OP-ED

The minibus equation

How does your student take public transportation?

We're number one! As detailed in this week's Princeton Review, Rice is the top ranked college in the "best quality of life" category.

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Rice ranks

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quality of life.

He attributed the residential

system for undergraduates as the most important contributor to quality of life.

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pus, a small friendly environment and the kind of community Rice is. "It's part of our culture," Leebron said. "We're better at being small and dynamic."

This university offers the best combination of a beautiful cam-
pus, a small, friendly environment and the opportunities of a big
city.

David Leebron

President

Rice ranks top in quality

McMurtry is in tents!

By Cindy Dimi

THREESER EDITORIAL STAFF

Despite a tough economy and cutbacks in spending, Rice received $1 million in funding this summer from the National Institute of Stan-
dard and Technology to aid in con-
struction of the Brockman Hall for

Brockman Hall will house physics researchers from the Department of Physics and Astronomy department, which was spread from Hernan Hall to Dell Butcher Hall.

Brockman Hall will incorporate vibration and noise-controlled underground labs, as well as better temperature, humidity and airflow controls.

Spanish Resource Center

Rayzor Hall welcomes

By Jocelyn Wright

THREESER EDITORIAL STAFF

The new Spanish Resource Cen-
ter, which opened this summer, will

offers students an opportunity to

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STAND! CHEER! DRINK MORE... err, you get the

idea.

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Spanish Resource Center

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the surrounding community as well.

"I hope it will be promoted in HISD
schools," Martinez said. "The center is a good start, but it needs to be advertised on- and off-campus."

The center, which is one of 13 in the United States, houses a col-
lection of 2,600 books, 200 refer-
cence materials such as dictionaries, grammar books and encyclopaedia
resources for teaching Spanish as a foreign language and a movie col-
lection of over 400 Spanish films. Hale said that the center is being used by a variety of classes and which ones would be acces-
sible only in the center.

Hernandez said that although the center is hosted in Houston, it could also organize activities away from Houston to acco-
modate the needs of other cities in Texas.

There are Spanish Resource Cen-
ters throughout the world in over 30 countries, some of which have been around for over 15 years, Hernandez said. Though the Spanish Resource Center in Texas was previously hosted at the

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McMurtry and their advisors mingle outside of their tent commons, waiting for a dodgeball game to begin on

Wednesday. To find out how the McMurtrians and their rival Duncaroos are being welcomed into the college system, turn to our four-page spread on Rice's two newest members, which begins on page 11.
The Rice Thresher

New colleges promise growth, opportunities

It's been nearly four years since President David Leebron first unveiled his plans to bring a pair of new colleges into Rice's fold; it's been two years since students first began noticing the signs of construction, from the green fences to the towering cranes. It's been a year since we first began seeing the skeleton of the structures thrown up, beam by beam, mortar and brick and wood alike.

At long last, five days ago, McMurtry and Duncan Colleges finally opened their doors to their first classes and began their first foray into the inconvertable Rice college system (see story, page 1). They represent the spearhead of Leebron's Vision for the Second Century, a plan to expand Rice's earth, new building at a time!

Printing version of GA ensures integrity

Today, I am going to justify killing trees.

Upon first glance, this seems like a perfectly logical and admirable action. The Registrar's Office saves both money and trees by not printing and binding copies of the GA for every student, and most students, indeed. But what others view as progress I see as a strike against the Registrar's official campus publications. Sure, the "dead trees" edition of the GA serves a very specific purpose: It is your protection against the Registrar.

When you submit your final application for your degree from Rice, you get to choose to graduate with the requirements from either your matriculation year or your graduation year. Seeing as how you have no idea what those requirements will be four years into the future when you matriculate, most students graduate with the requirements from their matriculation year. Those requirements are set in stone — or rather in ink — in the GA.

The great problem with fully comprehensive final exams is that it can be changed. Someone in the Registrar's Office can declare that you actually wrote the test, and voila! Your requirements are changed. Someone in the Registrar's Office can decide that you actually meant to say that the hours of upper-level credit are required for graduation instead of all, or that this course is required for your major instead of that one. Even if you print the GA in your zoom the second after you matriculate, it is still your word against theirs — what ever happened to the day when you didn't change the GA to suit your needs?

Don't get me wrong — I am not trying to paint the Registrar's Office as an Orwellian organization that does not want students to graduate. However, this worst-case scenario is entirely for entertained; the Bush White House had a well-documented history of selectively distributing press conferences to better re-ech the administration. When we live in a world in which print media has gone to the wayside, the word of authority is taking over the general populace.

While I greatly appreciate the fact that I have a copy of the GA sitting on my bookshelf, I realize that of today's financial and social obligations we may not be able to afford every student that luxury. However, it is entirely necessary to print archival copies. Each academic department and residential college should receive between five and ten copies, and the library and Registrar's Office should keep copies accessible to students. Sure, a couple of trees might have to fall in order to keep the world in which print media comes to fruition. But aren't a few dead logs worth our students' academic protection?

Eric Doctor is a Wheaton College senior and design director.
Op-Ed

Minibus system can aid mass transit

STANDING ON a street corner near the Pacific Ocean in Lima, Peru, I asked a gentleman if he could take me downtown. He pointed to a small minivan van pulling up behind him. A few of these minibuses would pass every minute and cost about a quarter.

David Splitter

I'd seen them before, but never in such a system. And after using them to ride to and from, I can honestly say that if there were minibuses in Houston and I had to wait less than a minute for one, I would probably sell my car.

Like most people, I hate waiting for buses. Economists have quantified this distaste: People would pay six times as much to reduce their commuting time by one minute. I can also tell you that if you are used to riding in a minivan with a driver that didn't mind your asking to stop every few minutes, you will have a hard time adjusting to waiting two or three minutes for a bus.

Small businesses run minibuses in cities around the world. They can quickly adapt their routes in response to changes in travel demand. They can also tailor their service with adjustable fares to go a little off route to your doorstep. But here in Houston you cannot enjoy these services.

The monthly METRO report estimates that the Houston County METRO maintains a monopoly on running buses and minibuses without a fixed schedule, meaning they cannot run effective carpools between your neighborhood and downtown. Otherwise, we could see some minibuses offering services like wireless internet and coffee bars.

Minivans also cannot go off route or adjust rates, meaning they can't change charge extra to take you to your doorstep. Probably most ridiculous is the fact that jitneys cannot operate without an approved vehicle for more than five years old.

All of these restrictions mean that the Harris County METRO maintains a monopoly on running buses and minibuses within the region. It was the kind of hope that made the Harris County METRO you usually need to enjoy these services.

The plans are laid out, leading the Ontario Highway Transportation Department currently catering to students preferring short waits, but here in Houston you cannot enjoy these services. To ride Harris County METRO you must wait a half a minute between buses. So Houstonians of all ages and backgrounds, have the same driver every day and pay the driver at most once a week.

This is how legal monopolies, like most city buses, tend to define “bread” market share. But even if these innovative programs cause some loss of ridership on city buses, they can help fulfill the goal of mass transit: moving people where they want to go.

Casey Michel

I was in the middle of it this summer, in the New York magazine district, glancing at the lessons learnt from the movers of the publishing world. They admitted their failings. They told me what to expect in the immediate future. They made sure that my job prospects were grounded in reality, stuck in the mud of the recession and the layoffs.

I sat with them, face to face, micro-toophone to audience, and heard them lay out their plans for regaining journalism’s foundations.

And I didn’t see worry. I didn’t see the sallow, empty dreams I was promised. I didn’t see the hapless executives railing the leaves for the Mad Max leftovers.

I saw reasons to hope.

Not Obama-style hope, the kind the bills you up and lifts you from a precipice, calm hope, one that doesn’t translate into puffed up speeches and inevitable compromise.

It was the kind of hope that gives you thinking, the kind of hope that reminds you why you chose to work in an industry that everyone is already sabotaging.

They only barely talked of the present, sure, they touched on the depressing, people with dreams of years of experience, not to mention entire magazines, had found themselves in the Manhattan soup lines. They sugar-coated nothing, however, they focused on the crux of the issue, and the nature of the threats are too short-sighted to see the way things are going.

The issue at hand, for those unfamiliar with the ins and outs of the publishing business, is the creation of digital information and proving its value.

Perhaps, for historical reasons. The creation of digital information is a place, in contrast to much of America, where the black-and-palette technology is obvious to anyone who took third-grade art class. Online media is no longer the digital elephant in the room; it's as real to Brett Favre's máyice. (You can check out ricethresher.org for up-to-the-minute updates on pertinent news and sports shorts.)

