books. What went relatively unnoticed by both students and some faculty, however, was that the add/drop periods starting in fall '09 had been cut in half (see story, page 1).

This change, if kept, would be a serious deterrent to the recent progress made towards giving students greater autonomy in their class registration process. The recent elimination of registration PINs means that students are now free to take advantage of Rice's flexible shopping periods, which allow students to optimize their schedules with the most information possible about a particular course or professor. Of course, this benefit will be short lived if the newly accepted deadlines have the effect of forcing students to act in haste.

We understand certain faculty members' concerns that, under the current system, a student could theoretically walk into a class for the first time on the fifth week of the course. However, we feel that the administration should trust that the vast majority of undergraduates have more respect for their professors and their own educations than that scenario would indicate. While there will inevitably be the odd student who walks in after missing a full 12 classes, we feel that those exceptional occurrences should be handled by the individual professor. There is no reason to put in place an overarchingly policy to limit a phenomenon that happens rarely at best, especially when the same policy could restrict the decision-making abilities of the vast majority of students who do not abuse the system.

We strongly encourage the Faculty Senate to revise its calendar decision in time for the next school year.

Congratulations to Clement and Dillard

To quarterback Chase Clement and receiver Jaret Dillard, we would like to offer our congratulations. They scored their 49th and 41st career touchdowns as a pair last Tuesday, the most ever between a NCAA quarterback and receiver (see story, page 1).

For the past three years, both as fans and fellow students, we have enjoyed watching them play, and they have approached their game and their records with commendable class. We are looking forward to the rest of the season, and we hope that their last season at Rice culminates with a bowl victory.

Valhalla closing unfair measure

To the editor:

Why is Valhalla closed? I have heard many rumors. I read something about a violation by students of a dry campus policy during Hurricane Ike. "News in brief: Valhalla closed indefinitely" Sept. 19) in the Thresher last week. So why is the bar closed? Why has the graduate student social hub been unfairly targeted? As a graduate student, I was not informed of the dry campus policy. Should I have decided to avoid myself of electricity and a shower on campus, and decided to bring one of my rapidly warming beers, would I also have been subjected to the same degree of administrative excess?

I can certainly understand President David Leebron being upset if rules were violated. I can see him thanking the university for the service to the graduate students and faculty or Rice University. It is a source of pride for me to be able to describe this unique place on Rice campus to those that cannot fathom the kind of environment that it engenders.

As an alumnus, this gives me great reserve and distrust about a university that might punish two private citizens in an inorganic manner. I am shocked that the president of the university has failed to fully think through the ramifications of these actions. I am shocked that he has decided to punish the graduate students, faculty and community for the actions of a few. I am shocked that it appears as though he is potentially utilizing a hurricane to enforce a personal agenda. I am shocked, and I am saddened.

Patrik Petersen

Browns' MSA an unneeded conduit for tetrals

To the editor:

I was surprised by the Thresher's article about Housing and Dining's decision to give members of the Muslim Student Association extra free tetrads in order to accommodate students observing Ramadan ("MSA petitions for more tetrads," Sept. 19). From the article, H&D decided to give only MSA members tetrads because of fears that non-Muslims would take advantage of the free tetrads. The decision is insulting to all students. This policy sends the reprehensible message that only members of campus groups are truly religious. Religion is a private matter, and everyone worships in his or her own way. To think such many devout Christians choose not to join the numerous Christian organizations

[LETTERS, page 3]
Graduate student concerns omitted from hurricane plan

President David Leebron stated on the Rice Web site that he opened the campus to all undergraduate and graduate students because "much of Houston remains without power, and we are providing adequate water pressure, [therefore] we are offering to continue to house all off-campus undergraduate students in the residential colleges. Because Rice has water and power, we are offering to continue to house all off-campus undergraduate students who do not have power at their apartments."

Further he adds, "we are doing everything we can to assist students who are living off campus. Before the storm struck, all off-campus students who were in Houston and not staying with their families were asked to shelter in the colleges. After the storm, those students and others who were invited to remain on campus if they had no electricity or power in their apartments were also invited. We also provided free meals to students who stayed and requested that in this case we do not include graduate students.

Graduate students are second class citizens on campus and actions by the administration further support this feeling.

The increasing use and after effects of communication was a total failure in the part of the administration. It was an area in which Rice was often neglected population at Rice: those who were graduate students.

It is sad that it often takes a natural disaster to bring out the best in people. We are accustomed to understanding ear that neighbors who are losing their homes and belongings are temporarily unable. It is saddler still when our community completely fails in the face of the population, seemingly without noticing.

Three years as a graduate student and also serving the Graduate Student Association as department representative have resulted in a pervasive feeling that graduate students are second class citizens on campus and the actions by the administration further support this feeling. It is too difficult to ask that graduate students be carbon copied on emails to undergraduates so that they are at least prepared and informed."
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IT makes IPs private to prevent phishing, hacking

BY CINDY DING
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After navigating through a storm of phishing e-mail scams, network viruses and potential hackers throughout the past year, Information Technology is taking defensive measures to increase the security level on campus networks. It is making the Rice student network more secure by keeping such individual computer's IP address private on the Internet.

Every week Rice's network processes hundreds of thousands of threats, scans, and hacking attempts which makes the system vulnerable, William Deigard, director of Networking, Telecommunications and Campus Center. He compared the amount of incoming traffic from the Internet to the magnitude of a natural disaster.

"It's like standing outside during Hurricane Ike," Deigard said. "What happens to be wind and rain that's blowing a lot harder and a lot faster. The weather has gotten worse on the Internet for Ike."

It will be making IP addresses private for users on the Rice student network accessing the Internet. This one-way access will ensure that no unwarranted data can be transmitted back to the user's computer, Deigard said.

"We're going to be blocking a certain type of traffic on the Internet," Deigard said. "The key thing is the type of traffic we're blocking is the type of traffic that people aren't requesting."

He claims the security change to a blocked outgoing number that shows up as an anonymous number on a caller ID.

