### Transfer system set
**By Katherine Hsu**

Students should keep a close eye on their mailboxes in the coming weeks, as the first round of transfers to the new residential colleges will soon be on their way. Though Duncan College and McMurtry College opened their doors in August to a new freshman class, they are still accepting members from Baker College and Will Rice College. Next fall, Baker and Will Rice will move back to their renovated colleges on the south side of campus, and Duncan and McMurtry will represent a new urbanization population.

"The selected students will be filled by randomly selected seniors and juniors from the other nine colleges," this group, a representative distribution of gender, residence halls, and majors, will receive invitations sent by Dean of Undergraduates Robert Forman and, according to Associate Dean of Undergraduates Matt Taylor, will represent "a cross-section of classes."

Taylor said a survey sent out last month from his office showed about 40 percent of the 87 respondents in favor of moving to McMurtry and Duncan for the season. Based on this data, he said he expects a total of roughly 200 students to transfer.

"In order to make sure that people are excited about being part of the new colleges," Taylor said, "invitations will be placed in the recipients' mailboxes next Friday, and students will have until Oct. 7 to decide whether to accept or decline the offer to transfer. While the selected students will not be able to choose which college they will transfer to, they will be asked to bring between one and four friends, with the individual's allowed number stated in the letter.

"From the very beginning, we have engaged students at all levels of the institution concerning the new colleges," Taylor said. "We have given them the chance to work with the original freshman classes of Duncan and McMurtry to create a college from scratch, including selecting majors and RA's, writing a constitution and establishing traditions."

As further incentive, Duncan and McMurtry will host events from next Friday to Oct. 7 in the office building and their dorms, for students to visit and meet the students there. Although details of fall, homecoming, Baker and Will Rice Orientation Week coordinator, Aaron Varnell, confirmed the events will include tours of the colleges and rooms and mixers for the current freshmen.

Without an O-Week and residence halls, students selected by a faculty member will be selected by a faculty member, and their process had no safeguards to prevent intensive group confusion. [See Invite, page 7]

### A celebration of memories
**Family and friends gather to remember the lives of Steve and Holt Wilkins at their memorial service in the Rice Chapel Monday. The brothers, who died in a car crash July 25, were active members of the Rice community, and left behind a legacy of service and inspiration.**

### Colleges to close for break
**Relocation to nearby hotel partially subsidized by university**

**By Hallie Jordan**

In an effort to cut costs and reduce its carbon footprint, the university has elected to close all residential colleges this winter break.

International students and athletes who cannot go home during the holidays have the option of staying across Main Street at the Holiday Inn and Suites Houston Medical Center.

The residential colleges, though accessible via students' Rice identification cards, will have electricity and water turned off from Dec. 19 to Jan. 30. The last day of final exams is Dec. 16.

"By closing the colleges for the 23 day Break, Rice will save an estimated $500,000 to $750,000 on utility bills. From July 1, 2009, to June 30 of this year, Housing and Dining spent approximately $2 million to operate nine residential colleges, before Duncan College and McMurtry College opened.

Most colleges are built to hold 200 students, with about six students remaining at each during winter break. Most of the maintenance and cleaning costs are energy-related, but some money is also budgeted to Rice University Police Department officers and maintenance staff who put in the extra time.

Associate Vice President of Housing and Dining Mark Ditman anticipates about 80 students will stay at the hotel this winter. They will either be international students who cannot go home or athletes whose teams will compete over the break. Other students who need to stay must fill out an application by Oct. 10.

The benefits of closing the college go beyond saving money and ensuring safety, Ditman said. With the students being close together, the university hopes to form a closer-knit community environment, he said.

The office of International Students and Scholars in its winter housing application for students staying at the hotel. Proposed events include going to a basketball game and a museum, among others, Executive Director of ISS Adria Baker said.