The giants of the magazines know this, and they know it well, which is why their ideas, while varied and radical, are more than enough to quell my nerves. Granted, to avoid getting blackballed, the details can't be hashed out in this column. But you know the Kindle? Yeah, get used to it, but don’t blanche when you meet its new and improved cousins.

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Financial aid simplifies job search with new board

BY CINDY DINH

Rice University career staff

Finding work in this economy can be a job in itself, from scanning classified ads and bulletin boards to relying on word-of-mouth or random online postings. Finding a job on campus, however, has been streamlined to a single Web site on the Rice Financial Aid Student Job Board. Students can now go online to search for jobs on campus such as office assistants, research assistants, lifeguards or class graders.

Students can access the job board at jobs.financialaid.rice.edu by signing in with their NetID under the tab "Applicants." The Web site launched in June 2009, replacing the previous sites. College Words by Web, which was managed by an outside technology company. The job board is now hosted by Rice Information Technology and is customized to meet Rice's needs. Quality Control Analyst for the Office of Financial Aid Deborah Lassus said. Students can log in with their NetID and password to browse the list of jobs as well as create a profile with job skills and work experience and upload a plain-text resume.

"It provides a high-tech bulletin board that all students on campus can benefit from," Lassus said. "It replaces the need to go to different departments to look for job postings."

Department supervisors can post and take down jobs at their own discretion instead of waiting for IT to post them. Lassus said she hopes this easier-to-use Web site will encourage more departments to use it as another form of advertising jobs in addition to intrawebs, bulletin board postings, and word of mouth.

Using the NetID to log in for both student applicants and supervisors means the system is more secure and simplifies the screening process to ensure only people who are affiliated with Rice can post jobs. Lassus, who is in charge of managing and approving postings to the job board, said. The jobs posted are all on-campus positions, which differentiates the Web site from the career job and internship postings on RiceLink, which is managed by the Center for Student Professional Development.

Lassus said the Office of Financial Aid is trying to make it easier for students who qualify for federal work study to find jobs on campus. A few of the positions on the job board are available only for students who qualify for work study, but, as of publication, two-thirds of the jobs listed are available for all students.

According to Student Financial Services Assistant Director Twetta Scales, the number of students who receive financial aid and qualify for federal work study has increased. Though the Office of Financial Aid is still processing applications, she estimates 500 students will qualify for federal work study this year, about 30 more students than last year.

"Between the time when students apply for financial aid, in February or March, to the time they start school, people have been losing jobs and may now qualify for financial aid," Scales said.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2009
Comp exam results remain steady despite class growth

BY JOCelyn WRIGHT
Townsend Journalism Staff

Even though the size of the freshman class increased substantially, the percent of students passing the composition exam remained at 71 percent, indicating both the reliability of the exam and the consistent strength of the incoming class, Program for Communications Excellence Director Deborah Barrett said.

Although the percent of international freshmen increased by 67 percent this year, Barrett said this did not make any difference to the exam results, a trend consistent with last year when the percent of students passing the exam increased substantially, also consistent with last year when four full-time faculty in the Program for Communication Excellence, which will make it possible to accommodate the course needs of students as the freshman population continues to grow.

The exam results for 2008 and 2009 are significantly better than those for the 2007 incoming class, when only 52 percent of the incoming students passed. Barrett attributed this to a number of factors, including the false rumors circulating among incoming students on Facebook and online discussion boards that every- one passed the composition exam. For the first time, the composition exam was hosted on the Program for Communication Excellence Website instead of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Web site, a switch that made reporting grades to the increased class significantly easier, Barrett said. Instead of reporting grades and feedback on Owlspace, as had been done previously, students were able to log onto the Web site using their NetID and password to view their results. Barrett said this process eliminated the complications that came with trying to host a large database on Owlspace.

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All 15 Fellows completed 4- to 12-week service placements in Latin America or Asia during summer 2009.

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To learn more about the Fellowship and this year’s deadlines, visit the Community Involvement Center’s web site at http://cic.rice.edu.

Brothers remembered for community service

BY JOSH RUTENBERG
THE ROCK THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

Stone Taylor Weeks, 24, and William Holt Weeks, 20, died in a car crash July 23 en route to Washington, D.C. The brothers, both researchers at the Baker Institute of Public Policy, were traveling to visit family and friends, and to attend a party celebrating the release of history professor and Baker Institute fellow Douglas Brinkley’s new book, The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America.

Within the history department, Stone worked for Brinkley as a research assistant after graduating with a B.A. in History from the University of Delaware in 2007.

“His presence will be greatly missed at Rice,” Brinkley said. “It’s going to take years to reorganize my scholarly life without him. His presence will be greatly missed at Rice.”

When Christopher Bronk, a fellow in technology, society and public policy at the Baker Institute, needed a summer intern in 2008, Stone nominated his younger brother, who went by his middle name, Holt.

“Holt was very diligent and incredibly upbeat,” Bronk said. “He suffered from being second-guessed by me and other professors, but he was always willing to go back to the drawing board. He enjoyed the challenge.”

Holt began working for Bronk in the summer of 2008, while still attending Eckerd College in Saint Petersburg, Fla. Bronk said Holt transferred to Rice this summer both for a more rigorous academic experience and to be closer to Stone, but never matriculated. The research Holt conducted on green computing led to the development of a graduate-level course on environmental sustainability and technology.

The Weeks brothers had a long streak of philanthropy. The brothers spent Sundays feeding the homeless. Stone participated in a muscular dystrophy camp and Habitat for Humanity. Likewise, Holt served in student government at his high school, where he started a fundraising campaign to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation has been set up in their memory, with the mission, “to make the world a better place for all.” The foundation will support causes that the brothers championed in life, like The Beacon in Houston, Habitat for Humanity and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Stone and Holt were born in Savannah, Ga., and Little Rock, Ark., respectively. The brothers grew up in Bethesda, Md., and were very close throughout their lives. They enjoyed playing sports together, eating sushi and singing karaoke. Stone was researching the history of the environmental movement, while Holt was looking into environmental technology.

Friends and family created a Facebook page in their memory to share stories and their support. Stone and Holt are survived by their parents, Linton Weeks, a national correspondent for NPR Digital News, and Jan Taylor Weeks, an Artist-in-Residence at the Marchutz School in Aix-en-Provence, France. A celebration of Stone and Holt’s lives was held August 2 at the Washington National Cathedral.

A memorial is expected to take place at the Baker Institute once the family is ready, Bronk said.

Come Worship with Us!

West University Baptist Church invites you to worship, the study of God’s Word and fellowship. We have both contemporary and traditional Sunday worship services, as well as a college-level Bible study class that is attended by many Rice University students and taught by Dr. Jim Tour. Free breakfast is always served in the class. Located two miles directly west of campus at 6218 Auden between University and Rice. Free round-trip shuttle service is provided each Sunday morning leaving at 8:15 AM and 9:15 AM on the loop in front of Rice’s Allen Center. See www.wubc.org for details, or call 713-668-2319.

Contemporary Worship: 8:30 AM
Bible Study Class: 9:45 AM
Traditional Worship: 11:00 AM
Rice professor leaves legacy of compassion

BY SARAH BUTLEDGE

Edith Wyschogrod, a former religious studies professor, died July 16. She was 74.

Wyschogrod, a native New Yorker, started her career teaching philosophy at Queens College of City University of New York. She advanced from lecturer to a permanent member of their faculty and, in 1965, to chair of the department. She held that position until 1970, when she was appointed Religious Studies Department Chairman.

At the time of Wyschogrod’s arrival, the department was more of a theological seminary than an academic religious department. Religious Studies Professor William Parsons said. The department primarily focused on Christianity and Western thought and the faculty numbered fewer than 10 professors.

Seeking to transform the department, Religious Studies chair William Parsons said. A new kind of “intellectual leader” was needed. President Richard R. Rettew and Religious Studies Chair Werner Kelber, Dean of Humanities at Vassar College, hired Rupp, a former religion professor, to bring the Jay Newton Rayzor Chair for Philosophy and Religion.

“Rice has the best balance between academic and extracurricular,” is an organization for anyone interested in Computer Science, but was originally founded to provide intellectual stimulation and serve as an information network for individuals interested in Computer Science. But he was originally founded to support the development of Rice. For more information, visit www.cs.rice.edu/custers. Computer Science Clubs

ACM Programming Competition – Each year, a group of Rice CS undergraduates attend this international programming competition sponsored by IBM and ACM. The team consistently places in the top ten. The first meeting will be held August 28 at 4 PM, Duncan Hall, Room 3076. For more information, visit the faculty advisor, John Grant (grant@rice.edu).

