Clean up starts year short-handed

BY ANNA WILDE
THESSALONIANS' STAFF

Over a month into the school year, it is clear the new additions to the schools of architecture and engineering are not the only ones experiencing challenges. While certain students had to deal with malfunctioning air-conditioning units and nonworking locks, certain members of the custodial staff have had to deal with changes to their workload.

What else can we do to help the custodians do their jobs better and easier for students?

Mark Ditman
Vice President of H&D

Due to cleaning and dining's redistribution of work, staff from Martha College, Jones College and Brown College to McMurtry and Duncan, H&D is currently in the process of transferring its staff to a new college dynamic.

In addition to reassigning staff to clean McMurtry and Duncan, the combined eight custodial staff members from Baker College and Will Rice College were transferred to the new colleges.

Vice President of H&D Mark Ditman said, in addition, one member each from Baker, Jones and Brown colleges, which had previously boasted a five-person cleaning staff, were sent to Duncan and McMurtry.

According to a survey of members of the custodial staff, who wished to remain anonymous, one custodian at every college is assigned to clean the common areas. The other workers are assigned to their college's primary areas and are charged with removing the trash and janitorial supplies from common areas and cleaning hall restrooms every day.

Ongoing suite restrooms once a week and cleaning other areas such as the Private Dining Room and college coordinator's office as needed.

Though the new colleges require the same tasks, because the staff was not expanded, the current staff is expected to complete more work in the same amount of time.

The two anonymous sources said the custodial staff at the north colleges is not receiving a wage increase to account for this extra work. They said paid time and a half wages for any overtime work they choose to do, usually on the weekends. The staff continues to receive benefits such as health insurance, life insurance and at least three weeks' paid vacation.

Optional computer and English as a Second Language classes are offered weekly to the staff, though both anonymous sources, who have frequented the computer and ESL classes in years past, said they are simply too time-limited during their shifts to consider attending this year.

Ditman said the salaries of staff members were unaffected by last year's percentage budget cuts demanded by university deans, but one of the anonymous sources said their managers were reluctant to hire additional staff members due to the state of the economy.

Ditman said H&D accomplished the 5 percent budget decrease by removing extraneous costs such as unused phone and fax lines and by encouraging donors to cover costs for summer projects. As opposed to using funds from student's room and board fees, he estimated that cleaning staff salaries account for 12 to 14 percent of the housing side of H&D's budget.

Ditman said the situation is temporary, and that H&D did not have adequate time to assess the appropriate number of staff needed at Duncan and McMurtry.

"The opening of these buildings happened in a compressed time period," Ditman said.

However, after being up and running for five weeks, the kinks in the colleges' cleaning routines are starting to smooth out, Facilities Supervisor of the Residential Colleges Norma Castaneda said.

"The hard part is done," Castaneda said. "From here, it should be, 'What else can we do to help the custodians?'

Students head to D.C. for solar house competition

By Scott O'Keefe
THE HOU CCAMPUS

The Owls take on Texas Tech and Virginia Tech with solar-powered homes this weekend.

The ZEROW House, Rice's entry into the Solar Decathlon, will compete for two weeks in Washington, D.C., beginning in October.

"I hear the '80s!"

Half of the student body was born in this decade—do we mean to party! Check through resilience for a pair of a pair of sun-wash jeans and tunic up your hair at Std Richardson College, where the students will be sporting the popular look with live music from Molly and the Ringwails tomorrow from 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

"Fight for your right to party!"

The President's Lecture Series will be hosting a discussion today at 5 p.m. in the Baker Institute on The Constitution, International Law and the War on Terror.

If you turned-down before Mexico this spring break, we highly suggest you attend.

"Drinks are on them"

KPC and Willy's Pub are hosting the Arthur Yerkin Band, featuring Associate Dean of Undergraduates Matt Taylor, next Thursday at 11 p.m. Come for the music and stay after for a special encore of dancing with the dean.

New bike policy aims for safety

By Jocelyn Wright
THESSALONIANS' STAFF

With the largest student population Rice has ever seen on campus, a new bike policy, effective this semester, aims to keep pedestrians and bikers safe. Bicycle Safety Committee member Amy Kazoleas said.

The policy was orchestrated by the Bicycle Safety Committee, which consists of staff, faculty and student representatives, and was falls under the office of Vice President for Administration Kevin Kinzie.

Under this new policy, bike registration is now mandatory, cyclists are required to wear helmets when they are approaching pedestrians by either yelling or ringing a bell and bikers must obey all traffic laws, yield to pedestrians and lock their bicycles in racks. Riding is prohibited on covered walkways, and cyclists riding bicycles on sidewalks must maintain a slow speed. Cyclists are required to lock their bikes only in bike racks, and bikes not secured to racks will be ticketed or impounded.

Further, abandoned bicycles will be removed by the Rice University Police Department, which will also begin issuing citations to cyclists who fail to comply with the policy. The complete policy can be found online at rice.edu/bikes.

"It's going to be a little controversial because we have to balance the interests of students and bicycle riders," Kazoleas, a Marine College junior, said. "There's no way everyone is going to be happy with the new policy. The university enacts the rules, we just execute the policy but the university enacts the rules, we just execute the policy."

The policy requires the documentation and registration of all bicycles on campus. The new bike registration will be organized by the Rice University Police Department.

The policy also requires all new bikes to be registered, and that all bikes be rolled to the bike registration stations where they will be documented.

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Blatant mockery tactics, intolerant

To the Editor: The author of The Thresher opinion article on intelligent design ("Intelli-
gent design to take over all studies," Sept. 4), Brian Reinhart, doesn't un-
derstand that mockery isn't how to disagree with someone else's views.

Reinhart doesn't realize that he is the equivalent of a zealot proclaiming that everyone who doesn't confirm to his opinions must be wrong. Some re-
temporal test will burn in hell. Both he and the zealot don't respect others' rights or views. Neither acknowledges that they can't be sure of what they're saying, but that they can only observe and draw conclusions, giving cre-
cence and weight according to their own opinions and experiences.

It is people like Reinhart and the way they choose to express themselves that make me feel safer to avoid discussing my religion, or saying I'm non-religious instead of atheist.

I have chosen to be associated with no religious group, neither evangelical Christian nor any anti-religious zealots such as Reinhart. By my non-assocation, I hope to re-
spectfully disagree with those who have more faith than I do.