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**Mark Ditman**

**President of H&D**

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### New east servery planned
**Servery to connect Lovett, Will Rice**

**By Scott Norgaard**

Not long from now, residents of the north and west colleges might just have a reason to abandon their Crimson rolls and lead west to the new college for dinner.

A new east servery, which will connect Lovett College and Will Rice College, may be completed as early as December 2010. Proposed plans for the east servery, which would be located at the north end of Environmental Design, have been formally approved, according to Wester Rice's Perkins.

The plan, for the servery was conceptualized by Michael Hopkins of Hopkins Architects, a firm based in London that also designed McMurtry and Duncan College.

"I think it's pretty good," said Rice's Perkins, "a new east servery could occur next February, with the new south servery still in progress.

However, three plans are still on the drawing board, and just a timeline has been constructed for the new east servery.

If the university has enough funds, Duncan College could be shuttled to Rice and the Village. The remains hooked are in a new form with kettles and scarves can exist for themselves if their choice.

According to one international student, this arrangement would be a bargain. The dramatically increased cost of the program.

"I think it's pretty good, at least in theory," Duncan College freshman Weiyan Yan, who is from China, said. "I think it's really close compared to the flight tickets back home. Besides, the suite has a kitchen, so we can cook if we want, and there will be shuttles to Rice and the Village. So, it seems perfect to me."

### Law and order
**Want a way to make money in a bad economy without having to take risks? Check out the Legal Career Panel Oct. 4, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Houston.**

### We'll miss you, too
**If you want to feel bad and lonely next week, don't fear! It's just a small side-effect of the Thresher's one week hiatus for fall break.**

In the meantime, enjoy your days off and please, don't do anything that will get you on the police blotter.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Symphony tickets priced reasonably

To the Editor:

In the article “Houston Symphony’s classical dilemma,” published Sept. 26, Editor David Wooten wrote that the face value of his ticket to see the Houston Symphony was $50. It should be noted that the symphony usually sells rush tickets an hour before the performance begins for $35. This is a very reasonable price to pay to see a world-class symphony perform. Students can call the Customer Service Center at 713-266-5525 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to purchase rush tickets if any are available.

Kate Morgan
Music graduate student

New Yorker lends grand perspective

To the Editor:

It is absolutely delightful that Rice University has had the rare honor of recruiting a cultural critic of Ms. Joanna Zovey, with her fresh perspective on “The world has to offer, for there is no more incisive mind, no nobler spirit than that of the most honorable Lady, who has graciously accepted our offer and has descended, for our benefit, to bring a touch of placidity and grandeur, so lacking in the badlands, that some of us must call our home. Her first article does not last, but her impression does.”

I would be the Board of Directors, the president at whatever body is responsible for such things, take into immediate consideration that your presence being welcomed with boos and passed as loud, a most baseless act. I trust you will set it well at your temper. To whom shall we apply to for help? We have nothing else but help for their breakfast, or more disastrous yet, choose to lose, as savages, in hours that are separated from each other by more than a few inches? I extend to Ms. Joanna, from my most sincere appraisals for what she has found thus far in Houston, and hope that she will, for the good of all, continue to grace us with her commentary, so that we may, at some future date, reach a level of sophistication comparable, if not to the Free New York, then at least to some town near to the Grand City.

Alvaro Muñoz
Hanszen senior

Reforms necessary for Honor Council

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my support for Paul Arzani’s proposed reforms to the Honor Council (“Honor Council Rules highlight need for further modification,” Sept. 23).

Two of the reforms for which he argues—that charges be listed in initial emails to implicated students, and that the council maintain a public record of members’ voting—were commonly listed safeguards that one expects in any judicial system. Inclusion of the students’ charges against them at the earliest opportunity enables necessary due process and ensures that students can put forward the best defense of their honor. Cutting down on information asymmetry necessarily results in better decision-making.

Perhaps more controversially, prohibiting case-by-case consideration may tame the anonymity of the parties but record the opinions of the judges who will some future date, reach a level of sophistication comparable, if not to the Free New York, then at least to some town near to the Grand City.