Custers is an organization for anyone interested in Computer Science, but was originally founded to support undergraduate enrollment at Rice. For more information, visit www.ruf.rice.edu/custers or contact Emily Fortuna (fortuna@rice.edu).

CS Club provides intellectual stimulation and serves as an information network for individuals interested in Computer Science. Their weekly lunches feature guest speakers, and the club has hosted events such as the annual Computer Science Symposium. For more information, visit www.rice.edu/...geeks.

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- Help solve the major challenges facing the world. The world faces significant problems in the areas of health, energy, and the environment. Bioinformatics combines biological techniques to develop new drugs or understanding the causes of cancer. Estimating the impact of various new energy technologies, “smart” technology solutions have the potential to reduce energy consumption and alleviate many environmental problems.

- Work on intellectually stimulating technical problems. Though solving global problems is an exciting goal, careers in CS can also provide day-to-day challenges such as understanding the dynamics of social networks or creating real-time algorithms for the next Hollywood blockbuster. Using computational thinking to solve complex technical problems is an activity that many people enjoy.

- Make lots of money. Starting salaries for CS majors are excellent. In fact, one recent Computing Research Association survey rated CS majors as having one of the highest average starting salaries out of 16 technical and non-technical fields. For those interested in larger salaries, they can sign on with start-up companies or even start their own businesses. CS majors can also apply their technical training to lucrative fields such as commodities trading or patent law.
NEW MINOR IN POVERTY, JUSTICE, AND HUMAN CAPABILITIES (PJHC)

The Program in Poverty, Justice, and Human Capabilities (PJHC), which is housed in the Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, provides students with a multi-faceted understanding of human well-being, both in the US and internationally. The new interdisciplinary PJHC minor emphasizes a "capabilities approach," which considers what people are able to do and be—for example, live to old age and engage in economic and political activities—rather than strictly what they have or do not have. A key goal of the PJHC minor is to enrich Rice students' understanding of poverty and inequality and train them to be future leaders in solving global problems in human well-being. Furthermore, the program aims to promote dialogue among all disciplines about how to address issues of poverty alleviation and human well-being.

The PJHC minor combines high-caliber undergraduate courses with internship experiences for students to work in the summer or as part of a study abroad program with agencies that help disadvantaged communities and people. Through academic and experiential learning opportunities, students explore a deeper understanding of the structural factors underlying poverty, human well-being, and potential policy solutions.

PJHC MINOR CORE REQUIRED COURSES

- HUMA 280/SCOL 280: Introduction to Poverty, Justice, and Capabilities
  This course provides an introduction to the study of poverty, justice, and capabilities. The course considers theory and policy oriented towards improving human well-being in the US, Asia, Africa, and other countries. Readings address not just material deprivations but also gender, racial and ethnic disparities, health status, education, human rights, and political freedoms.

- SWGS 422: Gender and Global Economic Justice
  This course explores theoretical approaches to gender equality, human well-being, and justice in local and global societies. Topics include: material, cultural, and social influences on human well-being; the organization of productive and reproductive work, paid and unpaid work; children, family, and gender relations; globalization and economic justice; and the capabilities approach to human well-being.

- POLI 338: Policy Analysis OR SOC 470: Inequality and Urban Life

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

BIOE 362: Bioengineering for Global Health Environment, Richards-Kortum
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ECON 450: World Economic and Social Development, Gillis
Examines past and future development in advanced and poor countries, emphasizing resources, population, entrepreneurship, education, and planning.

ENGL 342: Survey of Victorian Fiction, Michie
A survey of many genres of the nineteenth-century novel, this course will try to come to terms with some of the insistently questions posed by and through the fiction of the period, including responses to poverty and class conflict and the tension between the public and private sphere. Although this is a three-credit course, there is also a one-credit trailer, open to all but especially designed for students interested in the study of poverty, where we will look at non-fictional sources dealing with various social problems and will think through their relation to the novel. Cross-listed with SWGS 372.

HIST 455: History of Human Rights, Wildenthal
Seminar will explore the history of human rights through disciplines of anthropology and legal philosophy as well as historical case studies of individual states and human rights organizations. Students will undertake independent research on an issue, location, and period of their choosing.

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

POLI 438: Race and Public Policy, Brandon
Study of minority group politics and how race structures contemporary US politics. Includes myths and realities of minority groups, symbolic politics and race, pluralism as a model of US democracy, the intersection of class, race, and gender, civil rights movements, group consciousness, public opinion regarding minorities, and responses of national institutions to race issues.

SWGS 101: Introduction to Women and Gender, Forbis and Labuski
An introductory survey of issues in the study of gender, such as women's social, political, and legal status in the US and globally; feminist perspectives on sexuality, race, the body, globalization, labor, and culture; and the implications of these perspectives for social and critical theory. The course also introduces the concept of engaged research and the public service components of feminist activity.

SWGS 422: Gender and Global Economic Justice, Strassmann
This course explores theoretical approaches to gender equality, human well-being, and justice in local and global societies. Topics include: material, cultural, and social influences on human well-being; the organization of productive and reproductive work, paid and unpaid work; children, family, and gender relations; globalization and economic justice; and the capabilities approach to human well-being.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Fondren unveils new "One Search" tool for users

Fondren Library has made several changes to their system to make research easier for students and faculty. Over the summer, Fondren introduced "One Search," a comprehensive search engine similar to Google that will simultaneously pull results from Thomson’s catalog and the approximately 50 databases currently registered at Rice. Previous users have said this tool will be far more effective and convenient than searching through these databases individually. It also added the search has been enhanced to include results from the titles of contents and book reviews.

"In our survey two years ago, we most noticed that students wanted something like a Google search for Fondren," Lowman said. She said that several universities have similar programs, but the concept is fairly new; the University of Oklahoma was the first to launch such a tool, and it only did so last fall, Lowman said. Fondren has been developing the tool for a year, and it has been live since April in order to make the search more understandable. So far it has received positive reviews, Lowman said.

To streamline their system, Fondren will now use Rice NetFlix in place of library pin numbers for login to Intracyclic Library (ILL) and Catalog User Services, as well as Course Reserves, Assistant University Librarian for IT Diane Butler said.

"People don't want to have to remember five different passwords every time they try to log on," Butler said. "We're really trying to make things more efficient and in the long run, easier for us.

Butler said that the new system will tie into the main university system, allowing Fondren to more easily keep track of who is currently registered at Rice.

Fondren's Web site will also be getting an overhaul, Butler said, as the library upgraded to a new version of software that made the Web site aesthetically appealing. Butler hopes that by next fall a mobile version of Fondren's Web site will be up and running. These changes were inspired by student and faculty opinions, Butler said.

"We're always doing surveys and listening to what people want," Butler said. "When we start hearing what features people want, we do what we can to make [our services] more user-friendly for our community."

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essor of Management, said many positive things were happening to the school – being ranked in the top 50 business schools, based on post-graduate salary, by The Financial Times and The Economist, as well as in the top 40 business schools by U.S. News and World Report. The school will also be launching a new Web site soon. Therefore, Glick said, the school wanted to give a new message.

"Rice is re-evaluating its priorities and going through a brand change," Glick said. "We decided to ask the same question, in order to align ourselves more with the university."

The Jones School has changed its logo to the Rice shield, but according to Glick, the name change will not cause any other changes in the Jones School’s structure. He added that the Jones School intends to do more marketing this coming year to promote their new name.

"It's only the language that has changed over time," Glick said. "Management" used to be a more popular word, but now "business" has taken that place, Glick said. After discussing the changes with the board of trustees and donors and soliciting feedback, Glick said everybody supported Jones' change to a business school. "I've heard no negative response regarding this change," Glick said.

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Students opt for historic housing at old Will Rice

BY JOCELYN WRIGHT

Historic Will Rice opened up this year to ensure that all incoming first-year students have beds on campus, and it will provide temporary on-campus housing to about 75 continuing and transfer students.

Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman said. Although Will Rice College and Baker College will be under construction this year, the 1932 wing of Will Rice is not being renovated, and will stay open this year to house these students.

Currently, Historic Will Rice does not have any of the traditional support systems of a residential college, such as masters or a chief justice, and all residents will remain affiliated with their residential colleges, although Forman said support systems similar to chief justices and student maintenance representatives might be added in the coming weeks.