Mike R. Razz
Marshall '09

Cleaning staff deserve fair treatment

The two new colleges have graced off to a bit of a stunning start, with sinks falling off and motion-sensing lights going wrong. Now, we have learned that the cleaning staff assigned to the newly constructed buildings are the same ones that clean the entire staff in a bind (see story, page 1). No new staff members were hired for the new colleges, straining the current staff and, with the H1N1 virus making its rounds, potentially putting the stu-
dent body in increased danger of contracting a disease that, as we've seen, has made itself readily apparent.

We understand that this was, and always has been, a temporary measure. However, members of the staff claimed they were not told of the plan, meaning that the reworking came as a surprise once Duncan College and McMurtry College opened. And while we un-
derstand that the process is already underway to fill the ranks, we feel it necessary to say "thank you" to those who are already chronically underappreciated. Some type of recompense should be their due.

Carlson Youngblood
The Thresher

Erratum

In last week's article, "RUPD forced to cut number of offi-
cers, " the Thresher incorrectly reported that two Rice Univer-
sity Police Department officers were cut due to the 5 percent budget cuts. Only one officer was cut. The Thresher regrets the error.

Bryan Miller
Assistant Editor
Borlaug's legacy leaves lasting lessons

Ellen Kim

Longoing for home possible to alleviate

Ellen Kim

It's been 40 years since we went to the moon. And if we want to go back, NASA needs your help.

Joe Dwyer

Last week, NASA released a 12-page summary report detailing the space administration's current status of affairs. The 11-member Review of Human Space Flight Panel, Committee was comprised of current and former aerospace executives, astronauts, and retired military personnel, outlined the future of the space shuttle, the projected lifespan of the International Space Station and our nation’s options for the future of human spaceflight over the next few decades. Ultimately, the committee feels that without an infusion of $1 billion annually, current plans are re-creating the world.

At the time of this writing, President Obama has yet to respond to the recommendations. His administration should be swift and unequivocal that space exploration is a priority. However, my parents were not the only ones I had left behind. But I planned to stay and explore the world. I wasn’t surprised, because she had been tearing into tears for quite some time, saying she would miss me too.

If you choose to stay in the beautiful world or pursue it yourself, it is probably the best of both worlds. However, I don’t want things to change.

Someone had to know.
Phishing attacks bedevil unwitting new students

BY SEITH BROWN
FOR THE THRESHER

The next time you decide to supply your Rice e-mail  password, think twice. Other wise, you might become yet another victim of a recent string of phishing attacks.

Last weekend, a widespread phishing scam netted 14 Rice accounts, 12 of which belonged to new students. Phishing, the practice of trying to obtain personal information by posing as a legitimate entity, is nothing new to Rice, but the past week's incident far exceeded the usual success rate for such scams.

"We never ask for any passwords," Information Security Officer Marc Scarborough said. "We would never really need anybody's password."

In most of last week's cases, Scarborough said the victims had not been at Rice long enough to have had experience with recognizing and separating legitimate e-mails from those of hackers.

Generally, only one or two Rice e-mail accounts are successfully phished each month, with one to two attempts per week. However, the relative success of last week's scam has led to a fresh attempt this week. The phishing e-mails even contained the correct reply addresses outside of the Rice domain.

"If there's any doubt as to the source, ask: 'Are you really asking me this?"' Scarborough said. Despite the recent phishing attempts, some Rice students believe they are safe from the scams.

"I would probably know that I'm not supposed to respond," Duncan College freshman Aman Sethraman said. "My e-mail ID tells me if messages are from an unknown sender or not."

In most cases connected to Rice e-mail accounts, the goal of the hackers is not to gather personal information about particular users, but rather to gain access to a legitimate service provider from which spam e-mails can be sent.

"Most of the risk here is that the Internet is based on reputation," Scarborough said. "Hacked accounts send thousands of messages all over the Internet.

When another mail server notices spam being sent out by Rice's mail server, all e-mails from Rice to the server are blocked. Rice IT will lock the hacked account and then contact the administration for the other server to let them know the problem has been resolved. For the account holder, resolution generally entails IT forcing a password change after the victim discovers that his or her account has been hacked.

However, neither of these is necessary if the hacker is never given access in the first place, Scarborough said.

When Rice Information Technology finds out about new attempts, they try to inform the Rice community about the suspect messages via e-mail, but this is only possible once they discover the existence of the message in question, Scarborough said. Intended victims can make several distinctions if an e-mail seems questionable. Scarborough said: "Hackers might ask for seemingly irrelevant information, such as a person's country of origin or date of birth. Information Rice would not need to obtain via e-mail.

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Marc Scarborough
Information Security Officer

Although actual e-mail e-mails may sometimes contain typos, phishing e-mails tend to be poorly written and contain both grammar and spelling errors. In another red-flag instance, phishing e-mails often will have reply addresses outside of the Rice domain.

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Residential Colleges

Lovett College Sept. 12

Lovett College Sept. 13

Lovett College Sept. 13

Duncan College Sept. 14

Other Locations

Off Campus Sept. 10

North Lot Sept. 10

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In order to effectively transport the house, Sanchez said, the team's house is being donated by a local company. "We had student teams that would go to architecture firms and engineering firms and make a proposal," Sanchez said.

After the competition ends, Sanchez said his team hopes to install the house in Houston's Third Ward. He said they are currently looking for a plot of land for the house.

The specific house designed by the group is planned to be placed in the Third Ward, the impact of this competition may exceed beyond the universities' houses, Sanchez said.

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E 1? RI I W/i is $274,000. Funding was obtained through various means, including private and public donations of both money and materials. Sanchez said the bamboo flooring, for instance, was donated by a local company. "We had student teams that would go to architecture firms and engineering firms and make a proposal," Sanchez said.

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"We want to show the general public that solar technology is very applicable to home construction," Sanchez said.

Sid Richardson College senior Emily Prehn said she envisions this new set of eco-friendly homes will be the wave of the future. "It seemed like a streamlined design," she said. "I hope it turns out to be a practical option for low-income families." Despite the competition and the fact that environmentally-friendly houses may be a large aspect of future home construction, Sanchez said Rice's team is not stressed about the outcome of the national competition.

"We are just going to do our own thing," Sanchez said.

For more information, use the Web site for Rice's ZEROW House, http://www.ricesolardecathlon.org or follow it on Twitter at twitter.com/ZEROWHouse.