Jessie Huang
Business Manager

Online Comment of the Week

In response to “Faculty concerns for merger” by Sam Luchetti, Oct. 1, I assume if the merger goes through, Rice will continue making changes to the practices that caused the problems at Baylor College of Medicine. I do not believe the merger would diminish what Rice has in humanities and natural sciences, but it would help us on the sciences.

I would personally be enthusiastic in favor of politicians who are for “change,” they usually strictly disagree with anything that might change their own situation.

Jocelyn Wright
Student Editor
vogue. Profit-driven executives, once summarized with the rhetorical flourish that "Crocs are to casual footwear — taboo," are now battered by the bursting of the financial bubble of the average American teenager in the 19th century. But it was 2006 Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, who, in his latest film, Capitalism. It's a Love Story, sharply criticizes for-profit capitalism and lambasts the overwhelming-number of poor that capitalism creates today in the United States. Thus, quite remarkably, when coupled with capitalism, the innovative spirit of girl banking is infinitely augmented, fostering entrepreneurial innovation in ways that pure charity cannot. Of course, Yunus's progressive message clashes sharply with the growing chorus of the detractors of capitalism, including, perhaps most notably, Michael Moore. In his latest film, Capitalism: It's a Love Story, Moore sharply criticizes for-profit capitalism as a corruptive, quasi-parasitic force that threatens the intrinsic stability of society. But grouping predatory subprime mortgage lenders with the microwi- dium loans of Gramm dance is a fallacy. We cannot overlook the overwhelming positive changes that such institutions have made. Yunus's cynical ideals are tantamount to lambasting capitalist endeavors as whole, which closes off the positive aspects of private enterprise, and the oft-underappreciated synergy that it forms with the unselfish ideals of charity. Despite the strides it has made, microfinance is still in its infancy. Much more remains to be accomplished. The selection of Yunus in this year's commencement speaker will provide Rice students an opportunity to confront the promises that change both to the way we see capitalism and how we may better the world. Let us use this opportunity to analyze how powerful a force of growth and growth, one that far surpasses the sum of its seemingly-disparate parts: microfinance.

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Bio professor dies

BY JOSH RUTENBERG
Assistant Editor, Staff

Former biology professor Lisa Marie Meffert died suddenly Sept. 29. She was 49 years old.

Meffert, who received her doctoral degree in biological sciences from Purdue University and UI in 1982, after completing her dissertation in the Department of Biology at UI, Meffert served as a faculty member at UI until 2000, when she joined the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department at Rice until 2008.

In her time at both universities, Meffert researched topics in the fields of quantitative genetics, speciation, sexual selection, animal behavior and conservation biology. Many of her experiments dealt with investigating complex traits of common houseflies, including mating behavior, morphology, sexual selection, animal behavior and conservation biology.

Meffert did not confine herself to her research. In conjunction with her research, she is also involved in the University of Houston's discussion of Cruelty to Animals, or to a charity of one's choice.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or to a charity of one's choice.

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SPEECH AND DEBATE INDIVIDUAL AND PAIR RESULTS

Contestants

Aparna Bhaduri and Kern Vilayxangviya
Ben Chou and Jarvis Sam
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Shubha Soman
Kern Vilayxangviya

Final Placements

Quarterfinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate
Octofinalists, Varsity Parliamentary Debate
First Place Informative Speaking, Second Place Communication Analysis, Second Place Extemporaneous Speaking, Third Place Impromptu Speaking
First Place Impromptu Speaking
First Place Extemporaneous Speaking, Third Place Persuasive Speaking
Third Place Lincoln-Douglas Debate

In winning the tournament, Rice defeated some of the teams cited by Worth and Assistant Director of Forensics Glenn Prince as its biggest competitors.

"Our competitors change every year, but ... Oregon Tech, University of Colorado at Boulder are very good this season," Prince said.