"It's more like an on-campus apartment complex than a residential college," Forman said.

Director of Events Management in Athletics Janet Contini will live in the building and serve as "something between an RA and a property manager," Forman said.

Since they will be living between two construction sites with considerable amounts of noise, several incentives were offered to students living in Historic Will Rice. Forman said residents were offered a discount of 25 percent on the annual room rate, the option of purchasing the 10-meal per week meal plan, which is otherwise offered exclusively to seniors, free upgraded premium cable in their rooms, new memory-foam mattresses and a discounted fee of $35 per the surcharge for parking in the lot adjacent to the Shepherd School of Music. Residents were also able to apply to live in triple rooms as doubles or in double rooms as singles.

Lovett College senior James Bartlett said there were two big reasons he decided to move to Historic Will Rice.

"First, the money I save on housing and meal plans was important to me," Bartlett said. "Secondly, I had two roommates who wanted a triple suite. We were able to get a triple at Historic Will Rice.

Bartlett added that since Historic Will Rice is right next to Lovett, the commons, masters and the rest of his college community would be easily accessible.

Forman said the idea to open up Historic Will Rice to students had been pitched long before Rice knew it would have more first-year students than expected. Forman said some students had come to him early in the year asking if it was possible to leave the building open as an on-campus housing to allow more students to live on campus. When he first investigated the possibility of having students live in Historic Will Rice, Forman said he found logistical problems with keeping the building open because too many utility outages were expected. In early May, when he revisited the plan as a way to accommodate the larger freshman class, he found that with a "modest investment" Rice could keep the building running continuously.

"It was fortunate that a way to house students on campus had been [discussed] earlier," Forman said. "It worked out remarkably well considering the trying circumstances."

At the point that he sent out an e-mail about Historic Will Rice to students, Forman said his office thought Will Rice would have about 20 more freshmen than anticipated.

"It was never going to be an alternative that met everyone's needs. We wanted something that eight to ten students at each college would find attractive," Forman said students living in Historic Will Rice were more in dependent and that the consequence for those actions should they get in trouble were likely to be more severe because the building does not have all the support structures of a residential college.

"In a residential college, if RUPD gets a call about noise, it's likely they'll call college leaders to address the concern," Forman said. "In Historic Will Rice, they won't have the corresponding infrastructure to rely on, so RUPD will likely play a direct role, and that has implications for the process that follows."

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Once those students had been placed in rooms, the remaining 18 or so beds were split between the nine residential colleges to offer off-campus students who wanted to live on-campus. Currently, 71 students who had been assigned on-campus housing, 50 transfer students and 12 continuing students who were planning on being off-campus will be living in Historic Will Rice.

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At long last, after nearly four years of planning and tens of millions of dollars spent, McMurtry College and Duncan College have opened their doors to their first freshman classes. The most environmentally-friendly colleges on campus, complete with green roofs, "smart" air conditioning and bathroom pods, McMurtry and Duncan represent Rice's strongest efforts yet to reduce its carbon footprint, not to mention its first expansion of the college system since Martel College's completion in 2002.

But what is going to happen to the Bakerites and Will Ricers currently living in the new colleges? Who are the McMurtrys and Duncans, and why did they decide to give approximately $30 million each to expand Rice's college system? And what's up with that giant tent parked outside of McMurtry? Turn the page and find out.
McMurtry, Duncan open with key, green similarities

BY JOSH RUTENBERG
THRESHEDER EDITORIAL STAFF

Not only did they open at the same time, but McMurtry College and Duncan College share many of the same measurements and features. Two measure 125,700 square feet, for a total of 251,400 square feet, including the joint servery. Each features five rooms and 342 beds, split among 175 singles and 167 doubles. While the bottom four floors of each college have an internal hallway, the fifth floor is characterized by a single-width hallway with a terrace. The new colleges also have their own servery, complete with private dining rooms and kitchens.

In addition, both colleges will be the most eco-friendly on campus. Each room in the new colleges is equipped with "smart" air conditioning systems that learn the students' comfort level, and open window and infrared sensors that will put the air conditioning unit in setback mode when the south college renovations are expected to be completed.

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McMurtry College

While the footprint of McMurtry is the same as Duncan's, the layout of the McMurtry's quad is the same as Duncan's, the layout of the television lounge is redesigned, the house into an "L" shape, Howard said. Despite the similarities, the two maintain some key differences.

Duncan College

Duncan is the greener of the two colleges. As FE&P expects the building to obtain the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold certification, the second-highest possible certification. The layout of the McMurtry and Duncan College Masters' House, the construction team redesigned the house into an "L" shape, Howard said. The bathroom pods for the new colleges were also put together prior to construction and then shipped to the Rice campus for installation.

McMurtry and Duncan Colleges each feature a "green roof," an additional sustainable measure unique to these buildings on the Rice campus. The greenery on the roof include irises and dwarf bamboo.
Donors hope to establish legacy, enrich student life

Burton ('56) and Deedee ('56) McMurtry

By Katherine Hu

Both Charles and Deedee McMurtry, both alumni from the Rice University class of 1956, have contributed numerous gifts to their alma mater for a variety of purposes, but the couple have been saving a Rice fund for "something big and important."

"President David Leebron's proposition of expanding the student body with a new residential college appealed greatly to us, and it also fit with our desire to fund something important and unique," Burt said.

The McMurrays' willingness to donate $32 million to Rice is largely due to their experiences at the university. Deedee, who lived less than a block from Rice for most of her childhood, attended Lamar High School before enrolling in Rice in September 1952. In addition to being the first African American to integrate the Rice student body, she was one of the first female students to attend Rice.

In 1979, Carter appointed him the Secretary of Energy post, which he held for some years. During his tenure, he worked for several years in the Fondren Library. He received his B.A. in 1956 and an M.S. in 1959 and his Ph.D. in 1962, both in electrical engineering, and served as a trustee of the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco and as a trustee of Stanford's arts advisory committee. Both said their lives after Rice have been forever influenced by the university.

"Rice has been an important part of our lives," Burt said. "Both my wife and I lived at home during our time at Rice, so it will be fun to see how the new college and students evolve."

Charles ('47) and Anne Duncan

By Katherine Hu

Charles Duncan, who graduated from Rice in 1947, never got to experience the college system, but with a generous, $10 million gift to construct Rice's 10th and newest residential college, the Trustees have made the college system continue to grow. The residential college system is similar to other universities' honors and exclusive, but better," Duncan said. "The colleges give students a home and allow them to enjoy the academic, social and artsy aspects of university equally."

In speaking about his hopes for his namesake college, Duncan said that Rice is one of the nation's leaders in creating a residential college system or improving student life on their own campuses.

Duncan said he hopes the college that bears his name's predicted gold-level certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design will maintain the nation's colleges and universities to go green and support environmental sustainability. Duncan's interest in the environment began when he moved to Washington, D.C. in the late 1970s to serve the nation under President Jimmy Carter. In 1978, Carter appointed him the Secretary of Energy, a job that required intense negotiations with OPEC.

"While I held the Secretary of Energy post, I found that America was incredibly dependent on foreign countries for essential materials such as oil," Duncan said. "My experiences in Washington prompted my desire to promote conservation, a view that took me through my own life in the city of Houston." When Duncan returned to Houston, he served multiple times as a trustee and later as a chairman on Rice's Board of Regents and joined the Greater Houston Partnership, where he headed the Business Coalition for Clean Air. To this day, both Charles and June take an active interest in Rice, its students and the environment, salad in which are reflected in the college. Although the freshman class of 2013 is the first to be decided upon by the foundation, Duncan has high expectations for them. "I truly hope that Duncan and its talented students contribute as much to Rice as the other colleges continuously do," he said.

NEW COLLEGES CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

- May 25, 2006: The Board of Trustees approves the construction of two new residential colleges.
- Summer 2006: Burt ('56) and Deedee ('56) McMurtry donate $32 million for the 10th college.
- August 21, 2007: Charles ('47) and Anne Duncan donate $30 million for the 11th college.
- August 28, 2007: Groundbreaking ceremony for Burton and Deedee McMurtry College.
- September 13, 2007: Hurricane Ike hits Houston, setting back construction of the new colleges.
- September 27, 2007: Groundbreaking ceremony for Charles and Anne Duncan College.
- March 22, 2007: Designs for the 10th and 11th residential colleges are unveiled.
- June 2009: Plans for new wings of Will Rice and Baker Colleges finalized.
- August 11, 2009: Orientation Week advisers begin moving into the new colleges.
- August 16, 2009: First freshman classes for Duncan and McMurtry Colleges matriculate.
- September 2009: McMurtry sorority scheduled for completion.
Finding their identities
How will the close quarters of Will Rice and Baker affect the formation of Duncan and McMurtry’s identities?