"You can call someone, have a conversation and hang up," Deigard said. "If people try to call you back they can't do it because they don't know your phone number."

With differentiated security levels, Deigard said the student network will be more secure than the Internet would otherwise be. He said the current security measure that prevents others from accessing one's computer is similar to the security measures in the dorms.

With a public IP address, a single door stands between the outdoors and the dorm room.

"Right now we're implementing that one door doesn't stand out," he said. The security change will be enacted for the student network, primarily because undergraduates live on campus, he said. Students who own the laptops and tablets will also be covered if they are logged onto the Rice network. Out-of-town and technical programs will be largely unaffected by this change, as it only affects the Rice (student) network.

Catherine Bivin contributed to this article.

Families Weekend well-attended despite Ike

BY JULIANA SERRANO
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Unwilling to let Hurricane Ike prevent them from seeing their children, almost 1,000 parents flocked to Rice for last weekend's Families Weekend. Student Association External Vice President Nicholas Muscarca, who helped organize the event, said this number was consistent with turn-out in previous years. Parents and students participated in a variety of activities, which included walking tours, coffee with President David Leebron, speeches, a football game and Baker Blues last weekend during Families Weekend.

The number of participants was probably higher because 1,055 only reflects the number of parents and guests who registered over the weekend. Muscarca, a Mardel College sophomore, said the turnout was especially impressive considering that Families Weekend took place just two weekends after Hurricane Ike. There were concerns that factors such as high gas prices and lack of electricity in some parts of Houston would keep many parents from making the trip.

Muscarca said he was impressed that none of these concerns were an issue during Families Weekend. "This shows the resiliency of the students in getting everything back to normal," More said.

Director of Reunion Programs and Special Events Jennifer Harding said good planning by students was responsible for the smoothness of this year's Families Weekend.

"I think the students on the committee did an outstanding job," Harding said. "Everyone got involved. The colleges got involved and took care of their individual responsibilities within the framework of the weekend planning."

Muscarca said there were no complaints, and the new activities that the SA added this year, such as performances by the Philharmonics and Spontaneous Combination, were well-attended. Harding said about 1,000 people attended the barbecue and football game on Saturday. "My parents really enjoyed the game and the barbecue," Moore said.

"It was really great to have options. For example, we went to a lecture on Friday about the environment and the current presidential election." 

Jocelyn Wright contributed to this article.

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Rice receives B- for sustainability, highest in Texas

BY JACLYN YOUNGBLOOD
FOR THE THESPIAN

Rice received a B-, just above the national average of C+ last month for its sustainability efforts from the Sustainable Endowments Institute. The rating, which has been in existence since 2005, is based on colleges’ efforts in nine categories: administration, climate change and energy, food and recycling, green building, student involvement, transportation, endowment transparency, investment priorities and shareholder engagement.

Rice received A’s in categories such as Green Building andInvestment Priorities, but received an F and a D in Shareholder Engagement and Endowment Transparency, respectively. Director of Sustainability Richard Johnson said Rice’s grade, the highest in Texas, was attributable to the efforts of students and administrators alike. Calling for future Rice buildings to be at least silver certified for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design by Green Building Rating, both the students and the administration have worked actively to get people excited about green building. Johnson said Duncan College will be LEED Gold certified, making it the only such certified building in Houston.

Last year, 97 percent of colleges and universities responded to at least one of the Report Card surveys. Lisa Chase, senior communications fellow for the SEI, said, The Report Card noted a 27 percent recycling of university waste, a figure Johnson said he would like to see increase in the future. Johnson’s class, Sustainability: The Future, accompanied by each college’s EcoReps, are working to initiate recycling kitchen waste, a satellite aluminum can recycling receptacle would help increase this figure.

Johnson said providing adequate recycling receptacles would help increase this figure. "We’re making sure the infrastructure is in place," Johnson said.

Johnson said Rice was recycling 95 percent of the building waste from Duncan and McMurtry colleges. So far, the total amount of construction waste produced by the two colleges would be 17 feet high, enough to fill the Allen Center for Business Activities to the top of its first floor.

Other sustainability efforts Rice has undertaken in recent years include providing students with transportation alternatives, such as the Zipcar program, the METRO Light Rail, and the shuttle system. Johnson said Rice is ultimately trying to become net carbon neutral, meaning that Rice will have no net impact on global warming. President David Leebron signed the Presidents’ Climate Commitment last fall, adding Rice University to a list of 524 colleges and universities pursuing this goal around the U.S.

Johnson said students can also help on a much smaller scale by keeping room thermostats at 76 degrees. It costs Rice and, in turn, the students, a percent more for each degree the thermostat is turned down below 76 degrees, he said. "If you crank it [the thermostat] down to 70 degrees, it costs 24 percent more than keeping the room at 76 degrees," Johnson said.

Johnson said he has initiated discussions on an energy master plan that will encourage a standard campus-wide temperature policy. This policy will schedule cooling systems, ensuring that buildings only open for part of the day will not continue to cool when they are not in use.

Johnson said there are multiple ways students can become involved with sustainability efforts. Organizations and initiatives already in place include the EcoReps, the Environmental Club, the Student Association Environmental Committee, the Green Building Initiative, Solar Decathlon, Biofuel Initiative and the Wiess College Community Garden.

Johnson said the future at Rice, in terms of sustainability, is bright. With the Report Card grades improving over the last few years, he expects those improvements to continue, especially in the Climate Change and Energy category. "I have seen just a fantastic explosion of accomplishments and interest in activity all across the United States," Johnson said. "It’s a sign of hope." Rice’s long-term sustainability goals are to turn Rice into an environmentally restorative institution. Ideally, Johnson said the actions of the university would contribute to the regeneration of natural systems.

Johnson said the issue was no longer one of minimizing impact on the environment, but rather one of creating facilities that enhance the environment because of their presence. "This is where the cutting edge of thinking in green design is going," Johnson said. "How do you design a building that cleans air and water, that provides habitat, that contributes to health, while also enabling its occupants to flourish?"