Worth agreed, adding that the University of Texas Air Force Academy is especially good in Lincoln-Douglas debates, in which students debate policy issues one-on-one.

"Air Force Academy is, in terms of peer institutions, our biggest competitors," Worth said.

Worth said the team was pleased to win the tournament, which is a rebuilding year for the team, because we work hard to represent Rice.

"I can engage in something I enjoy," Sam said. "We hope people will continue to support the debate team, because we work hard to represent Rice."
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

The following were noted at the most recent meeting of the Faculty Senate on Oct. 7.

- Speaker Duane Windsor announced the date of President David Leebron's State of the University address, Thursday, Oct. 22, from 4:45 p.m. in the McNamara Auditorium of Duncan Hall.

- Windsor, a business professor, said the executive committee approved the senate's recommendations to the president concerning the provost search committee. Leebron will make final selections for the eight committee member positions, which will be filled by faculty.

- The executive committee looked into the possibility of changing the allocation of seats in the senate. The senate's constitution requires a self-census of its structure every three years to ensure a balance of senators from each school and that different ranks of professors are represented.

- The senate adopted Motion A, which was proposed at last month's meeting. The motion recommends that the Graduate Council create separate processes for handling honor code violations.

- Professor Randy Batsell, chair of the Working Group on Grade Inflation and Academic Honors, described the group's work in raising student grade inflation and academic honors with interest and enrollment in courses at the next session.

- The Faculty Senate will meet Wednesday, Nov. 16, at noon in the Founder's Room of Lovett Hall.

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**RUPD POLICE BLOTTER**

The following items were reported to the Rice University Police Department for the period Oct. 1-6.

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**New BIOS majors**

BY LY HOANG

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Biology majors may soon find themselves with a few more options, as both the departments of Biochemistry and Cell Biology and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology have begun (collaborating to propose a new plan that will expand the number of minors and minors offered at Rice, as each nears fall.

"This is the biggest revision to the departments for many years," said Professor Evan Siemann, chair of the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology department.

Currently, the biochemistry department offers both a Bachelors of Arts and a Bachelors of Science in the major. Similarly, while the ecology department offers just a B.A., there is also a comprehensive major offered, the B.A. in biological science, which encompasses aspects from the ecology and biochemistry departments.

With the proposed plan, the departments will keep the current majors and add minors in both biochemistry and ecology. A.B.A. in ecology will be offered, as the B.S. requires more credit hours to graduate. Compared to a B.A. in biochemistry, which requires 40 hours, students who wish to major in ecology without the rigorous requirements would now only have to do so. In a broader degree for the biochemistry.

Currently, the other B.S. in ecology, has been well-received.

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Another change the proposal suggests is to clarify the course codes for each department. Currently, biochemistry and ecology are both listed as general biochemistry courses in the course catalog.

According to Siemann, the proposal is to submit the proposal to the Committee on Undergraduate Education, which will then submit it to the Graduate Council for approval. The Department of Biology is still gathering information before they reach any conclusions.

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The cost is really cheap compared to flight tickets back home.

Weiran Yan
Duncan College Freshman

The HAB also intends to cover as many work orders as possible during the break. Siemann said. The money normally spent on the cost of keeping the colleges running during the break will be instead used to make improvements.

 bile hopes to form a good relationship with the administration during this process so that if the program is successful it can continue in the future. Duncan said.

"The two managers we've met are the two most hospitable service-oriented folks I've met in a long time," he said. "I think they could be Rice people if they wanted to be."
For fourth year in a row, Rice improves sustainability

BY JOCELYN WRIGHT

Rice ranks first in Texas for sustainability for the second year in a row, according to the Green Report Card, a measure released annually by the Sustainable Endowments Institute. Rice was also designated a campus sustainability leader. Communications Fellow for the SEI Cameron Bruns said. Rice received a B on the Green Report Card, the highest score it has received over the past four years, according to the Green Report Card.