Construction causes cable outages

BY DIANE RAMIREZ
FOR THE THREESHER

Sakar said, however, that though students feel annoyed, they recognize this is a temporary situation. "It is particularly inconvenient, but in the grand scheme of things it is just a transitory phase," he said.

"We do try to be good neighbors," Glenn said. "We are proactive about issues," Glenn said. Both he and Glenn have taken measures, including handing out ear plugs. "What helps a lot is that students are proactive about issues," Glenn said.

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Ditman and Cardona both emphasized H&D's commitment to their workers.

"You've got to create an environment where people want to stay," Ditman said.

He said people could easily choose to work somewhere else in the Rice area, though H&D boasts a noteworthy staff retention. Camacho, for example, has worked at Rice for over 30 years.

Despite having one less member on each college's cleaning staff, some students have not noticed a decline in cleanliness from previous years.

"The staff member for our floor is actually doing a better job than last year," Jones junior Helen Shaw said.

In an attempt to alleviate the burden placed on the custodial staff, Brown has urged its residents to take responsibility for their own hands.

"Brown students did have an e-mail telling us to clean up our aseptic waste," Brown senior Jamie Sammis said.

One anonymous member of the custodial staff expressed concern that, due to time constraints with this increased workload, the staff felt they were sometimes unable to adequately sanitize restrooms and common areas.

"With a door handle, you can wipe it, but if you don't wipe it after every person that touches it, there's no difference," Ditman said.

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"We've got to create an environment where people want to stay," Ditman said.

"If people are happy here, they're not especially susceptible to the virus."

"It's been encouraged to use gloves when cleaning to protect themselves from the spread of H1N1, though most of the staff is over 25 years old, and therefore not especially susceptible to the virus."

The staff's susceptibility was discussed by doctors from Methodist Hospital during an H&D training session held a week ago, which taught measures to prevent the spread of the virus.

For the past two years, H&D has implemented a scientific approach to cleaning from a "Killology" course offered at A&M as a supplement for Facilities, Engineering and Planning and the H&D staff.

The course, led by Director of Campus and Grounds for PRERI Buena Vista Frisco., seeks to improve the efficiency of the staff's work at the colleges. H&D is using a formula to determine the number of square feet per day to be assigned to each cleaning staff member to clean.

In an attempt to alleviate the burden placed on the custodial staff, H&D has tried to equalize the number of staff members at each college, with four employees each at the north and south colleges and five at Duncan and McMurtry.

Before new staff members can be hired, however, the current staff will continue to duties without additional help.

Rodrigo Flores contributed to this article.

H&D staff member Silvia Lew cleans up in the south servery after a meal.

Camacho continues the cleaning regimen, wiping down a window in Hanszen's commons.

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On the Origins of Rice: the Travels of Edgar Odell Lovett

Just over 100 years ago, in the summer of 1908, Edgar Odell Lovett began a journey to "search among the universities of the two hemispheres for the educational and architectural ideas to be incorporated in the new university to be planned in Houston." The university to which Lovett alluded would come to be known as the Rice Institute, renamed the William Marsh Rice University in 1960.

Lovett, then head of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy at Princeton University, was selected by the Rice Board of Trustees to lead the new institute. Assisted by his wife, Mary, and his secretary, F. Carrington Weems, Lovett planned to circumnavigate the world and draw on the knowledge of universities from different international backgrounds. During the trip, Lovett recorded his trip in two blank bound volumes that he brought with him, with carbon-copy pages so he could keep a copy and send the original to the trustees back in Houston, who anxiously awaited his return.

In addition, Lovett wrote detailed letters to Emanuel Raphael, secretary of the Rice Board of Trustees, further detailing his experiences at universities across the world. These two documents are the main sources from which Rice historian John Boles, author of University Builder: Edgar Odell Lovett and the Founding of the Rice Institute, derives his information about Lovett's trip.

July 24, 1908 — Lovett, Mary and Weems leave Montreal aboard the Empress of Ireland, a small steamer owned by the Canadian Pacific Line.

Aug. 31, 1908 — Lovett meets with Woodrow Wilson, at that time President of Princeton University and his former employer, who was vacationing with his family at their English Lake Country retreat in Grasmere. Wilson notes that Lovett is too absorbed in his journey to notice the beauty of the valley that day.

Oct. 15, 1908 — Lovett departs for Scandinavia. Before he leaves, he mails the first set of books back to Houston, intended for use at the Rice Institute.

Oct. 30, 1908 — Lovett arrives at Stockholm to meet with the King of Norway and tour the University of Stockholm; after observing the programs at Stockholm, Lovett becomes convinced that, in addition to science, a university should develop programs for "jurisprudence, civil law, letters and art."

Nov. 4, 1908 — While in Stockholm, Lovett receives a letter from Raphael stating that he should end his trip in early January and return to Houston, before visiting Japan, in order to develop the institute; Lovett replies that too much time, energy and money had been invested in the trip, and that continuing onward is the only way to properly complete his task.

Nov. 17, 1908 — Wilson has his secretary write a letter of introduction for Lovett to use at his meetings around the world.

Nov. 25, 1908 — The Rice Board of Trustees sends Lovett their approval and support in continuing his journey, despite their original concerns.

Dec. 7, 1908 — Lovett spends two days at the old university city of Göttingen, meeting with mathematician Felix Klein; Klein's balance of technical and liberal learning impress Lovett, and will appear in his eventual plans for Rice.

Dec. 16, 1908 — Spending only one day in Leipzig, where he received his doctorate in mathematics from the city's university, Lovett spends word of the new institute; soon after, Lovett arrives in Munich, where he tours the Technical High School of Munich, and observes the attention given not only to practical, but also theoretical, skills, which Lovett will later incorporate into the Rice Institute's engineering program.
Dec. 21, 1908 — Lovett writes to Raphael that the university with which he has been most impressed so far is Göttingen, because it balances traits of both a university and a technical institute, despite Germany’s rigid educational system.

Jan. 7, 1909 — Leaving Mary in Paris, Lovett and Weems travel through Brussels to London where they meet with representatives from Cambridge, Oxford and the Imperial College of Science; from these universities, Lovett gains insight about leadership and administration for the new institute, as well as a recognition for uncommon individual merit; it is here that Lovett receives inspiration for adopting the residential college system.