Rice’s full Report Card is available on greenreportcard.org.

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Protect Your Systems!

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outside banking and checking accounts into Rice's in-house system and would allow organizations to maintain multiple accounts for the latter purposes.

In the current arrangement, student organizations have their own accounts at outside banks. These organizations include both graduate and undergraduate student groups as well as each of the residential colleges. As of late, there were still a few of these accounts at SM Morgan Chase with a total balance of $90,000. This does not include the value of student organization accounts at other banks in the area.

Each residential college handles its own finances differently. For example, checks paid out of the Shepherd College fund need two signatures, whereas the Lower College fund only requires one signature (under the plan, college treasurers and club advisors will still be responsible for accounting for all financial transactions).

In the past, the "Office of Internal Audit has looked into improving the financial system. Over the summer, Collins talked with President David Leebior and researched the financial statements and understood expenses. There is also a task that is appropriate to an external auditor. For instance, the IRS requires Form 990 for vendor payments in excess of $5,000 and a W-2 for all salary payments. Under the new system, all IRS reporting would be handled by the Committee of Finance. Furthermore, funds received in support of student activities may not be acknowledged appropriately. Collins said that the new system would be beneficial for students. Rice, BANNER would provide a financial history from year to year. Collins said this would be useful for student groups during leadership transition. Traverso would have viewing access to BANNER to monitor whether checks cleared and the amount of available funds.

Another advantage that the system may provide is that it will provide a more consolidated system. Will Rice College Treasurer Michael Rog said, "If I go to a company as a club and try to do business with them, I don't have to request the reputation of the university behind me." Rice said, "I'll go to them and say I am Rice and that will give you a check from a Rice University account, there's an implied legitimacy to that. I think that gives organizations a work in progress," Collins said. "I do want to hear the concerns, and I am happy to meet with students."

The new system will not be implemented immediately. According to Collins, there needs to be a transitional process to allow with in-process transfers and to provide an audit trail of deposits to mature under the old system. In addition, the process for getting the current bank accounts requires a letter from Rice indicating a date to close specific accounts.

Lowest College Senator Alexander Williams said, "The lack of a concrete plan was the most frustrating part of the process. We need to manage all our financial affairs as that would require."

"Kelly Collins seems to have a complete disdain for the student body," Williams said. "I think that Rice should be made aware of the concerns that we have presented here. It is not fair to treat students the way that she does have the right to listen to these concerns or rather treat us as something that is more like a burden."

We encouraged all students who might be affected by the policy to attend the Student Association meeting at 10 p.m. Monday night to try and get more information about the policy and make sure that their concerns are heard.

The Rice Jettles Graduate School of Management's student clubs will be the first organizations to transition into the new BANNER system. These clubs management should be handled by the Jones School's business officer. Collins said that this would serve as a test case for the remainder of the period for the rest of the university, as each club's financial statements would be audited by a staff advisor to help them through the transition.

President David Leebior and President Daniel Hodges-Copple said that now is the time to "move forward on this new system despite its reservations."

I think that there is some real benefit in unifying the clearing of the accounts," Hodges-Copple said. "I think that this is a potential to be a little easier for everyone. I just want to make sure that there are some mindless bureaucratic glitches that we face."

The presidents of the other eight residential colleges said that their colleges individually on the new financial plan to the Trustees, instead leaving a decision to their views, which are published alongside this story.

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students in terms of the severity of different types of violations, making it difficult to determine appropriate punishments for each group of students. Siemann also said Article XII of the Honor Council’s constitution would be discussed. The article gives an accused student a three-day window during which they can choose to withdraw from Rice for two semesters and keep credit for the course. In a statement, the student body voted to keep the loophole, the provision that gives an accused student a three-day window to withdraw from Rice for the first time and keep credit for the course. Vice President for Finance Kathy Colvin said, "We're really doing a good job with past years. She said the Honor Council’s constitution states that the number of cases sent to the Senate should be limited to a maximum of 50 cases per semester. She also emphasized that there had been an increase in cases of cheating. She said, "There was a huge amount of important material that has already been submitted and that the Senate's role will be to get the current add/drop deadlines is that students must have already missed significant amounts of important material for that class. The endorsement of these improvements was looking forward to collaborating with the Faculty Senate to review the current add/drop deadlines and to determine if they should be reconsidered. The Faculty Senate members would be encouraged to discuss the new calendar's severely shortened add/drop deadlines, which were not discussed in last year's meetings. Anyone interested in discussing the new calendar should e-mail Mangat at smangat@rice.edu.

Baker College President Chris Goldsberry complained that members of Baker 13 were banned from leaving their imprints upon the pavement. The Dixon residence hall was renamed in honor of Hickman. The residence hall was previously named after John Hickman, who served as the president of the college. The residence hall was renamed to honor Hickman's contributions to the college and his legacy. The event was attended by members of the college community, including students, faculty, and staff. The event also featured a speech by Goldsberry, who expressed his gratitude towards Hickman for his dedication to the college and its students. The event was a significant milestone in the college's history, and it served as a reminder of the importance of recognizing and honoring the contributions of those who have dedicated their lives to education and the community.
Burn After Reading, but not before watching

By FAHEEM AHMED
THRESHER STAFF

A womanizer. Two idiotic gym employees. An ex-cop. A frigid psychiatrist. A napoleonic dicus with government secrets. Anyone can spin a political satire out of these plot elements, but it is the super-talented Coen brothers who have given them into a smart and entertaining statement. Fresh from their award-winning epic No Country for Old Men, the duo decided to switch it up with a dark comedy featuring an all-star cast.

But the actor who steals the show is George Clooney (Ocean’s Twelve, Ocean’s Thirteen, Ocean’s Twelve: 30th attack of the Sparrants). Clooney plays a part-time member of the Treasury who is wondrously enganged in a web of专利 transactions. He also happens to be hanging every woman in the movie. Clooney infuses his character with coolness, weird allegories and a strange fetish for sex. Frequently, it’s the simplest version of Bill Clinton.