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Johnson also pointed out that Rice's endowment counted for one-third of its Green Report Card score. "If you asked me to grade a university's Green Report Card score, the endowment would not be on my list of the top ten categories, but that's just [the SEI's] particular slant," Johnson said.

"We hope that it will ultimately replace the hodgepodge of green campus surveys and rankings that are out there today, because there are literally dozens of them," Johnson said. "We're designing STARS so that it's both thorough and easy to conduct a sustainability assessment of Rice using STARS."

To improve Rice's grade for next year, Bruns recommended going through the survey data, which is available at www.greenreportcard.org, and looking for areas where Rice can improve, such as implementing a composting program or removing disposable dishware from the serveries.

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However, Duncan and McMurtry have already managed to form a community in the absence of a pre-existing college structure. Varnell said. They have developed unique queer and LGBTQ+ traditions such as McMurtry's body-paint ambush of St. Richard's College and Duncan's "Deep Thought Tuesday."

Freshmen from both colleges will meet early next semester with the transferring upperclassmen to collaborate on establishing a constitution, colors and crest. Presently, Duncan and McMurtry freshmen are forming committees to select possible masters.

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Student Association Internal Vice President Selim Sheikh announced a potential future Houston intercollegiate volunteering program with other nearby colleges and universities.

Secretary Phillip Tapley announced the Student Body T-shirt Contest, which will last for the next three weeks. Shirt designs are due Monday, Oct. 26, and three designs will be chosen by the SA Senate. Shirts with the winning design will be available before winter break and will be subsidized for 800 students. The shirt will be gray, but the design can incorporate any two colors. The back of the shirt will feature the SA Owl. Students can e-mail submissions to paoffice@rice.edu or hand in a hard copy to their college president or senator.

Vice President for Public Affairs Linda Thrane talked about the Office of Public Affairs and their methods of communicating about Rice with outside sources. Her office created the Unconventional Wisdom campaign, and they update the university's Web site. The site features virtual tours, online classnotes for alumni to record memories, Orientation Week photos and student profiles online as well. She announced that the new Shepherd School of Music Web site and Multicultural Outreach site are online as well. Rice also has a new Facebook page and Twitter feed. Thrane said President David Leebron has a personal Twitter feed, www.twitter.com/davidleebrom, which he updates himself.

Rice Health Advisors formally became a club to promote student wellness. The group is the merger of the College Assistance Peer Program and the colleges' Health Representatives. Each college has two or three Health Advisors. People who want to become Health Advisors next year can apply for the position by taking a university course in the spring.

The senate debated the Finance Committee Bill and passed it after amending the dissolution date to Oct. 4 of next year.

The nomination of Lovett College senior Emily Walzer for University Court Senior-At-Large Representative passed. Now all U-Court positions are filled.

The Housing and Dining report on trayless serveries finds H&D has saved 2 percent on costs and 9 percent on water and chemical usage. As a result, they have introduced Angus beef and new seafood options to meals.

Will Rice College President Kyle Clark reminded everyone that invitations for upperclassmen to join McMurtry College and Duncan College will be sent next Friday. That day, Will Rice will also host its first party in three years, with the theme "Trashy Classy."

There will be no SA meeting next Monday due to fall break. SA will reconvene Monday, Oct. 19, at 9 p.m. in the Farnsworth Pavilion of the RMC.

Drink of the Month

Christine

Espresso
Almond
Hot Chocolate

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No one goes to a Vince Vaughn movie expecting an epiphany. In that sense, Couples Retreat gets high marks for meeting expectations. The film is simply a funny movie that lets the cleverest amuse and laugh at penis jokes for two hours without need to delve into the deeper meaning. Something, I would wager, we could all use over fall break.

Couples Retreat follows four couples who go on an island paradise designed to help troubled marriages. Only one of the couples actually wants to work on their marriage counseling, but the others agree to tag along. The couples do end up appreciating the marriage counseling, even if they don’t think they would.