Jan. 18–26, 1909 — Lovett and Weems travel by railroad through Spain, visiting universities at Burgos and Madrid; shortly thereafter, they venture to the Technical High School and Academy of Sciences in Lisbon, and to the university at Seville. Worried about his status with the board in Houston, Lovett writes to his wife of his impatience but remains hopeful that his effort will be worthwhile.

Jan. 29, 1909 — After visiting several landmarks, including the “Mosque for Grenada” and the Rock of Gibraltar, Lovett and Weems depart for Italy via steamer; Lovett writes Raphael a letter in which he summarizes the previous month’s findings, noting that the Iberian Peninsula's climate resembles that of Texas, and provided a number of interesting architectural innovations he had noted.

Feb. 1–3, 1909 — Lovett and Weems board the SS Corvania for Genoa and immediately head for Rome; upon reaching land, Lovett is reunited with his wife, and they spend the next few days visiting the University of Rome and the National Library. In a letter to Raphael, Lovett expresses his desire for buildings with architectural unity without uniformity, a combination of classic and renaissance architecture.

Feb. 12, 1909 — The group spends three days in Athens, interviewing faculty at the University of Athens, the Ecole Polytechnique and the American Classical School; Lovett was particularly fond of the architecture at Greek universities.

March 10–22, 1909 — Lovett and company board the Trans-Siberian Express, the longest railroad in the world, for the lengthiest and least-productive stretch of their journey, remaining on the train for nearly two weeks.

March 25 – April 1, 1909 — Lovett and the others reach Tokyo, where they meet with professors and administrators from Tokyo University, the College of Science, Japan Women’s University, Keigo University and Waseda University; Lovett is impressed by the application of Western educational practices, but receives little inspiration for the Rice Institute.

April 7–23, 1909 — Lovett and company leave for Honolulu on the SS Mongolia and spend the night there; they leave for San Francisco the following day. Upon arriving at San Francisco, Mary takes a train to Kentucky to reunite with her children and parents.

April 24 – May 6, 1909 — Lovett and Weems continue to inspect universities, including Stanford University and University of California at Berkeley; in letters to his wife, Lovett reveals he is finally ready to build the new university.

May 7, 1909 — Lovett and Weems return to Houston, having completed their trip around the world in search of inspiration for the new institute.
and we really felt like we made a thoughtful effort to balance those interests together."

Kavalewitz, also an Odum Engineering Design Kitchen Administrator, said the committee examined bike policies at other universities and solicited input from the Rice community with a survey last semester that received over 1,100 responses.

Moscati said he felt making bike-registration mandatory was particularly important. "I felt that's the best way to educate students about bike safety in general, and how to ride bikes at Rice," Moscati said. "If you have to register it, then you are given information and introduced to the rules and regulations."

There's not enough rack space for people's bikes. Most buildings do have bike racks and they're in alright locations, but the main problem is that there's not enough space and so there's no way you could fit.

Isiana Rendon
Lovett College sophomore

When riders register their bikes, they are now required to take a quiz to ensure they understand the new policies.

Lovett College sophomore Isiana Rendon, who owns a bike, said she thought the quiz and bike registration were reasonable ideas, but she was concerned about the rule requiring that bikes be locked only to racks.

Rendon said she rarely uses bike racks, often because they are filled to capacity, and instead prefers to lock the wheel of her bike to the rest of the bike and park it closer to the entrance of the building.

"There's not enough rack space for people's bikes," Rendon said. "Most buildings do have bike racks and they're in alright locations, but the main problem is that there's not enough space and so there's no way you could fit. Sometimes bikes have baskets or have really big handles and it's hard to take out your bike."

Sid Richardson College sophomore Jonathan Rhish said the policy is annoying for him because he has a bike, though overall the new policy makes sense. "I understand things like not biking under covered areas," Rhish said. "I don't think it's too unreasonable."

The policy is the culmination of 18 months of work to update an old policy that was part of parking regulations, Kavalewitz said. "The old policy didn't give attention to the complaints we were hearing from pedestrians and cyclists, so through a very diverse committee, we started to address these things," Kavalewitz said.

These issues included that of cyclists wanting more places to park their bikes and pedestrians annoyed by cyclists speeding by without following traffic laws.

Kavalewitz said the growing student body, coupled with a spike in gas prices, has led to a larger number of bicycles on campus.

Since Orientation Week, 250 bikes have been registered. Kavalewitz said it was difficult to know how many bikes were previously on campus as the numbers regularly fluctuate.

One reason there is no firm number of bikes on campus last year is that bicycle registration was not mandatory until the implementation of the new policy this year.

An informal count conducted last year estimated about 1,000 bikes on campus, Kavalewitz said. She added that hundreds of bicycles are also abandoned each year.

Kavalewitz said she was very concerned with ensuring that RUPD not ticket students until after they are made aware of the policy change. She said the policy was announced to the Student Association and the Graduate Student Association at the end of last semester.

The Bicycle Safety Committee has also started putting up posters in the residential colleges and other common areas and that brochures have been distributed during bicycle registration and at the transportation fair.

In addition, Kavalewitz said postcards would be put in all the students' campus mailboxes. Early this week, she sent out an e-mail on list serves both at Rice and in the neighboring area to publicize the policy, since members of the community also bike through campus.

"To see the full results of the bicycle safety survey, visit http://nimbus.cs.rice.edu/~jk4/BikeSafety/.

MAN ON THE STREET

What do you think of the new bike policy enacted this semester?

"If they're ready to take bikes not tied to racks, they should make an effort to make sure there are enough racks. In the morning going to class there is not enough space to tie your bike so you have to tie it to a random bar."

Diego Cabalero
Lovett College senior

"I don't think you should have to lock your bike up. If you don't lock your bike, it's your fault if someone steals it."

"Impounding is absurd for bikes that aren't locked. It's just a power struggle. It's hand-holding, coddling, Big Brother-ish. I'm not a fan."

"Making registration mandatory is not a big deal, you can go online. If they want to enforce locking bikes to racks, they should probably install more bike racks."

Haley Lightcap
Brown College sophomore

Anna Baron
Wiess College sophomore

Sean Derr
Duncan College freshman

BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE SURVEY RESULTS

Data compiled from 1,144 survey respondents

Do you consider yourself to be familiar with the current university policy regarding bicycles?

STONGLY DISAGREE 8.6%
DISAGREE 12.6%
NEUTRAL 18.7%
AGREE 30.3%
STONGLY AGREE 28.8%

SHOULD THE UNIVERSITY DESIGNATE CERTAIN AREAS AROUND CAMPUS AS "BIKE ONLY" PATHS?