BY JOSH RUTENBERG
THE RICE THRESHER EDITORIAL STAFF

As the newest additions to the residential college system since Martel College in 2002, Duncan College and McMurtry College have already begun forming their own unique cultures and traditions. While the question of how to integrate the new colleges has long been in the works, Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman and others working on the transition are confident that the colleges will be able to find their own identities.

"On move-in day, McMurry and Duncan won't have independent governing bodies," Forman said. "It will take them some time to develop a sense of what it means to be a residential college."

Initially, the new colleges will be dependent on the existing infrastructure of Baker and Will Rice Colleges, especially regarding the masters and resident associates who have not yet been chosen for the new colleges. Forman said he expects to see Duncanoos and McMurrarians taking a larger role in their college government as the school year progresses, and predicts the independence of each college to really take off in the spring semester.

"By the spring, we will see very visible evidence of the increasing independence of the McMurry and Duncan populations," Forman said.

Having learned from the difficulties of integrating Martel into the college atmosphere, upperclassmen were selected from volunteers at older colleges. Forman and others have altered their approach with Duncan and McMurry. Forman said the Baker and Will Rice student, masters, resident associates and college coordinators have all been taking very thoughtful approaches on how to support McMurry and McMurry without imposing any of their own distinct college cultures, allowing for the new colleges to grow their own independent identities while still maintaining the feel of a residential college.

Baker has a stronger tradition of having upperclassmen mentor students, but McMurry and McMurry will have a broader sense of what it means to be a residential college at Rice, and to help them plan out their future.

Forman also said that upperclassmen involved in participating in the formation of the new colleges will have an opportunity to do so next year.

"Students will be randomly selected across campus and will be invited to bring along a roommate and possibly two or three friends," Forman said. "The details are not yet set, but the goal is to have these students selected by the start of spring."

The goal of inviting a random selection of students to move into the new colleges is to encourage a community who is not just welcomed to, but also expected to take part in all of the social, cultural, artistic and intellectual activities of the college culture, Forman said. He hopes that those randomly assigned to McMurry and McMurry will represent a true cross-section of the student body at Rice. Forman estimates the number of selected upperclassmen will be about 20.

With the opening of the two new colleges, Forman and others who have worked for years on the project are excited to see the fruits of their labor come to fruition.

"The opening of Duncan and McMurry is one of the most exciting challenges I've been involved in my 23 years at Rice," Forman said. "It's been wonderful to see the entire campus share in the enthusiasm and optimism. Every time we've sought assistance or support, we have been overwhelmed with responses from students and staff. It's been a blast after years of planning, and I'm really looking forward to the opening of the new residential colleges."

FRESHMEN REACTION
For the ones actually inhabiting Duncan and McMurry, the experience will be unlike any other Rice has seen in years. Here, in their own words, are their thoughts and memories.

What party should your new college host?

"Since Dunkin is the newest college, we would host a superhero party so we could preserve the best traits of each of the older colleges."

Marianne Braun
Duncan College freshman

"I think a jungle party theme is appropriate to keep with Dunkin's eco-friendly theme."

Cristina Terhoeve
Duncan College freshman

"We would have a Futurama-themed party, because we're the newest college."

Lena Silva
McMurtry College freshman

"Definitely a Woodstock party on the roof."

Anne Kumar
McMurtry College freshman

What's been your best memory of O-Week so far?

"My favorite part was the cheer war. I liked seeing everyone out having fun and showing their college spirit."

Alex Rodria
McMurtry College freshman

"I really liked matriculation, because it made me feel like part of a tradition at Rice. I'm a part of Rice now."

Yife Zhao
McMurtry College freshman

"I think my favorite memory is of matriculation. The atmosphere that night was magical."

Ameer Jumahaby
Duncan College freshman

"It was nice cutting loose with cheers and anti-cheers during the cheer battle."

Jake Ellis
Duncan College freshman
By Joe Dwyer
Threader Editorial Staff

Aliens. Guns. Explosing heads. All can be found in District 9, and all are among the many reasons that you should spend your last day of Orientation Week at this flick.

Born from the ashes of director Neil Blomkamp and producer Peter Jackson’s aborted Aliens movie, District 9 is a surrealistic documentary of peculiarly unique proportions. In 2009, 20 years prior to the events in the film, a large alien ship drifted over the city of Johannesburg, South Africa. However, none of the expected invasion, exploration or sign-inspired activities occurred. Instead, the ship simply… parked. No knowing who was on board or what the ship’s plans were, humanity put its way into the behemoth and discovered it contained thousands of severely ill and malnourished alien workers. With no other option than to help them, District 9, a gristy Scorsese-inspired slum, was set up outside the city to house the slague alien population.

District 9 is out of this world
Blomkamp and Jackson’s latest flick strikes sci-fi gold

By Brian Reinhardt
Threader Editorial Staff

In the first scene of the new documentary Paper Heart, Michael Cera (Juno), who himself auditioned for the director that the movie is “a quirky comedy.” The director of the movie is “a quirky comedy,” falls in love herself. It’s a nearly plausible disguise. Its almost-plausible disguise. Its characters are among the many reasons that you can be found in Paper Heart, All can be found in

Surveying the summer’s silver screen selections

This summer was no exception. It seemed that every month watched over the last couple months had some kind of personal connection to me, either because of the screening location or the individuals with whom I saw the films. At the beginning of the summer in June, I attended the first screening Night at the Museum, Battle of the Smithsonian (Ben Stiller, Robin Williams, Anna Faris), successor to 2006’s Night at the Museum, which was set in New York City’s American Museum of Natural History. My Theorist review (“I’m acquired coming couplings, not amours in Night at the Museum,” USAtoday) of the original film was less than stellar, and I cringed at the thought of seeing through yet another huckster’s film. But while interning in Washington, D.C., I had the opportunity to experience a nighttime screening of the second installment on the franchise’s fourth installment came statue took place.

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FREE
Hey freshmen! Do you know that your Rice ID can get you into a bunch of places, like the Houston Zoo and Museums of Natural Science and Symetra for absolutely free? Why not take advantage of a homework-free weekend and get out there and explore!
It’s late. You’re hungry. What’s a bloke to do? Luckily, we at the Thresher love you, our readers, enough to provide you with a handy map of late-night eateries around campus.

Tear out this page and hang it on your wall. Frame it, even. Either way, treasure it forever ... or at least until next year when we print a new one.

From O-Week faves like 59 Diner and House of Pies, to some that are a little more off the beaten path like West Gray Cafe and Mai’s, there’s something for everyone. So call your buddies and grab your stretchy pants, it’s time for some grub!

Nocturnal Noshing: When Ramen just won’t cut it

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Streep, Adams whip up a winner with Julie & Julia

BY JACKIE AMMONS
THRESHER STAFF

Two generations parallel each other in the new film Julie & Julia, where two real lives from different times find a connection in the world of cooking. 

School in Paris and writing the first French cookbook in plain English. Both women find support in embittered husbands (Ephron's/Wes Craven's Menken and The Tale of Despereaux's Stanley Tucci) and loyal friends (American Pie's Mary Lynn Rajskub and Lie to Me's Deborah农贸)

While Julie & Julia transitions between two different time periods and two different lives, the viewer never feels confined or disconnected from the dual plotlines. Ephron so carefully parallels the stories and allows enough time to tell each of them that the audience knows exactly what is going on at all times. And while they never actually appear on-screen together, Streep and Adams master the screen, engaging the audience fully in their first reunion since last year's Academy Award-nominated Doubt.

Streep, of course, is her majestic self. She charms the camera each time she appears in a movie, and Julie & Julia is no exception. Even though she is not a showman and not quite as round as the real-life Child, Streep is a larger-than-life presence in the film. Adams also does not disappoint. While not as impressive as her role in Doubt, Adams plays the part of sweet amateur chef well.

Not only has this movie been a success in the box offices, but it has also caused sales of Child's cookbook Mastering the Art of French Cooking to skyrocket. According to the Los Angeles Times, the cookbook is now No. 1 on Amazon.com's bestseller list, along with causing a site in local bookstores and a greater interest in Powell's book Julie & Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously. Ironically, this film has turned viewers into readers.