“The tone is a breath of fresh air after all the slapstick bathroom humor. Special kudos for every "comedy" in recent days.”

—Jen Karp

The one role that seems unnecessary is McDormand’s. Closer to the character in the novel than the movie, it’s a pity her talents aren’t used to better purpose. Pitt, frosted tips and all, also doesn’t do much with his role as a buffoonish character, Pitt’s bad dancing really helps.

But overall, this film is a savvy political satire — a commentary on how little the government cares about us. While the ending is a bit abrupt and kind of weak, the rest of the film is extremely entertaining and strongly recommended.

Newman’s life a unifying model for Americans

On Friday night, the presidential candidates fought a rhetorical battle of words for their respective visions of America. Sadly, that same night, a quintessential American lost his fight with cancer. Surrounded by loved ones, Paul Newman, the film legend, philanthropist, war hero and family man died Friday at age 83.

Caroline May

The news was somewhat overshadowed this weekend by grave financial and political matters, but Newman was a man who should take pause and remember as we move forward into what looks to be an uncertain and ominous time. While times are hard, politics are divisive and we struggle with the hardships of every day, our memory of Paul Newman is a reminder of all of us a renewed faith in humanity. Whoever you were cheering for in Friday’s debate or however you feel about the current financial balancer, we can all share a shared admiration of this impressive man who truly did make a difference.

Newman lived the American dream. Born to a middle-class family in Shakes, New York, he used his many talents to work his way up and into Hollywood’s upper echelon. He was significant even before his first appearance on the silver screen. In 1944 Newman helped to defeat the Japanese as a radioman and gunner in World War II. After the war, he discovered his love for acting as an undergraduate at Kenyon College. Upon graduating from Kenyon, the future film legend studied his newfound passion at Yale University and at the Actors’ Studio. He eventually began his acting career in New York, wowing audiences throughout the Big Apple and later impressing viewers all over the country in Hollywood.

Having reached the pinnacle of stardom, Paul Newman exemplified the best that Hollywood could offer. He had major roles in over 50 films including Cool Hand Luke, Exodus, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, The Verdict, The Sting and Absence of Malice. He was nominated for countless awards including ten Academy Awards, finally winning the Oscar for The Color of Money. His impact on American cinema alone would make him worthy of our united approbation, yet his acting chops were but one of the many positive aspects he left behind.

Stephen Hunter, writing in the Washington Post, described Newman's life as one of "superlative good fortune...scrappy...practical, tough, urban. He figured angles, covered courses, charted courses, deployed distractions, maneuvered brilliantly. He wasn't Mr. Cool with the babies, he had lavished gifts for comedy and brightly articulate, dialogue-driven set pieces. But nobody played showed better than Paul Newman." While women swooned over his piercing blue eyes, handsomely angular face and snappy, down-to-earth masculinity, men admired his strength, determination and commonwealth wisdom. Film critic Pauline Kael wrote in 1964, "The Dean is America and know that the audience would never believe in him in anything but drama. America loved Paul Newman. The humble manner in which he lived his life merely served to underscore his exceptional qualities.

Newman worked in Hollywood beginning in the 1940s and throughout his career. The iconic actor avoided interviews and never read reviews, once saying, "If they’re good you get a fat head, and if they’re bad you get depressed for three weeks."

Due to form and wholly devoted to his family. Newman lived as the opposite side of the country in Westport, Conn. In a less pretentious setting, one of Hollywood’s most dash- ing leading men remained married to the same woman, actress Joanne Woodward, for over 50 years. He is famously remembered for saying he had no reason to stir. "Why should I go out for a hamburger when I have steak at home?" Working in a culture in which the average lifespan of marriages appears to be shorter than his character, Newman’s love for his wife and family was a thrill to behold. We should all be grateful for his talent and skill at maintaining our values.

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MUSIC

On another note, the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau will partner with the Houston Symphony for a special event to be held at the Hobby Center on October 25, which will include the Houston Symphony and the Houston City Choir. The event will feature a special performance by the Houston Symphony and the Houston City Choir. The event will take place at the Hobby Center and will include a special performance by the Houston Symphony and the Houston City Choir.

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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

FILM

Today at 7:30 p.m. as part of Discovery Green’s Green Art Series, KHOU Houston Public Television will screen Nostalgia, a coming-of-age story by the German director Gunda. It is a cinematic odyssey that follows a young girl’s journey through Germany as she explores her identity and discovers her place in the world.

SYMPHONY

After a postponement due to Hurricane Ike, Dvorak’s New World Symphony, conducted by Hans Graf and featuring four renowned actors on piano, returns in glory today at 8 p.m. on Sunday, September 14th. Tickets start at $8 and are available online or at the Hobby Center box office.

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Symphonic poetry at Shepherd

Tonight marks the opening of the Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra’s presentation of Maestro Larry Racheltz’s concert features an intriguing selection of works for all. The program offers exciting music for the audience, but also the story of a very unique genre of classical music.

Garrett Schumann

This weekend’s program is an excellent opportunity for students at Rice to hear great music played at a high level and with a clear narrative. It is a chance to discover music grow through time, and how no piece, whether written in the 16th century or theModern era, is not as cleverly written as Wagner’s, or places in sound is at the heart of the 19th century symphonic poem, a piece inspired by an extramusical element, i.e., a poem, as an art form, starting with Hector Berlioz’s “Le Corsaire” and moving through 40 years of music history to Leo Janacek’s “Sinfonietta.”

The Moldau (Smetana) is expertly arranged. Each work either lays the precedents for the works that come after or conclude an idea outlined by those that came before. Berlioz’s work is an excellent choice to open the concert. A harmonic concert overture, “Le Corsaire” is the direct ancestor of the symphonic poems that make up the second half of the program. Written in 1824, it is the oldest piece on the program, and it combines with the second piece to form a strong foundation for both Smetana and Janacek’s compositions, passing on its cohesion and format.