Being a self-proclaimed fashion enthusiast comes with a number of responsibilities. First, there’s the matter of staying current with the industry trends, or risk quickly losing both knowledge and credibility. Second, there’s the obligation to always look presentable, otherwise I lack credibility as a fashion expert. Third, there’s the matter of dealing with frequent questions as to my wardrobe’s origins.

I, for one, shop where I like and are worth repeat buys. I never shop full price. Never. For her, it’s either 70-percent or no deal. In addition to its humor, this movie provides beautiful scenery of the island paradise — even Vaughn muses, “This place looks like a screensaver!” — as well as a pure soundtrack that fits with the movie’s humor, except theme, published by two-time Academy Award winner S. B. Rothbaum.

The ending of the movie is so ridiculous, I’m at least happy to say that my mom, my friends and trusty teen alchemist, and while I admit to stepping into the remains of the entire franchise, for this week, for believing this to be true. First, though the Houston Symphony has several professional in passion and flair. The best-kept secret in Houston’s classical music scene is, without a doubt, the Shepherd Orchestra. For the price of admission, professionals in Houston’s classical music scene are free to the public. But after the magic of the music performance is over, the question of whether or not we have an orchestra worth of this money.

This last point, I would argue, is the most difficult, because it seems as if fashion-conscious people are always stuck with compromised garments and thus makes me feel as if I should indulge listeners in tales of glorious escapes in expensive clothing lands that they dare not trespass. This is a more definitive not the case, I am not currently in possession of a trust fund back East or the skills of an alchemist, and while I admit to stepping into the remains of the entire franchise, for this week, for believing this to be true. First, though the Houston Symphony has several professional in passion and flair. The best-kept secret in Houston’s classical music scene is, without a doubt, the Shepherd Orchestra. For the price of admission, professionals in Houston’s classical music scene are free to the public. But after the magic of the music performance is over, the question of whether or not we have an orchestra worth of this money.

As I was about to say, I’m not only my shopping regime as my mother, I do follow her example of constantly looking for a bargain and setting a limit for myself. For instance, nothing costs over $50 at Urban Outfitters, Taza gets capped at $50, jeans must be under $50 at American Eagle Outfitters. Anything big/long has to be on the 70-percent clearance rack. And let’s not forget about department stores. Macy’s and Dillard’s always have great shoes and sales in general — no one likes a brand snob. Even when the sale season is dry, there are still plenty of ways to get cheap deals. Here I turn to my middle school thrift store ranks. Contrary to collegiate opinion, Value Village is not just a place to lay Down your pants. Some of my favorite places are from that $1 Bin. Buffalo Exchange and any of the various trade-in secondhand stores are also fashionably profitable because they’re lethally run by hipsters, though their clothing does

ACACHAYY!
Remember the guys who opened for Ben Kweller at Wil- lly’s Picnic last year? Jordan Al- bert (St) and company are returning to Houston to open a show at Super Happy Fun Land tomorrow night at 8 p.m. The band’s music “aims to get pa- trons shacking and living,” so look forward to plenty of that.

CROWES
The Black Crows, to be pre- cise, and they’ll be playing at House of Blues on Wednesday night, with doors opening at 7 p.m. I first heard of these guys on GTA IV’s Liberty Rock Radio, but they’ve been around for a long lot than that. Tickets start at $37.50 for general admission.

FREE THEATER
From Oct. 8-18, the Houston Arts Alliance is partnering with the Theatre Communications Group to provide theater perfor- mances free of charge to one. There are 20 organizations offering over 2,000 total seats to various shows in different ven- tures around Houston. Reserva- tions are highly recommended, and be sure to refer to the Web site frequently for the most up-to-date show availability.