But as much as individuals praise Child for her mastery of French cooking and Swoop's mastery of Child's character in France, Julie & Julia was never filmed anywhere in France, according to IMDB.com. All filming took place in the United States, primarily in New York and New Jersey, a disappointing fact since France is such a pivotal part of Child's life and the movie's plot.

Nevertheless, Julie & Julia offers a refreshing menu of movie magic. It adds a little bit of history, a pinch of book appreciation and a huge lump of Swoop's fabulous acting to a classic film that is the perfect movie-sipping treat.

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of Summer delivered by jumping through time to reveal the couple's rise, crest and denouement, with Day 315 following Day 314 following Day 313, etc. (2009) June of Summer narrated skilfully through the non-chronological showing of their relationship, and pleasing together every different was a joy in itself and of itself.

There were other films this summer that didn’t quite give me an emotional high, but their box office results tapped the charts. Summer is the home of blockbusters, and this summer exceeded such expectations. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince marked the sixth installment of the Harry Potter saga, grossing more than any previous Harry Potter movie by getting over $255 million in box offices, about the same haul the bachelor party movie The Hangover sang to, only with less of the teenage hype.

Other male-targeted films such as Star Trek, Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen and Terminator Salvation hit the theaters, allowing non- Trekkers to check out the sci-fi classic, post-Batman Christian Bale and, of course, Megan Fox. District 9, movie trailers released the third installment of its Age franchise with Ice Age: Down of the Dinosaurs in 3-D, and Pixar proved yet again that it is the expert on children’s films with its latest hit, Up, which, at a $150 million, is all the while singing its audience’s appetite for next year’s Toy Story.

Of course, there were also the spectacular box office flops of this summer. Sacha Baron Cohen’s new culturally-confrontational film driven in a nearly $15 million and didn’t quite meet the exorbitant expectations that followed his previous hit, Borat. In the same way, Cameron Diaz failed in her attempt to fall into a serious role in My Sister’s Keeper, which garnered less than $130 million. And Nina Vardalos came short of her My Big Fat Greek Wedding fame in her new Greek film My Life in Ruins, to the tune of under $2 million, not to mention her other dud film with John Corbett, I Have Valentine’s Day, which received about $200,000.

Nonetheless, it was a great summer to get a good dose of film-watching ethos, audiences watched in-credible movies like the most part and box offices enjoyed significant returns, even during tough economic times. Plus, I got to be sentimental, and see where all the hoopla about Megan Fox came from. Jackie Ammons is a Brown College senior.

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Welcome Back Rice Owls!  
Upper Kirby: October 19* - November 24* 6-9:30 p.m.  
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PrincetonReview.com  
 rejoices the huddling romance between Yi and Cera. After the next meet at a party only on the movie. Cera’s arrival is sudden, maybe too sudden, but the couple’s connection is so awkward, and so charming, that we cannot help but love them together. Moreover, it is clear that Cera has finally met her match in Yi; an actress at least as endearingly awkward as he is. After Cera enters, the movie switches back forth between the pair’s relationship as a play- by-play commentary on their growth and the love story between the two main characters. For the most part the movie sticks together successfully, although at one point Charlieyx writes Michael a love song so sad that listening hurts. Of course, a viewer thinking too hard might be able to poke holes through just about every part of this plot. For instance, a moment when Charlieyx contends that “Michael is more successful” than she is reminds us that we’re actually watching two celebrities trying their hardest to be normal people. Yi is a regular in Seth Rogen movies (Rogen has a cameo here), and Cera is a sort of teen movie superstar. The movie tries to have it both ways, showing Yi delivering Aziz jokes at a Hollywood party while trying to deny that her central characters are famous.

But why analyze Paper Heart so much? This is not intellectual fare, nor does it pretend to be. And the ending feels tacked-on, or if the project shows which illustrate the story at important moments seem gratuitously silly, what does it really matter in the end? Paper Heart is a movie that just wants to have fun. It does. It’s funny, smart and has the occasional very clever subplot. Paper Heart is never great, but it is enjoyable.
SPORTS

Baseball’s amateur draft takes two former Owls
Loss of ace Berry and others depletes pitching staff; team looks to new recruits for support

by Jonathan Myers
THUNDER EDITORIAL STAFF

As the Rice baseball team walked off the field at Alex Box Stadium on June 15, reeling from a 3-5 defeat at the hands of Louisiana State University in the NCAA Super Regionals, the players were already thinking to the arrival of the 2010 season and the new freshman class.

However, because the Major League Baseball amateur draft had already taken place, the Owls knew that they would be losing a few of their seniors, including Jordan Rogers and Jess Hochevar, with both players having exhausted their years of eligibility.

Additionally, sophomore catcher/first baseman Mark Colangelo elected to transfer to the University of Central Missouri in hopes of finding better prospects of playing time. But unconfirmed reports centered on whether any of the five players who had been selected in the draft would sign professional contracts and forfeit their remaining years of eligibility.

The Owls selected in the draft included junior second baseman Billy Berry, former pitcher Ryan Seastrunk, junior catcher Diceo Seastrunk, junior center fielder Steve Sultzbaugh and junior pitcher Mike Ogala.

Both Berry and Seastrunk were selected with back-to-back picks in the ninth round, while Sultzbaugh was selected in the 31st round. Ogala and Salfutthough were each taken by the Minnesota Twins, in the 19th and 41st rounds, respectively.

The played had until midnight on August 17 to sign a contract, or else the team that had drafted them would lose the rights to them. Holt was the first to sign, inking a contract with the Baltimore Orioles on June 18, a normal surgery on his left elbow.

But an option for his three years of both dominating performances and respected men, took much longer to reach his decision. The staff are all still deciding to sign with the Baltimore Orioles. However, on August 20, with a signing bonus of $425,000, Seastrunk announced on July 7 that he would be returning to Rice for his senior year, keeping the position of catcher in familiar hands.

Salfuttooh also did not sign a contract, as he was off to start the 2010 season by throwing opposing pitchers with the same he would be in the 2009 season.

Ogala’s situation was an interesting one, as he underwent Tommy John surgery on June 18, a normal surgery used to treat the elbow injury he sustained earlier in the season. Normally, the surgery requires a year to recover from, meaning that it would be almost pointless for Ogala to return to Rice for a senior season that may not be physically possible.

However, Ogala did not sign a contract with the Brewers and has been reported to be far ahead of schedule in his rehab, possibly being ready to pitch in the middle to late part of the 2010 season.

Holt was the only position player the Owls lost, and junior Chad Mozingo is returning nicely from his hand and ankle surgeries in the offseason. Thus, the loss of six players, along with the addition of many highly-touted freshmen and transfers, primes Rice for another deep postseason run.

Junior Michael Ratterree was named to the Louisville Slugger High School All-America team and was in the vast minority for already having a year’s worth of college experience. Rather than waiting a year in college, Ratterree was named to the Louisville Slugger High School All-America team and was expected by many to fill the void at second base created by the departures of Holt.

The returning class is pitched heavily by a group of freshmen hoping to eradicate many of the inconsistencies seen in baseball, page 21

OWLOOK
Coming up in Sports
Friday, August 21
Soccer vs. Baylor
7 p.m. - Rice Stadium
Soccer begins its season this evening against their in-state rivals.
Saturday, August 22
Volleyball vs. Oklahoma
7:30 p.m. - Tudor Fieldhouse
After crashing against Nicholls State at 11 a.m., the Owls continue their march toward a second NCAA Tournament appearance against the Sooners.

COMMENTARY
Rice sports need and deserve support

Still, success in Rice sports isn’t limited to the gridiron or the diamond. Rice’s women’s track and field team has won the past three indoor and the past three outdoor CUSA Championships, and the cross country squad is perennially near the top of conference as well. Last season, the women’s volleyball team qualified for the NCAA Championship for the second time in school history. The men’s tennis team also has a history of success, boasting 11 Southwestern Conference crowns between 1991 and 1972.

And so, to borrow from last year’s marketing tagline, who knew Rice had such a strong and diverse tradition of successful sports teams? Now that you’ve got the low-down on our teams, you might be wondering when you should make time to catch some matches.

Football games are typically widely publicized, but this year our home schedule gets a late start, with the first game not coming until Sept. 19 against Vanderbilt. Even that calendar does not account for all of Rice’s games. When talking about Rice sports, the conversation usually begins with our 2009 National Championship-winning baseball program, which has won the past six conference championships, an absolutely unreal feat. However, the baseball team isn’t the only source of pride for varsity athletes. Many of you know that Rice won the Texas Bowl last year. What many people don’t know is that the football team has had a long-standing history of success.