Its successor in the program, Wagner’s “Prelude and Liebestod” from Tristan und Isolde, sets the stage for the musical language of the last two pieces. The harmonies used by Wagner in the Prelude were ground-breaking for their time, and were designed to convey the “unrelated” sound between the opera’s title characters. This concept of musical imagery, of representing concrete ideas, people or places in sound is at the heart of the symphonic poems composed throughout the 19th century.

Smetana’s “The Moldau” exemplifies the 19th century symphonic poem as it attempts, in the composer’s own words, “to describe the course of the Vltava [Moldau],” the longest river in Europe, through the Czech Republic. Although there are no folk melodies in Smetana’s piece, it attempts to represent the various people and places across our beloved, historic House of Pies. And our beloved, historic House of Pies is its true standard bearer. The only place ready to satiate our desires: House of Pies.

Actor Paul Newman, who died on Friday, leaves behind a legacy of humility and integrity perhaps even more valuable than his films.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, disaster struck our formidable city. Despite what I have heard and energy capital of the world, Houstonians found themselves plunged into darkness. Suffering through rolling out after round of baggie and midnight dry campus enforcement, remember the original idea of the concert overture by being dedicated to the armed forces of 1990s Czechoslovakia. It represents the last generation of pieces influenced by Wagner’s musical language and, like The Moldau, is illustrative of geographic locations. Janacek, like Smetana, was a Czech composer and continues the tradition of using folk music in his classical compositions. Although there are no folk melodies in Smetana’s, it attempts to represent the various people and places across the city’s cultural diversity.

The subsequent series of events, however, concerned our own disaster over the weekend. We were left without electricity to bathe, wash, or cook food. For example, the famous and memorable melody from The Moldau is related to folk songs from many regions including Bohemia, Romania and Sweden.

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Owls find vindication at home with offensive explosion against Marshall after dropping match against ECU

by Yan Digilov

The Owls tied for second after first C-USA matches

A weekend split left the Owls' position in the conference USA standings up in the air. They found themselves in a 3-3 tie for second place, behind East Carolina University, who beat the Owls 2-0 on Friday at the Rice Track and Soccer Stadium.

"The thing about conference is that on any given day, anything can happen," said captain Chasteen Petric. "This weekend proved it. This was a game we could have won if we had played our best."

The Owls faced ECU with high hopes after running with right-handed Texas A&M to a tie for the fifth place the week prior. Though they came out firing and took the offensive lead, a combination of poor positioning and mental lapses led to an opposing goal in the 28th minute.

With only their second shot of the game, ECU took the 1-0 advantage after senior Savanna Russo played a ball into the box, where it was deflected off of the starting block and out of the box, for the Pirates to run away with the win.

"The thing about conference is that you get three games in a four-game span," said assistant coach Craig Wadell. "They only have to wait one and a half days for the next game, and they did the right thing and came out and got the win on Sunday."

Seeking vindication, the Owls continued their offensive pressure against Marshall on Sunday. In the second home game of the weekend, the Owls played the Owls on the board first with a goal from freshman Amy Beger in the 13th minute. Beger's ball came from a pass from freshman and fellow Missouri native Chelsea Russell, who made her first start of the year.

The Herd rode the ball up eight minutes later, but a pair of goals from junior Shelley Wong in the 29th and 31st minutes gave the Owls a commanding victory. The defense, one game over, allowed four fewer shots than in the previous game, but a consistent team effort propelled the squad to its first C-USA record.

Consistency has been a recurring topic of conversation in practice over the past several weeks. Memphis and the University of Central Florida are always staunch competition for the Owls in C-USA, but the weekend results throughout the league paint a picture of the Owls winning only one thing: The Owls must win.

"The first thing was getting them to understand that they need to communicate," said coach. "Part of communicating on a soccer field is not always nitpicking, chocolates and flowerows. They have to learn quickly not to take offense to decisions or to demand more of one another."

The challenges to team chemistry caused by injury showed as players continually found themselves scrambling to catch up with one another, failing to repeat the consistent ball movement that they exhibited against Texas A&M.

"I told them that the best thing about college soccer is that you get to work with different people all the time," Wadell said. "They only have to wait one and a half days for the next game, and they did the right thing and came out and got the win on Sunday."

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Volleyball takes one of two to open conference play

by Natalie Clerciuzo

The Owls opened conference play last weekend defeating UTEP 3-2 and losing to Tulane 3-0.

This week Rice will finally get a chance to play with three matches in Fox Gym. On Friday, the Owls play Southern Methodist University at 7:00. Last weekend's starters from last year. "We need to come out with a lot of energy," said coach. "We saw the win over UTEP as a great way to begin conference play."
have surged to a 4-0 record this season and were preseason favorites to win the C-USA outright.

Tulsa won last week against the University of Central Arkansas, beating them with a final score of 62-34.

Graham has already had to field questions regarding an undefeated season and a possible berth in a BCS bowl.

The Golden Hurricane has only one remaining non-conference game against a depleted University of Arkansas team, making this match-up of C-USA unbeatens all the more compelling.

Leading the Golden Hurricane is senior quarterback David Johnson, who is starting his first complete season after serving as backup to Paul Smith, now a member of the Jacksonville Jaguars practice squad. Despite spending four years on the bench, Johnson has managed to put up strong numbers this year. Going into last weekend's game, he was rated first in the NCAA for quarterback efficiency. Thus far, he has thrown for 19 touchdowns, four interceptions and led the offense to an average of just over 54 points per game.

The first quarter of last week's game had the makings of another shootout as the Rice and UNT defenses combined for just one defensive stop. Mean Green quarterback Giovanni Vizza threw for 131 yards in the first quarter and kept the Rice defense on its heels.

The Owls missed 20 tackles in the game, most in the first half. Like UNT, the Golden Hurricane also possesses a quality run game that ranks 20th nationally. Tackling is a must for the Owls as it is unlikely the Golden Hurricane is going to turn the ball over six times.

"That's what's led to a lot of [Tulsa's] production, it's just people missing tackles. A little three and four-yard bubble screen all of a sudden goes 31 yards," said Bailiff.