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NO 55.4%
YES 41.3%

The Chao Center for Asian Studies held a Japanese tea-tasting ceremony Wednesday in the Kyle Morrow Room in Fondren Library. The event was sponsored by the Consulate-General of Japan at Houston.
Clear forecast for Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

BY CHRISTI VASQUEZ FOR THE THRERER

With spaghetti tornadoes and ice-cream-named neighborhoods, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs succeeds in making an entertaining 90-minute movie from a book that, at best, five minutes to read. While the plot of the film wildly diverges from Julia and Ron Barrett's best-selling children's book, audiences won't be disappointed with the changes.

Flint Lockwood (voiced by Bill Hader) is an aspiring inventor living in the island town of Swallow Falls. His streak of failed inventions leads him to create something that would benefit the town as a whole: a machine that turns water molecules into food. Unfortunately, the食事 clause clause 机 ruins the town's tourism prospects, it is shot into the sky, where, add to Flint's list of failures. The cast—Tim Allen, Bruce Campbell (Rocky III), and Jennifer Connelly (Beautiful Mind)—burst onto the screen as the fearless female warrior, 7. The cast successfully tries to put a stop to Flint's creation, however, is yet another addition to Flint's list of failures. Other voice actors include Neil Patrick Harris (How I Met Your Mother), Benjamin Bratt (The Cleaner) and Ty Burrell (The Day's Show) bringing a predictably yummy performance.

Meatballs stays true to the general idea of the book, but a few changes...

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Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

Starring: Bill Hader, Anna Faris, Bruce Campbell
Rated: PG
Released: Sept. 18

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The post-apocalyptic world does rag dolls banding together to save and peace: the mechanical beast only thing standing between them and that killed off the human race.

Slowly, the creatures band together and leave their blend in with the environment, are "bad." This distinction may be simple, but its only browns, blacks and other dull colors for the setting powerfully conveys the blackness of the film's post-apocalyptic world.

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The Lord of the Ring's only familiar voice in the cast: John Wood is not the cautious first interactions with fel-

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Modern ballet gets a racy twist with colorful yet tragic love story of Manon

By Theresa Boyer
For The Thresher

The themes of love, money, and immorality are popularly associated with Hollywood films, and one of the reasons is because they are often the stories that drive the plot of a ballet production. The Houston Ballet opened its 40th season last Thursday with Sir Kenneth MacMillan's modern ballet Manon, demonstrating the culmination of years of growth and development as both a company and an artistic community. Based on Abbé Prévost's 18th-century novel Manon Lescaut, the ballet traces the tragic fall of a young woman from her giddy innocence to her eventual downfall. The book or not. As far-fetched as this may sound, the climax of the movie is thrown up to par with the visuals created by the state-of-the-art animation software, the film casts off the lowest common denominator. That is not to say that Burton has dumbed down the film or aimed for something that can bring everyone in the dark forests of mysterious places. However, Manon provides a rich plot line in a performance vibrant with complex characters and well-timed music. The lovers express their true emotions in intimate dances in his lodgings. The great tour de force of the performance lies in the two principal roles. Yet the forces of the rich and powerful in Régence-era Paris act too quickly and cunningly for Manon's intellect, eventually leading to her arrest as a prostitute and exile to a remote French penal colony. Manon's light and airy movement her ultimately tragic demise, and a more complicated heroine. The forces of wealth, sex and death also combine to lift Manon's intellect, eventually leading to her arrest as a prostitute and exile to a remote French penal colony. Manon's light and airy movement.

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Siamese Soul: Thai Pop Spectacular vol. 2

Artist: Various
Label: Sublime Frequencies
Release: Sept. 21

The album featured a great mix of local styles, jazz and pop that melded together electric musical influences from surf, funk and disco. It was an exciting piece of history with a tremendously universal appeal.

So the moment I caught sight of a little red box on the mail from Sublime Frequencies, I immediately knew something significant awaited my ears. I was one of the first to get my hands on a copy of Siamese Soul: Thai Pop Spectacular vol. 2, which by no means has the typical Thai music fan in mind. After all, the very name of the label, which is known for being laid-back, Somehow

Of particular interest are the short improvisations of the lyrics and translation in each piece. The result is a fascinating and accessible interpretation of the original Thai music, making it appealing to both Thai and Western audiences.

You are with Rice and not required. Free admission is only available for Thursdays and the last show on Saturdays. Regular tickets are $24. Formal dress is not required.

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Siamese Soul

BY CLAIRE SCHAEFFER

Have you ever dreamed of dressing up fancy for a night on the town? Do you like to laugh at people's mistakes? Is your grandmother going to be able to hold her end of the bargain this weekend?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, a heavy dose of quality theatre may be in order. The Lighter Side of the Recession opens this month at Radio Music Theatre, and not only is it a fantastic show, but in the spirit of its title, admission is free for Rice staff and students. $25 general admission.

The performance is comprised of a healthy portion of low-calorie, light protein and sometimes slightly naughty humor that will reach all ages and will quickly have you and not-so-bored grandmother rolling on the floor. Featuring Sean Farrell's incompetent and somewhat successful repairman Mac Sloan, a private eye who can't help but plunge in a bluesy Popart-esque conversation narration for every detail of his life, the plot revolves around his sudden employment by mysterious millionaire Delmar Lutz. Sloan's task: seduce Lutz's wife by pretending to be a Regional Manager. Complete with fedora and a little tune that may be vaguely recognizable as "As Time Goes By," the protagonist soon finds that his questionable actions and aged wife are leading to a departure from the normal and medical outcomes.

Although it is already impressive to watch the actors achieve physical and social transformation through costumes, these "Jewelry" and "Ten Rival Wives" have each mastered a variety of musical instruments. Many of the songs have been sung by the performers, with the original songs that perfectly parallel the show's events. Part of the show's charm lies in the vocal performances, the "Jewelry" and "Ten Rival Wives." The music is so well-choreographed that the actors seem to be performing every note perfectly, with the audience being able to see and hear the performers.