For example, between 1938-1946, Rice competed in seven bowl games, taking four, including wins over the University of Alabama and the University of Tennessee.

Rice baseball will not look the same next year after a pair of key starters, second baseman Brock Holt and starter Ryan Berry, were snatched away by the amateur draft. However, the program will regroup with a core intact and an impressive group of incoming freshmen.

Still, you can’t help but wonder when you should make time to catch some matches.
Fall 2009
Add/Drop Deadlines

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For Fall 2009:

- Students can **ADD** courses at any time during Week 1 & Week 2 in ESTHER through Friday, Sept. 4th.
- Students can **DROP** courses at any time during Weeks 1—7 in ESTHER through Friday, Oct. 9th.
- During the 2-week ADD and 7-week DROP periods, there are **no fees** to add or drop courses.
- Students can **declare a Pass/Fail** at any time through Week 10 (Fri. Oct. 30th) by submitting paperwork in the Office of the Registrar.

**Questions? Please visit the following links:**

- [http://registrar.rice.edu/](http://registrar.rice.edu/)
- [http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/fall09/](http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/fall09/)
SURVIVAL

For most sports, this is yet another attractive feature of going to a sports match. Last school year saw the opening of Tudor Fieldhouse, a state-of-the-art renovation and expansion of old Autry Court. There, students can comfortably catch a volleyball match and cheer on the basketball teams while downing smoothies and hot dogs.

Another relatively new addition to campus is the Reckling Park, where the baseball team holds court and sends powerhouse squads, like Texas, home crying. I like to consider myself a bit of a connoisseur of baseball stadiums, having visited 10 major league parks as well as numerous minor league stadiums, and Reckling ranks in my top three favorite spots to take in a ball game, easily.

However, the most imposing and oldest major facility on campus is Rice Stadium, the huge, 70,000-capacity football arena we've all come to know well. Even if every past Rice alumna were to attend a football game along with every current student, the stadium would still house hundreds of empty seats. However, our stadium has been the site of several historic events, including President John F. Kennedy's speech launching the Apollo program and Super Bowl VIII in 1974.

Perhaps the best aspect of sports though is that admission to every single non-playoff competition held on campus is 100 percent free to Rice students. There really is no more convenient and economical way to meet friends than as undergrad.

True admission means students have no excuse not to support the heart and soul of Rice athletics: our fellow students, who also happen to be awesome at a varsity sport. Think back to the athlete in your O-Week group who was still coming to activities even though they had practice during the day, or that basketball player in your Chem lab who still had practice that evening. All Rice students are here, but especially the athletes. Without them, we'd have no teams to cheer for, so make sure to go out and catch matches if only to show them some respect for their ridiculous time management skills (you know you're jealous).

Seriously though, there's no excuse for not attending at least one match this year, and hopefully many more. You know you want to. And, hey, you'll get to see me there, so what else could you want?

Natalie Ciricolo is a Warren College junior and The Rice Thresher sports editor.

ROSA REACHES NCAA SEMIFINALS

When junior Bruno Rosa began play in last May's NCAA Men's Tennis Singles Championship, it had been nearly forty years since Rice had produced a back-to-back All-American. But after running his way to the final 16, Rosa replaced Mike Estep (Will Rice '71), an All-American from 1969-71, as the last Owl to earn such honors.

Having already led his team into the NCAA Tournament, Rosa joined then-senior Christoph Muller in the singles competition. While Muller fell in the round to the University of Virginia's Sanam Singh, Rosa pushed past No. 8 Robert Ferab of the University of Southern California, which was coming off of winning the national championship, in straight sets.

In the second round, Rosa met Florida State University's Clint Bowlin, who had upset the Owl in straight sets in February. The first set in May turned out more of the same, with Bowlin grabbing a 7-5 victory. Rosa continued to sputter in the second round, soon falling in straight sets to the first Owl to make the round of 16 since William Barker made it in 2005. However, the junior would not get no further, losing in straight sets to eventual champion Devin Britton of the University of Mississippi 6-3, 6-4.

Now a senior, Rosa used the Singles Championship to round out an impressive year. In addition to leading Rice to a second-place finish in Conference USA, Rosa earned All-CUSA First Team honors and finished the year ranked 40th in the nation.

— Casey Michel

BASEBALL

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A new twist on "marching" band.

(Probably because we don't march. Ever.)

Join us for our first rehearsal!
Monday, August 24 at 4PM
in the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen
There will be Pizza!
Meet in your college commons at 3:45 and a
staff member will guide you there.

Questions? E-mail us at: dms@mob.rice.edu
The injury bug happens to every team eventually. But for the women's soccer team, its presence has become all too infrequently commonplace.

After graduating only one four-year starter from last year's roster, the 2009 women's soccer team features many familiar faces to the pitch, but if the coming campaign is to be remembered as a success the team will almost certainly have to keep away from the familiar bite of the injury bug.

This year has proved no different, and every indication has thus far proved ominous. The worst news for the Owls came early in June when Amy Begor, one of the team's brightest freshman stars in 2008, tore her ACL while playing for a club squad in St. Louis. Then, after the start of summer workouts, freshman defensive standout Lauren LaGro was sidelined after a bicycling injury on campus.

To prevent these bits of misfortune from transforming into an omen, Head Coach Chris Huston took action. She sought out the help of an off-campus group of purported miracle workers that performed functional analysis on each individual player in order to identify the potential areas of injury that may lurk ahead.

But Huston's out-of-the-box thinking did not stop at looking for an injury-seeking crystal ball. She felt it necessary to bring in the help of a sports psychologist and put the whole team through a ropes course over the summer.

"I think that a lot of the things that we are doing outside of practice, like the sports psychologist and team building, are starting to pay off," she said. "These girls are working really well together. The communication is there, and they are fixing problems on the field faster than they ever have in the past."

The long-time leaders of the team are also noticing the change in attitude after some of these sessions.

"It was probably the most valuable two hours we have ever spent," senior captain Shelley Wong said. "We all came out of there and got into some really deep stuff. We connected better, and we trust each other better after that."

Communication and team chemistry have been playing a huge role in the development of a squad whose expectations are higher than ever.

By many accounts, the 2008 roster was strong enough to earn a NCAA tournament birth, but inconsistent play against lesser opponents like the University of Houston ultimately doomed their shot at an at-large bid. Now, with some new personnel losses and the lessons of last year's disappointment, the squad is playing with a vengeance.

One of the strongest additions to the squad this year comes on the sideline in Assistant Coach Sebastian Ostendorf, a returning group of experienced players, and freshmen additions Beth Herlin and Anrée Oomen.

"We are in a unique situation where you have three people on staff, literally, that can all be head coaches," Huston said, alluding to herself, Vecchio and Assistant Coach Nicky Adams.

Volunteer Coach Craig Waibel, a defensive stalwart in the professional Houston Dynamo squad, rounds out a staff that is very eager to see the new look of the Owls' backline, a troop that was most impacted by injury in recent years.

"I think our backline this year is one of the strongest it has ever been," Erkel said. "We have a really strong chemistry on and off the field, so I think that helps. We really trust each other back there.

If the ideal holds, the Owls will feature a returning group of experienced defenders that are simply working on once again getting familiar with one another after being hampered by injury for so long.

Senior Stephanie Cains, Alena Crouch, Ashley Lucas and Kandinsky Ostendorf make up the core of the defense along with junior Shelby Taylor. But with the roster tenuous to stone, freshmen additions LaGro, Alex Burton and Megan Allison may be called upon to fill some gaps early on.

Sophomore Chelsea Russell is also returning from surgery and slowly getting into form, while junior Lauren Holloway and sophomore Marie Hessel and Torrey Lattrell return ready to build on the previous year.

Along with the reliable leadership and skill of Wong in the midfield, sophomore striker Hope Ward came back from summer looking better than ever. Burton may also see some time playing up front. Having one of the strongest booters in the freshman class, along with some much needed height. Also battling for early playing time is freshman midfielder Fally Bulrow. Her skill has impressed the coaches in practices and added vital depth to the squad.

Junior Kate Edwards will also be bolstering the middle of the field along with members of the backline like Cains, Holloway and Lucas, who will be asked to adjust to the needs of the team.

Off the pitch, the team is responding to last year's anti-climactic finish with a renewed attitude.

"The intensity is so much stronger, because we just got our season stolen cut from under us," Erkel said. "We are coming back with a lot of old feelings from last year, getting kicked out of the conference tournament."

Huston is hopeful that those old feelings remain as a constant lesson for the budding squad.