Momentum swung fully in the Owls' favor in the early part of the second quarter when Rice recovered a muffed punt after being unable to drive the length of the field for the first time all game. Two plays later, the Owls punched the ball into the end zone on a three yard run by junior running back Marcus Knox, extending their lead to 42-20.

Rice only extended their lead from there and the 57-point margin of victory ended up being Rice's largest since 1944 when they beat Galveston Air Force Base 57-0. The 77 points scored by the Owls was the most they have scored since 1916, when they recorded a 146-3 victory over Southern Methodist University.

**POWDERPUFF PREDICTIONS**

**HANSZEN vs JONES**

Hanszen: "Because of a coin flip in my head."

Jones: "Because a rumor spread that I'm out."

Hanszen: "I'm not."

Jones: "I am."

**MARTEL vs LOVETT**

Martel: "I have no idea."

Lovett: "I'm not sure."

Martel: "I'm not."

Lovett: "I'm positive."
Freshmen's past translates to success on field

by Yan Digilov

It was a first for Owls Soccer, but it's happened elsewhere countless times in the past. In the 12th minute of the Owls' match against Marshall University on Sunday, freshman Chealsey Russell spotted freshman teammate Amy Beger making a run off the right wing. After finding her way directly to the feet of Beger, the former made a cross that the latter quickly chased down, guiding the ball toward the goal. Though Beger was set on another strike, she couldn't manage to get the ball past the goalkeeper. Russell's return to the starting lineup, however, was a moment for Russell.

"Once you get into the game, the intensity is high and everyone plays a little differently," she said. "But then again, neither are we."

Beger, who tore her ACL in 2006, has always relied upon tactical ability to make an impact on the field. However, her strong, consistent effort and determination has kept her on the starting lineup.

"Our moms talk a lot," Beger said. "When she (Russell) started looking at Rice, my parents said that Rice is a good school, and I should look there."

Though Beger was set on another goal in her first start, Russell found none of the Owls' threats met one another for the first time, the friends live within five minutes of one another, Russell playing in the backfield and Beger at midfield wing, stepping back on the turf was a special moment for Russell.

"The Midwest is more tactical, the western style is different than this," Beger said. "The Midwest is more tactical, and in the South it is about strength and endurance."

However, her strong, consistent effort and determination has caused the attention of her coaches and peers.

"She has a relentless work ethic and is tough on the ball," senior captain Christine Pettic said. "We always have an impressive freshmen class, but she has stepped up and got several goals off the bench. She is working really hard and doing a great job." Both players' journeys to Rice have been marked with the unfortunate circumstance of injury. Russell's appearance on Friday was the first time she and Beger stepped foot on the same field since early June 2006 after an ankle injury sidelined her for most of her senior year of high school.

After coming to Rice, she experienced another setback when she suffered a concussion in an accident during her workouts. After playing on the same side of the field for most of their careers, Russell playing in the backfield and Beger at midfield wing, stepping back on the turf was a special moment for Russell.

"Since you get into the game, the intensity is high and everyone plays a little differently," she said. Beger, who tore her ACL in 2006, and Russell, with these experiences behind her, bring the understanding of battling through injury to a team that has faced before under the pressure of falling players. Russell's return controlled perfectly with the numerous holes that opened after the defense was dissolved due to injury.
SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Rice vs. North Texas

Sept. 26, 2008 - Rice Stadium

Rice - 77
North Texas - 20

Total Yards

Rice - 441
North Texas - 380

RU - Dillard 30 pass from Gibson (Fangmeier kick)
RU - Clement 25 run (Fangmeier kick)
RU - Dillard 3 pass from Clement (Fangmeier kick)
RU - Knox 3 run (Fangmeier kick)
NT - Montgomery 15 run (Knott kick)

Passing

Rice - Clement 22-28-5-298, Goodson 1-1-1-30, Randolph 1-14, Henderson 5-11, Dupree 3-6
North Texas - Sanders 13, Chavez 12, Mendenhall 6, White 1

Rushing Yards (net)

Rice - Holderness 13, Morgan 13, Bogan 11, Gillette 10, Schamun 47, McClean 4, Lam 3, Holderness 2, Morgan 2
North Texas - Sanders 13, Langkahle 12, Harmston 1, Miller 17, Radosevic 10, Lindelow 7, Linder 3, Vlaskovic 3, McCord 4, Bogan 2

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VOLLEYBALL

Rice vs. UTEP

Sept. 26, 2008 - El Paso, Texas

Rice - 30 25 25 20 25
UTEP - 18 21 24

SERVICE Aces

Rice - Schamun 5, McClean 4, Grigsby 1, Schamun 6, McClean 6, McCord 4, Bogan 2
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Prem Ramkumar
FOR THE PREVIEW

NFL season without Tom Brady has no meaning

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What is the point of watching professional football when the quarterback who was featured in nearly every "SportsCenter" highlight reel last year is sitting on the sideline? When Brady single-handedly resurrected Randy Moss' career by hooking up with him for touchdowns after touchdown at an unbelievable pace and achieved perfection in the regular season, he became the poster boy of both the NFL and my money.

Undeniably, a healthy Brady ranks above Rice-Hall, the successor to the 1999 pick, even Brett Favre (I said it). Even the most ardent Tom Brady hater has to admit that Brady has been the most successful quarterback ever, a true Hall of Famer. But when the reigning MVP misses almost a whole season, you begin to wonder what the point of watching the NFL is.

Even if Brady threw away the entire 2008-'09 season to stand out among previous seasons, Brady has carried the NFL on his shoulders since the turn of the millennium, and as he suddenly dropped from the scene, fans will slowly begin to realize what we've been missing.

We will all miss his broken records and amazing scrambles. We will all miss someone to hate and love for the exact same reason. We will all miss Tom Brady on the front page of Sports Magazine as we wait for the Super Bowl but leave with a better outcome. We needed to prove we could win without him, with the playoff scramble only one year behind us. We needed to prove that our team was the last one opposing teams want to see get off the charter bus at the stadium.