The performance is highly enjoyable and entertaining, and it is definitely a must-see for anyone who enjoys live theatre. The show is running at the Rollercade Theatre, and not only is it a fantastic show, but in the spirit of its title, admission is free for Rice staff and students. $25 general admission.
Red Raiders’ offensive buzzsaw cuts down Owls
Texas Tech matches seven passing touchdowns to continue Rice’s road woes

by Meghan Hall

At halftime in last weekend’s contest against Texas Tech University, the football team’s chances of a comeback looked, if not quite promising, then at least decent. The Owls (1-2) were down 14-3 to a team that finished third in the Big 12 conference, with the fourth-best offense in the nation, batting against the reduced and riddled rows at Jones AT&T Stadium.

The Owls left filled with their odds. The feeling did not last long.

Frustrating Tech points late, Rice was staring up at a 55-10 bruising, the kind of beating not often seen outside of Austin and the type that chickens roosted victoriously at the door. The Owls had thrown the book at the Red Raiders (2-3), but it was to no avail. Texas Tech picked apart a stumbling secondary, held fast against Rice’s depleted running corps and bewildered an offensive line that, in the end, still gave up six sacks.

Demoralizing? Definitely. A trend. Coupled with the already daunting, 20-point loss to the University of Alabama at Birmingham, a pattern. Tomorrow’s game will tell.

And what a game it will be. Not only will Rice be facing its first top-15 opponent of the year in No. 16 Oklahoma State University, but they will be facing a Cowboys squad lacking its wounds of late last week’s 43-35 loss to the University of Houston, a deficit that dropped them in spots of the polls and all but soured their national championship dreams.

But it’s not just that Oklahoma State (2-1) will be looking for revenge against Rice’s Owls — the Owls will also be playing their third straight road game of the season, not that long ago, OKLA, for tomorrow’s 6 p.m. game.

Sophomore defensive back Travis Brashie, the toughest part of tomorrow’s contest will come from the Cowboys front three, for vengeance.

“On one hand, our conference had a great works,” Brashie said. “That’s great for our conference and I’m all about our league, but on the other hand we can see expect Oklahoma State to be more focused and more determined than ever. They will not be more spent coming into our game. They’ll be angry, so now we have to perform. The odds, it would appear, are not high for victory. But battle and his staff are sticking with the two-quarterback system they’ve employed for the last two games. Redshirt sophomore quarterback John Thomas Shepherd, who had a mediocre performance in the loss to Tennessee State University, but he rather his first career start against Texas Tech but finished only 8 of 20 for 159 yards, Shepherd, on the inside.

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Virus takes toll on volleyball
With several team members battling flu, Owls drop two of three

by Paul Fitzgerald

If there were ever an inopportune time for the flu to hamper the volleyball team during the first half of the season, last weekend’s Mizuno Invitational II was it. With numerous members battling the virus, Owls (8-3) dropped a pair of matches to undefeated University of Tennessee State (1-1) will be looking for revenge against Rice’s Owls — the Owls will also be playing their third straight road game of the season, not that long ago, OKLA, for tomorrow’s 6 p.m. game.

Senior outside hitter and co-captain Natalie Bogan felt her team would be up to the challenge against the Hawks, the second ranked opponent Rice has faced this year.

“We just expect to come out and do our best,” Bogan said. “We love playing against good teams, and we usually do pretty well in those situations.”

But, from time to time, those troubles still reared their ugly heads. Such was the case with the Gamecocks (6-1). Rice started strong against South Carolina, taking two of the first three sets, but dropped the final two frames to lose its first match in seven contests (28-35, 25-35, 25-27, 25-27, 15-15).

Rogers’ billing lists the Owls off to their strong start, putting them back from South Carolina’s 6-0 lead. In the second set, neither team could open a sizeable advantage to start, but a 6-5 South Carolina run gave the Gamecocks a 4-9 advantage. The
Zivick runs into Rice's much-needed leadership role

Men's cross country team looks to leadership of veteran runner to carry them to new heights

by Jonathan Myers

Like any sports team, class projects, and through individual careers, Rice's men's cross country team is defined by its leaders, the guys who make the engine run and fix it when it's broken. Senior Scott Zivick is one of those guiding forces for this year's edition of the team.

Zivick, 21, stepped through the SaltyPant in late 2006, the Houstonian had shown flashes of what this year had in store. His sixth-place finish at the Texas 5A state cross country meet his senior year of high school, as well as his eighth-place finish in the 1600-meter run at the state track meet were just a few of his prep accomplishments.

However, Zivick freely admits that the team experience at Humble High School was nothing near to the camaraderie and unity he has experienced with the cross country team at Rice.

"There's none of a team aspect that I have seen before," Zivick said. "When I went to high school, there were only a handful of people on your team. I had a few guys run with me, but it wasn't to the same level. You couldn't expect anyone to perform with you everyday consistently."

But Zivick found the platform to connect with like-minded runners, those whose desire to improve each encounter were on par with his. The bar has been raised - but it's not yet high enough. During Zivick's three years on South Main, Rice has reached the NCAA Central Regional every season, with Zivick finishing sixth as a junior and fifth as a senior.

But the team has yet to make the NCAA National Meet, something that Zivick would like to remedy during his final year at Rice.

Zivick realizes that the Owls still have plenty of questions about their potential yet to be answered heading into tomorrow's Rice Invitational, the prelude to the Conference USA Championships and beyond. He acknowledges that he has been an understudy to some of the best runners in recent Rice history, but Scott does a really good job at setting the pace and motivating the team before the race.

"Being a senior, I guess he's had a little bit of sole given to him," Zivick said. "He does a really good job at getting everyone on the same page, with what we need to do." Buck added, "He helps to keep the team together, especially the younger runners, on focusing on what we need to do during training."

Luckily for the Owls, Zivick has been an understudy to some of the best runners in recent Rice history, many of whom are able to motivate him on different levels.

"There's been a couple of guys who have helped me out," Zivick said. "On Robson [Lovett '09] was a big one and Matt Hoffman [Martel '07] another. Each of them had their own individual impact on me. Hoffman was more on a personal level. Robson was more on a training level, Pablo Solano [Martel '07] was an inspiration as well, they all kind of helped me out in their own way."

Not only has Zivick been a key member of Rice's cross country team, but he's played a part in the spring as well, running distance events for the men's track team. Competing primarily in the 800 meters, 1600 meters and 3000-meter steeplechase, Zivick has made his mark recently at various meet, including personal bests of 1:47.74 in the 800 meters at the Rice Meet, 4:18.55 in the mile at the 2008 C-USA Indoor meet and 9:47.95 in the 3000-meter steeplechase at the 2008 Texas Relays.