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The sights and sounds of Austin City Limits

By Maggie Sulc

The Austin City Limits Music Festival, commonly known as ACL, is held every October at Zilker Park, has always been an event for hand-drawn maps and umbrellas. But in the past, festival-goers have braved dehydration, September heat and the dust kicked up by hundreds of feet hurrying to the next stage. Fortunately, ACL’s lawyers decided both of these problems could be fixed. This year, the three-day event was pushed into October in hopes of cooler weather and the city of Austin spared a hearty helping of dust from the stubble-y Zilker Park in a layer of sticky, water-repellent paint.

As I’d never been to ACL before, the only thing I was interested in was seeing the new sights, such as the crowd and its music. I had heard my friends recount horror stories of the dust clouds and witnessed their horrible coughs upon their return to school. The grass may have melted into mud when it rained Saturday, but this was a minor inconvenience, set amidst a sea of the best live music this town could buy. Austin claims to be the title “Live Music Capital of the World,” and fittingly, its music festival boasted over 150 live bands. As an amateur music lover, I was unsatisfied with most of the bands, and while it wasn’t possible to attend every show, the ones I caught were more than enough to get a fill of new music.

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Tulsa wide receiver A.J. Whitehorn raced into a 30-yard pass in the fourth to put the game out of reach, and the extra point cemented the final score of 27-10. The offense, meanwhile, was too much for the Owls, both games were too similar.

"It was the first time we've seen a team score a touchdown in the third quarter," Head Coach Wally Kelm said. "The offense is able to say with conviction that they're improving, as noted by junior defensive end Scott Solomon. "We had confidence going into the season," Solomon said. "But it's not going to change our expectations."

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RICE SWIMMING 2009
Owls begin season with youthful team and youthful pool in hopes of climbing past SMU to the top of Conference USA.

By Floyd Ray

The new competition pool which the swim team will use at the Barbara D. Gibbs Recreation Center may be the most obvious change for this year's swim team, but it certainly won't be the only one. With 60 percent of the team comprised of freshmen and sophomores, and only three seniors on the team, the Owls will likely be one of the youngest squads in Conference USA.

The turnover will arguably be the most interesting aspect of the team's competitions this season, as last season Rice had only one of its most successful swimmers return. The Owls' current practice facility and competition pool, as well as their swimsuits, will be key factors in the team's success this season.

With a depleted upperclassman presence, Head Coach Seth Huston will allow younger swimmers plenty of opportunity to step up this season.

"How this team is going to emerge after losing a big senior class is in my biggest concern for the season," Huston said. "So far, they have exceeded my expectations during training.

In addition, the achievement certainly helped them toward one of the longest-standing goals defeating Rice's largest C-USA rival, Southern Methodist University, which has won the past four C-USA championships. Rice, on the other hand, won runner-up in 2007 and 2008 and placed third last year. Defeating the Mustangs would satisfy a major goal for the Owls from the previous seasons.

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Sophomore Nicole Delaize competes in last year's Conference USA Championship, which saw the Owls finish third. Rice lost seven swimmers due to graduation, but will reload with six freshmen this year and will begin the 2009 campaign Friday at the Phill Hansel Duals, held at the University of Houston's Cougar Rec Center. The Owls will face Florida International University and UH at the meet.

With freshmen accounting for nearly one-third of the team, these six swimmers bring a new energy to the team, and this group brings much talent with them.

"I feel like they can exceed what left last year," Huston said.

There is plenty of anticipation about the incoming class, but the team can also boast the return of several of their stars from last season. The team's senior leaders, junior Fatimah Baluch, returns hoping to continue the success she experienced last season, as well as the individual medley and breaststroke.

The Owls will face Texas A&M University, and later in the fall they will face Texas A&M University, and later in the spring they will face Louisiana State University in meet at UH.

The team's season officially commences this weekend at the Phill Hansel Duals, held at the UH Rec Center. Florida International University will join Rice and Houston in attempting to get the season off with a strong start.

"We want to be the best," Huston said. "Building off the success from previous seasons, we will accomplish our goals."
Dale Lloyd was only 19 years old when he collapsed on the Rice Stadium turf in 2006, dying the next morning from sickle cell complications. His tragedy left a new coach, an untried athletic director and a transitioning program reeling, but his legacy has assured that his death, however preventable, was not in vain.