Even if Brady threw away all his wonders on the field, the NFL would still need him and his publicity. Brady can't take a walk around Foxborough without making front page of the local newspapers, only helping the NFL's publicity.

Get more in the way of the pregame.

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We will all miss his broken records and amazing scrambles. We will all miss someone to hate and love for the exact same reason. We will all miss Tom Brady on the front page of Sports Magazine as we wait for the Super Bowl but leave with a better outcome. We needed to prove we could win without him, with the playoff scramble only one year behind us. We needed to prove that our team was the last one opposing teams want to see get off the charter bus at the stadium.

Even if Brady threw away all his wonders on the field, the NFL would still need him and his publicity. Brady can't take a walk around Foxborough without making front page of the local newspapers, only helping the NFL's publicity.
Alexa Corrali in form the heart of the backline.
With a show-up defense, the remainder of conference play will return to the theme of consistency and mental toughness.
"We have been playing for everyone who's healthy," Pettic said. "What is done is done. We have to move forward. We are a team that prides ourselves on working hard. We may be the underdog, but we have proved ourselves to not be overlooked."

This weekend ends the Owls' homestand with games against Southern Methodist University and University of Tulsa on Friday and Sunday, respectively. It will be the last weekend of fall.
"We have a very exciting match tonight coming," Pettic said. "It is awesome to be home and tough being on the road, so we want to make sure we take care of business while we're here."

Now, both freshmen are being asked to carry a large load and fill positions that had previously been held by experienced long-time starters. Both cited junior Shelley Wong and sophomore Meredith Schumann as players that exhibit the hardworking, consistent attitude that has become synonymous with the Rice brand of soccer.

Coming off a tough loss in the opening game of conference play, the duo knows that the pressure is on.

"It's going to be fun," Beger said. "We have been growing as players for the last four years. It is not really a change."

"Their roles on the field have not changed, their ability and position as leaders on the field are constantly developing. With each other's help, the Willcoxes will help elevate Rice Owls Soccer to new heights."

As far as this season goes, no matter which team is considered champion in the conference, the Owls will forever be detailed because they never played against Tom Brady. It is not fair to them, the league or Tom Brady.
If case anyone had any doubt, it is unimpossible to expect Matt Cassel to lead the Patricions to a Super Bowl victory like Brady himself did in 2002 when then-starter Drew Bledsoe went down.

Although this season may be more interesting because it gives other teams like the Pittsburgh Steelers, Jacksonville Jaguars and San Diego Chargers a better shot to win the Super Bowl, the NFL will only truly recover from this crippling injury when Tom Brady steps back onto the field.

Peter Rankumar is a Jones College freshman.

Meredith Schumann and sophomore Them Tracey Lam played key roles in the match. Schumann, named C-USA setter of the week, posted 29 assists and averaged 2.5 per game. Lam set her match-high in digs with 21. Both set players are earning national attention, as Schumann is third in the nation in assists, and Lam is seventh in digs per set.

Coming off the win against UTEP, Rice's confidence was at a high in preparation to face off against perennial C-USA winner Tulane. The Owls' confidence showed as Rice broke an early 6-6 tie in the first set to defeat the Green Wave 25-21.

Volpe said Tulane stepped up its play in the second set of the match.

"Tulane started attacking us more aggressively, both with their serve and with their attacking," she said.

They took us out of system a little bit and anytime that happens it's a little bit harder to get a kill."

"The strong attacking from Tulane led them to a second set 25-18 win. The Green Wave continued to cause the Owls trouble, coming back from a 14-10 Rice lead in set three to knot the score at 22. After senior outside hitter Karyn Morgan scored a kill to take it to 27-25, Tulane responded with a five-point run to take the set 25-24."

Both teams displayed intense play in the fourth set. Rice went ahead 18-15, attempting to force a fifth game. However, despite multiple kills from sophomore middle blocker Caroline Gill, Tulane broke the 24-24 tie to take the set 25-24 and the match.

After losing two close matches to Tulane last season, this year's loss was hard for Rice to stomach.

"We were honestly really disappointed because we knew we were right up there with them as one of the best teams in the league," Gill said. "It was disappointing to lose but it definitely lit a fire, because we want to kill them when they come to Houston."

Alongside Gill and Morgan, freshman outside hitter Ashleigh McCord contributed significantly to Rice's match against the Green Wave. Volpe said she is looking for McCord to make a bigger impact as the Owls progress through their schedule.

"She had a phenomenal match: 16 kills, no errors," Volpe said. "She was a little bit shaky over the last couple matches. Against Tulane, she really played hurt. We knew we were going to need her physicality against Tulane because she's such a strong hitter; she's got a big jump; she's got a big arm [... I think she's going to play a huge role this year and down the road."

After the loss to Tulane, Rice is 9-3 overall on the season and 1-1 in conference play. Volpe said she is pleased with her team's start to the conference portion of the season.

"I think this is one of the best teams I've ever coached," she said. "Talent alone, we're sold, but they really play hard for each other and respect each other. Statistically, we're first in the conference in kills, assists, and digs."

According to Gill, the strong chemistry the team shares this year is a product of the players spending time together off the court.

"I definitely think we have a lot more chemistry than last year because we all hang out not only best friends, but we're all best friends, and we all know what we're going to do," she said. "We never have any conflicts and if we do, they're resolved like nothing so we all get along really well."

Come to the Rice University Law School Fair!
Come meet and ask questions of representatives from prestigious law schools from around the country. This year's participants include Stanford, Columbia, New York University, University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern, Cornell, Duke, University of Texas, UCLA, Vanderbilt and many more!

Thursday, October 30, 2008
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Tuesday, October 30, 2008
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008

**PUMPKINS!**

Pumpkin Grades come out today. This is an exciting time for everyone. (Of this doesn't seem like a joke to you, ask an upperclassman.)

 Pronunciation uncertain

Tonight's starlight movie. Young Frankensteins. Same bar time/same hot place. (Which I just found out is a reference to Batman. Awesome.) That time and place is tonight at 7 p.m. in the Rice Stadium. For more info, visit www.rice.edu/movie.