He acknowledges that he has probably been able to have more success on the track, if only because the number of events he competes in are greater.

"I've had my moments in both cross country and track," Zivick said. "I think, more or less, that track has been really where I've performed well, but fitness-wise, I think there have been quite a few times where I just didn't pull it together, but I was in a lot better shape (than my performances showed)."

For the Owls to ultimately get it done in the right moment, they will need to draw upon Zivick's three years of experience and confidence in his teammates to make the vanguard a success. In his final Rice Invitational tomorrow, it will partially be Zivick's responsibility not to necessarily make a success out of the team's victory, but to motivate the team before the race and to make sure they continue to run as a pack, as Head Coach Jim Warren (Jones '88) has continually preached. With leaders like Zivick, it is only natural to think that the unselfishness, camaraderie of the younger members of the team will be solved sooner rather than later.

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Play Better In The Corporate Sandbox.
**Men's tennis shows promise for spring**

**by Casey Michel**

While Assistant Coach Gary Ellebode's laments that a 10-6 loss to LSU's Julian Gauthier can be expected to see more of this season, Garforth-Bles said, "It was a particularly emotional game after the loss Friday night. Scott's score came early in the game, in the 15th minute. It was Scott's second goal of the season and the 20th in her college career, two away from breaking the all-time Rice scoring record held by Clary Martin (Brown '88) with 94. Edwards' insurance came in the 7th minute off a pass from senior defender Stephanie Cram. The entire team recognized the importance of the Sunday victory over LSU after the emotional letdown of the loss to the Cowgirls. Houston said that after the defeat Friday, the women's performance was not particularly fundamentally sound, but was filled with emotion and was enough to get the job done. With momentum back on their side, the Owls will face a crucial battle tonight at home against the University of New Mexico. The Lobos (6-0-1) are more of a mindset to defend these plays than an actual strategy that can be taught in practice. The loss was certainly a tough pill to swallow, but the Owls took to the road to find their remedy, coming in the form, fittingly, of the Roadrunners (4-4)." 

Sunday afternoon, the team earned a 2-0 road victory over UTSA, with goals scored by Edwards and senior forward Erin Scott. It was a particularly emotional game after the loss Friday night. Scott's score came early in the game, in the 15th minute. It was Scott's second goal of the season and the 20th in her college career, two away from breaking the all-time Rice scoring record held by Cloey Martin (Brown '88) with 94. Edwards' insurance came in the 7th minute off a pass from senior defender Stephanie Cram. The entire team recognized the importance of the Sunday victory over UTSA after the emotional letdown of the loss to the Cowgirls. Houston said that after the defeat Friday, the women's performance was not particularly fundamentally sound, but was filled with emotion and was enough to get the job done. With momentum back on their side, the Owls will face a crucial battle tonight at home against the University of New Mexico. The Lobos (6-0-1) have scored their school record most consecutive matches without a loss and received votes in last week's national rankings. They are the final non-conference opponent for the Owls, and a win against them in tonight's game, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium, would be the season's highlight thus far. The team is hoping to use this as a rallying point to launch itself into a successful conference schedule. As opposed to playing teams that are, at least on paper, more talented than the Owls, the Owls are looking to use this as a chance to prove themselves against a tough conference opponent.
**COMMENTARY**

Robinson's dedication cements heroic status in San Antonio

While most people's TV time this weekend centered on Sunday's Super Bowl, a few were cheering on the Spurs. It was a weekend centered on Sunday's Super Bowl.

The Spurs were so bad, in fact, that there was a lot of crying of outrage as Kanye West trounced the Lakers in the NBA finals. With a degree in mathematics, Robinson won the right to the top pick in the draft.

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**VOLLEYBALL**

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fifth and final set.

The Owls dominated the beginning of the fifth set, opening up a 6-0 lead on the strength of their strong offense. A kill by junior middle blocker Carman Gill extended the lead to 6-1, but that would be the final tally in Rice's favor for the rest of the match, and a serif's from (call me Beyonce, because I'm now a gold medalist, Most Valuable Player, All-Turno, two-time NCAA champ on and on. Sure, those accolades are important — but they're not why Robinson is important. No, it's the man's dedication that makes him stand above the rest. And, like his father, his family, his team and his community, he has done so much in the way of community service that the NBA named their Community Action award after Robinson and his wife.

Anna Wilde

* Copy Editor

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Martel 31, Brown 20

Martel posted her second shutout in 24 hours on Sunday night, defeating Brown College with a strong performance.

The Owls did manage a single touchdown in the first half, coming off Shepherd's three-yard pass to junior wide receiver Taylor Dajore — the first career touchdown for both — but the offense was overshadowed by the quarterback's strong effort, who continued the streak of stellar quarterback performances against the Owls. After quarterback Joe Webb's C-USA-record-setting performance for UAB, Potts was nearly unstoppable as he threw for 456 yards and seven touchdowns.

We only had two big plays on the night. It's hard when you don't have big plays to win football games.
FRIDAY

Screw Ye Roommate!

Rice’s legendary blind-date tradition continues as you meet the date your roommate has procured for you. (If your roommate was doing his/her job by Willy’s Statue at 6 p.m. Of course, before you actually go on the date, you have to guess which member of the dating crowd is your screw date, based on the mutual compatibility of your costumes. For example, if you’re dressed as a monkey, you should look for a banana. Go on your date once you’ve found your partner, get to know him/her in a hopefully non-awkward way, and head to Willy’s Pub at 10 p.m. for a nice little post-date party.

Screw date costume idea No. 1

Still can’t figure out what your roommate and his/her date should wear for disguises? Here’s one great idea, free of charge: They should dress as a drunk and Don Ohl. (A fact many people don’t understand.)

Reason No. 8 to hate Twilight: I think of it every time I hear the word “blood.” The Rice blood drive is happening on Oct. 14, on behalf of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation. But she needs your support and do so leukemias and lymphoma patients around the world. So head over to Jason’s Deli today between 1 p.m. and closing time, and tell the cashier you’re with Laura’s group. A portion of your purchase will go to this very worthy cause. You’ll be helping a rumored, medical research and your stomach all at once.

Don’t these people realize the sbops sucked? I guess not. Sid Kirk is once again presenting its notorious “fake party” at the Rice University Grand Tailgate Concert. Imagine an evening of intense, earth-pounding Japanese Kamikaze Toddler drumming. Now imagine that the concert is at 9 p.m. and it’s free. That’s how awesome this event is.