"I am hoping that we learned how important consistency is, and how important it is to get up for each and every game no matter who our opposition is," she said. "That is one of our goals: to reach a level of performance that is not dictated by who we are playing."

On the field, Huston believes the Owls are clearly more skilled than the teams that traveled to the NCAA tournament in previous years. After spending years without a locker room and a coach's office, and under constant physical transition, the time has come for the team's chemistry to unite them in a push towards the promised land of post-season play.

"I definitely see us going to the second round of the NCAA's," Erkel said. "We are in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 2005 campaign."

The team's talent will be challenged with quality opponents at home this year against Oklahoma State University, who lost Rice 4-0 in Stillwater, Okla. last year, the University of Central Florida, Texas Christian University and the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

The first test of the Owls' determination comes in the form of a tough opening duel against Baylor University tonight at 7 p.m. in Rice Soccer Stadium. Coming from the Big 12, the Bears gave Rice a great opportunity to come closer to an at-large NCAA bid. If Rice beats any of their highly ranked conference foes throughout the season, it would be counted as a win for the Owls in the rankings.

"It is going to be a real test for us," Wong said. "We are such a good technical team, but sometimes we have to be a little bit more physical and play a little more brute game. It isn't our style, but I think we can do it."

If the Owls grab a win with quality strong tackles and physical play, it would be the ideal way to start a season which will focus more on the team's own ability to play up to its ability on a consistent basis.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2009

Welcome to the Thresher!

Greetings, freshmen! As always, this is going to be an awesome year at Rice, and the best way to take in all the fun is to read the Calendar each week. We do the research on what’s happening here and around Houston and tell you where to go. And this week, we’re letting in six Thresher inside jokes so you can learn how this newspaper works.

There aren’t actually any events going on today Just to make that clear. Keep reading, though. The fun begins on Saturday.

Welcome to Rice!

Have a beer. This is called “disorientation.” It isn’t burn-out. Plenty of the way, if you would rather not party. I suggest doing your laundry. When I was a freshman, I did all my laundry on DIS-O, because there was NOBODY into the laundry room. For whatever reason.

I think it’s going to rain today

The Seattle Sounders Football Club (they play soccer, if you’re an American reader) is in town to take on the Houston Dynamo. Catch the match at 7:30 p.m. in Robertson Stadium, located at the University of Houston. Tonight’s promotion is a giveaway of free Dynamo soccer balls.

A little bit of N’awlins

House of Blues is hosting a Zydeco Dance Party tonight at 9 p.m. (doors open an hour earlier). Admission is free but you must be 21 to enter, which will be tough if you’re a freshman. I guess. But really, who wouldn’t want to go to a Zydeco Dance Party? House of Blues is at 215 Caroline Street, near the Main Street Square light rail stop.

Thresher inside joke #1: Ken Griffey Jr. is on steroids.

Our newspaper’s editor in chief in Brown College senior Casey Mi-

ciel, invents Maravinas Inn and Griffey-berated whackjob. If you see Casey around, just tell him Ken Griffey is on steroids. Or se-

cretly a woman? You’ll be Casey’s new best friend.

ACT CLASKY

It’s the first day of classes today! Go out and have some fun. Who knows? You might even meet something.

THREE FOR SIX!

Who do we deconstruct?

The Miller Outdoor Theatre, located across the street in Hermann Park, presents a free screening of Austin Powers Little Night at 8 p.m.

CUTE MICE = HUGUE LAURIE = CINEMATIC PERFECTION

The Miller Outdoor Theatre, located across the street in Hermann Park, presents a free screening of Steak Little tonight a 8 p.m.

THresher inside joke #2: Sarah Palin jokes

When Casey Michel was nominated for Thresher editor in chief last spring, he promised the student body “a Sarah Palin joke in every issue.” Since then he has failed to deliver, except when I take pity and buy him out. For example: How many Sarah Palins does it take to change a light bulb? None! The light bulbs were all killed by Obama’s death panels. How bow?

If you have a really crappy day today, don’t be surprised

A lot of people have had rotten days on August 24. Back in the year 79, Mount Vesuvius erupted and destroyed Pompeii; in 1929, Pete Rose was banned from baseball; and, finally, on this day in 1992, a 2-foot tall tidal wave caused by Hurricane Andrew destroyed the world headquarters of Burger King. Today is also the Calendar’s birthday, but I promise I’m not horrible. Yet.

WEDNESDAY 26

You can play my keys anytime

Brown College’s tall mascot is Gaye and Duffs, with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser. Tryouts are tonight, tomorrow night and Friday night at 7 p.m., presumably in the Brown Commons, although they did not actually tell me where. I guess you’re on your own.

STAY aftanoers for a live appearance by the Stay Puff Marshmallow Man

The Miller Outdoor Theatre presents another free movie screening, this time of the com-

edy Ghostbusters, at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY 27

Happy Lyndon B. Johnson Day!

This is not a joke. In Texas, Lyndon Baines Johnson Day is a legal state holiday. If you’re a state employee, you’re allowed to stay home if you want. I suggest you make a pilgrimage to his ranch, then head over to Luckenbach and party the night away.

Thresher inside joke #3: Sex advice from Misha

Two years ago, Misha Toplynik (James College ’97) published a full-page editorial calling Rice sexually anti-Catholic and saying the campus was “depopulated of every erotic emotion.” “Hitting on a girl at Rice is akin to approaching an unhealthy-looking deer, at night, with your headlights on,” Misha explained. In the fall, the women often gave women “the look” at Target but couldn’t do so on cam-

pus. His conclusion was that Rice girls didn’t know how to handle “horndogs” like him. Maybe “sweeter” would be a better word for it. Bottom line: If you write a disturbingly sleazy column in the Thresher about your unhappy sex life, you’ve pulled a Misha.

THE CONQUISADOR RISE HIGH

No deposit required! No application fee!

Prices starting at 680.00.

All students and staff members will receive 5% off.

No excess length.

Student Contracts available.

Wi-Fi Available.

Study Room with Free Wi-Fi.

Fitness center.

Pool.

Concierge services.

No pet deposit.

Free New furniture of your choice.

HOW TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

The deadline for submission is 5 p.m., the Monday prior to publication. Submissions are printed on a space available basis.

Submission methods

Fax: 713.743.3239
Email: thresher-calendar@rice.edu
Campus Mail: Calendar Staff
Thresher, MC 574

Note from the Editor:

Check the Calendar every week for all your allotting-your-free-time needs, plus jokes and lots of filler added to make this take up the whole page. If you don’t like the filler, submit your own event to the Calendar using the e-mail address listed above, and see your favorite concierge or activity in print.

On another note: The sixth and saddest Thresher inside joke is, “Nobody reads the Calendar.” Of course, it’s a myth, because people actually read the Calendar. It’s the Calendar’s sexy black-and-white look and odd page numbering. But, to help counteract (or possibly bluntly promote) this stereotype, we are proud to announce the Calendar Song Reference Contest. Simply catch the song reference in this week’s Calendar and send a mess-

age to aftercalendarg.com naming the song and artist and, if you’re the first person to answer correctly, you’ll receive a shiny and somewhat prestigious award!

Extra-special bonus Sarah Palin joke!

Q: What did Sarah Palin cross the road?
A: It is as though all Alaska that big wild good life teeming along the road that is north to the future.
The Backpage is a Rice tradition that predates those "Which (exes) Brother Is Your Spirit Animal?" Facebook quizzes you are all too familar with. Back in the day, eager frosh would answer a series of too highly personal questions as part of a ritualistic bonding experience. And there's no question about it: Backpage took McMurtry. So who got Duncan?

The person with the lowest purity score on campus will be known which freshmen suck.

Answer each question. Subtract one point from your starting score of 100 each time you answer a question affirmatively. When you are finished, write your score in the box, bubble-in your most willing "base" number, and drop your quiz on the floor.

Would you rather have your purity score known by whom?

And please, e-mail your scores to backpage@rice.edu.

Instructions: Answer each question. Subtract one point from your starting score of 100 each time you answer a question affirmatively. When you are finished, write your score in the box, bubble-in your most willing "base" number, and drop your quiz on the floor.

The Backpage is satire and is written by Kyle Barnhart and Criselda Tortora. And there's no question about it: Backpage took McMurtry. Who so get Duncan?

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Pick up and drop off bills to Rice. Pre- fer someone with math skills to assist with homework. Hours approx. 3:00 to 7:00 PM M-F. (310) 623-3970. E-mail gilmarie@rice.edu.

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