Why isn't it ever Sullivan and Gilbert?

Gilbert & Sullivan's Trial By Jury is a comic social commentary on Victorian, no, not people from Victoria; people from the Victorian era. In England. Oh, glad we solved that. Rice Light Opera will be performing the show tonight in Hamman Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are $5 for the public, $3 for the Rice community.

**HOW TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS**

The deadline for submission is 3 p.m. on Monday before publication. Submissions are printed on a space-available basis.

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- Campus Mail: Calendar Editor, 416-224

**FRIDAY CTDN.**

**WEDNESDAY 8**

Talk about alchies and the drinking thereof!

Another alcohol policy meeting is being held today at 7 p.m. in the RMC's Meyer Conference Room. No one's complained yet that I'm advertising these, so I assume it's still cool if anyone shows up.

Yes, it's like a telegraph — you are very clever to notice that. This is a direct quote from an electronic message left on my doorstep: "By the way, I should give it to you, a Certified Mindfulness Teacher, claim that it takes only 20 minutes to "release stress and refocus energy." (And this method doesn't require any controlled substances, I think.) Learn how at "The Nine Days Sessions," scheduled three days a week from now until finals. Find your inner bliss at the Rice Chapel at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

FRIDAY CTDN.

Dear God, please tell me this is the sequel to that movie about the kid who plays a game with a supercomputer that turns out to not really be a game due to some programming error...shit! What's it called?

Who knew that "realism's 'secrecy dilemma' perpetuates a hypermasculine war game that is also coloring in nature"? That's the subject of the Calendar's Lecture of the Week, "Hypermasculine War Games Translating US-China," featuring I.H.M. Ling, Associate Professor in the New School's International Affairs Department, and other initials as well! More description of how we (the U.S.) celebrate "you Western Others." Other surprises follow. Find out how to be a real man at 7 p.m. in Humanities 117.

**SATURDAY 4**

Prohibit by Prohibit-west

Hanszen College's Prohibit-athon Party is tonight from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. in the Hanszen Commons, celebrating all things spies, including the beginning of the Deposition Familiaris, and chillingly accurate! You know what else is accurate? These words: "basically, since we aren't old enough in drinck, we have to 'rule' it like we do at every other party."

**SUNDAY 5**

The show features multi-cultural international dance (apparently they aren't the same thing) and a music show by children, topped with a 'vandal-lighting ceremony for peace.' Sounds delicious.

**MONDAY 6**

Edutainment is back, baby.

Ari Rang Korean Folk Dance Group is presenting "Land of Morning Calm," hoping to both educate and entertain, as a part of Miller Outdoor Theatre's "Discover Korea and its Richness" show. It's today at 11 a.m. in Hermann Park.

Come talk to Ohio

This week Ohio will be in Baker Hall 106, today at 3:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY 7**

Get more

Guest artist Pam Longobardi from Georgia State University will make art — while you watch! She'll be making large scale monoprints for the next three days (1) from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the VADA (1) print studio (Sewall Hall 201). (1)

A cheesier name? I doubt there's no cheese with mine.

"Dinosaurology of a species... an anagogic presentation of the history of your species from our guest Charlotte to today's hip hop," is this morning at 11 a.m. Head over to Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park to learn how the wails turned into the grind.

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Rice flips to Facebook finances
Check, transplant requests replaced with HonestyBox, Graffiti

In a move ostensibly designed to "REALLY bring Rice into its second renaissance," Vice President for Finance Kathy Collins announced that all college and club accounts, which were recently moved to Rice's BANNER network from JP Morgan and Chase Bank, are now being moved to social network phenomenon Facebook. They will be joined on the familiar blue-and-white Web site by Rice's Employ- ees and Student Tools, Help and Ele- tronic Resources application, more commonly known as EURR.

The new Facebook-enabled appli- cation allows Rice students to request checks, declare their majors and hunt for swastika phobs of futties working the Women's Resource Center while being served relevant, content-driven advertisements and having all of their personal information record- ed, forever.

Student reaction to the changes was generally negative.

"Facebook! What the hell!" ex- claimed Marlo College treasurer Gordon Fletcher. "I just quit that thing because of all those stupid appli- cations and the people I'm lumped with. And besides, if all our money is de- pendent on the equivalent of Face- book pokes... I don't know. For some reason this doesn't really strike me as a good idea in spitting on us with such short notice. And now Kathy Collins won't stop inviting me to his Party Wall thing."

"I'm sure this is a great idea. Let me know if it's a success," explained Collins in a Backpage-ex- clusive interview. "I haven't looked at the college budgets, or even really stepped inside a college, and I can't imagine that they need too much money after 5 (p.m.) on the weekends, or at least I hope not, because I really don't check my Facebook when I'm not in the office. I'm pretty sure that we can have this up and running before the end of this month or... test it."

University officials expressed this optimism differently.

"Rice-flipping Facebook. This is cer-

tainly the first time I've heard of this. I'm gonna do some research into this and get back to you."

Dean of Undergraduates Robin Foman said when asked about the collective mindshare.

"I do not know what it takes to get people CARE!... MEGAN! MEGAN! Ship Parties, LA PALOOZA! Athletics Director, on how to fet PARTIES AND SPACEMEN PIRATE PARTIES, SPACE HELP WANTED IN THE SEATS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO GET PEOPLE CARE!... MEGAN! MEGAN!

...MEGAN!

"APPLY TO WRITE THE BACKPAGE."

This part this of the Backpage isn't a joke. Neither are these photos. I get paid to do this stuff every week, and I need someone (preferably with a good accent, or "southern" voice) to help me do it. This isn't that really the Backpage style. You just need to be a Rice student, or at least available on the weekends.

If you think you have the calavere to make jokes every single god- damn week, rain or shine, and you want to get paid to do it, email me at backpage@rice.edu for more information.

The Backpage is mostly same and is written, poorly, by Timothy Faust. Where are you, Valhalla, when I want you most?