Screw date costume idea No. 2

Still haven’t decided on your roommate’s screw date costume? Maybe you can make the pair dress like Gib and Merta from Arrested Development. Promises from heavens! Watch out for that sketchy dude Hermano, though. He could break the looser up.

SATURDAY

Help a great cause. Eat a sandwich!

Winnipeg’s Lauren Barry Wilkinson is running in the Chicago Marathon on Oct. 12, on behalf of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation. But she needs your support and do so leukemias and lymphoma patients around the world. So head over to Jason’s Deli today between 1 p.m. and closing time, and tell the cashier you’re with Laura’s group. A portion of your purchase will go to this very worthy cause. You’ll be helping a rumored, medical research and your stomach all at once.

Does your screw date have rhythm?

TUESDAY

Catalytic reporter

Today’s the last day to apply for a spot on the editorial staff of Catalytic, Rice’s undergraduate science research journal. Send your app to catalytic@rice.edu.

MONDAY

Sing, sing, sing

Soprano Susan Lorette Dunn, a Shepherd School faculty member, presents an evening of songs by Perin, Bernstein, Walton and more tonight at 8 p.m. in the Dun- can Rechtall Hall. Tickets are free.

Screw date costume idea No. 4

One of you could be Leonard Bernstein, and the other one could be Tom Cotolu. (If you’re not a classical music geeks like me, you might just give us a more readily understandable costume idea.)

Today should be International Science Fiction Day, or something

For one thing, it was on this day in 1989 that B. R. L. Tolkien published The Hobbit. For another, it’s the birthday of the Time Machine author H.G. Wells. It’s also the birthday of composer Gustav Holst, whose music appeared in the soundtrack to David Bowie’s 80’s movie The Man Who Came From Earth. Also, on this day in 1953, Isaac Asimov didn’t do anything.

THURSDAY

Hello, parents!

Today’s the kick-off of Parents Weekend, so if you’re getting an early start on your weekend you can register at the 808s Club. Proof of purchase will go to this very worthy cause. You’ll be helping a rumored, medical research and your stomach all at once. But don’t worry, I can’t guarantee that the answer will not be too eye-rolling either.

Execution is murder

(A fact many people don’t understand.) I want you to learn more about cases of wrongful convictions and wrongful executions in Texas, and what we can do about them. Check out Annemari Kletz’s talk, “Execution: On the Case of Death Row Inmate Troy Davis.” The discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. in Seminal Hall 305.

You fail the GRE and teach grade schoolers instead

Actually, that’s not what they’ll be telling us as a Grade School Confidential,” a Humanities Research Center panel about the graduate admissions process, and how graduate students share their experiences and thoughts at 7 p.m. in Herring Hall 224.

Pladd is back!

Tonight is the inaugural performance of the annual West Col- leges’ annual Wiess Col-

WEDNESDAY

Mayoral debate on campus!

The Houston Association of His- toric Preservation and Rice University proudly co-sponsor a mayoral debate at the KAC Grand Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. The theme which Houston’s mayoral candidates will discuss is “The Latino Voice.”

Screw date costume idea No. 5

Have one person dress up as Gene Locke, and the other can be An- nise Parker.

How TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

The deadline for submission is 3 p.m. the Monday prior to publication. Submissions are peer-reviewed on a space-available basis.

Submission methods

Fax: 713-348-3138
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Campus Mail: Campus Mail

Note from the Editor:

Okay, is anybody reading this? Last week I announced the Thresher Calendar Really Terrible Waffle Recipe Contest and offered some suggestions, like bacon and blue cheese waffles, heirloom tomatoes and green onion waffles and macaroni-and-waffles. The winning recipe was going to be listed in this week’s Calendar. But do you know what? Nobody submitted any entries.

But I’m not letting that get me down. So today the Calendar announces a new Sarah Palin joke Contest! Send your best Sarah Palin joke to the e-mail address above and see if in print. To get your started, here’s one written by Thresher copy editor Anna Wilde.

Q. How many Sarah Palins does it take to screw in a light bulb? A. They have light bulbs in Alaska!

On another, unrelated note Congratulations, Kitty, on your new date! Hope it works out, if it doesn’t, at least the will be gener- manently commemorated in print, only in a back-issue Thresher at the Woodson Research Center.

Last thing: What’s the hidden theme of this week’s Calendar?
ELEVEN STUDENTS AND SOME PROFESSORS EXPECT TO BE WIPED OUT BY A NEW PROTOCOL.

"In our experience, people love taking tests," said Lindsay Kirton, Chair of the Honor Council, when asked how the test would be administered. "It could go online or in-library, or we can call the test and the student will answer the test and keep them from accessing Rice's online resources until the test is finished."

Kirton’s head then spun around violently as she leapt onto the ceiling and scurried away.

"My job used to be so easy," lamented Scarborough. "I used to just, you know, ban kids from the network when they were caught pirating music." While sitting on the backs of gold and clutching a half-empty bottle of whiskey, Scarborough explained that the pressure of protecting Rice’s networks from phishing scams has increased to the overall atmosphere at Rice at 3-6. "We're in a constant conflict and humanity. Our system administrators are bussing [a canned air] just to deal with it. The guys over in Educational Technology are overwhelmed with phishing overhead projectors on a daily basis. I mean, we just don't possibilify this network when people just don't care!"

"I just don't care," admitted Jeremiah Hofshinsky, a Baker College senior. "You know, I just don't care. I just think, I understand, I don't understand anything except how to use the Google. When asked what Rice could do to prevent phishing scams, he said, "Don't have we, like, an IT staff or something to keep an eye on us? They should, like, do their jobs."

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ENACTED A NEW INTERNET REGULATION TO ALTER THE WAY THAT THE RICE UNIVERSITY IT DEPARTMENT HANDLES PHISHING SCAMS.

"How it would work: The next time users attempt to connect to a Rice network or access their Rice e-mail accounts, they would be presented with a 50-question quiz. The topics would include phishing prevention, how Rice’s network works, policies, procedures and rules. Users who fail the test will be banned from the network for two weeks."

"A part-time job. Contact 713-922-9256."

"The position has long been staffed by excellent Rice looking students for a part-time position that accommodates their class schedules. Pay starts at $20/hr and increases after training period ends. Contact Vickie Brown (vickie@luxuryres.com) or erin@luxuryres.com."

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