**THE HARDEST HIT**

**THE RICE THRESHER**

Friday, October 9, 2009

**SUGAR BECK/THREESHER**

In Dale’s four games in 2006, including the home opener against Houston, the freshman saw only losses. After his death, though, the Owls capitalized on his memory to win seven of their final eight regular-season contests and punch a ticket to their first bowl game in 45 years.

**YOU'RE EXHAUSTED,** and you’re beaten. Your head throbs. Your throat feels like it’s been scrubbed with steel wool.

**THE HARDIEST HIT**

You see the other freshmen, arms pumping and lungs burning, gasping further and faster than you ever thought they could. And you’re with them every step, every cringe, each and every time you hurt.

You’re too tired to move. They won’t let you stop.

It’s Sept. 24, 2006, and it is the last time you will see Dale Lloyd.

At the age of 19, Dale was Superman. To look at him, the 6’4”, 190-pound defensive back was not the tallest, nor the bulkiest, nor the fastest. His physique was as unassuming as his demeanor. But he had the tenacity that every just-out-of-high-schooler comes with: that aura of invincibility. A force field that not even those first few opponents could crack. No one could fault the freshman for feeling that way — everyone had been in those shoes before.

"At the age of 19, you’re thinking you’re King Kong," says Athletic Director Chris Del Conte. "Everyone does. It’s just the way it is. You’re almost invincible."

Superman.

And why would Dale think otherwise? He was playing Division I football. He was the modern-day gladiator, with helmets and chinstraps and shoulderpads to smash. He could inflict all the damage he wanted, all the while knowing his equipment would prevent him from harm. And it’s a good thing, too, because if you were hit by Dale, you were going to feel it for weeks on end. The defensive back wasn’t yet a speeding bullet, but he was close."

Because this was big time, show-up college football. You couldn’t let up, not once. You couldn’t back down, especially with form 1-Head Coach Todd Graham’s fire-breathing style and the threat to scalde your every slip.

There was no quit in Dale’s blood, but when practice was over, he would ask a coach’s favor: could he have his shoes before he left. He wasn’t wild; he wouldn’t say if his place made him taller, and he always left those shoes before.

He was quiet, sure, but he wasn’t wise? He was playing Division I football."

"He was one of those guys who wouldn’t really say anything, and thus middle of the way into the conversation had thrown his two cents in and crack people up," says former roommate Andrew Sendejo. "He was efficient with his comments."

And he would make sure you came along with him. His smile, as senior wide receiver Toren Brown remembers, was "incredible."

Dinner finished, and the team’s meetings began. Game plan, game review — again, typical stuff.

"We were just going to have our meetings and go home, and one of my coaches pulls me out of the meeting and said I needed to talk to Coach (Les) Loop, our safeties coach, who was at the emergency room and wanted to ask me a lot of questions," says Sendejo. "That’s when I realized it was getting serious."

Dale was lying in Memorial Hermann’s emergency room, unconcious and falling fast. Doctors did not know what was happening, couldn’t figure out why someone young and vital would simply crumple. Coaching staff and family members were present. When Sendejo showed up that evening, he stayed with his accommodation. He answered, and his coach broke the news that Dale had died.

"And that was it," says Beasley, eyes beginning to show his emotion.

The Owls gathered their ranks, shared a meal with one another, looked up and down the table and wondered. Why? The continued next page.
After Rice's 55-7 clobbering against Florida State, Head Coach Todd Graham canceled Sunday's practice for all but the freshmen. It was a decision that, along with the team's subsequent victory over Army, was a turning point in the 2009 season.

"He was about to pass out while running sprints," says Sendejo. "He literally was dying and didn't know."
"As long as it holds up, I'll wear it, regardless of what's on the scoreboard," he says. "I can be wearing the craziest colors, but, oh man ... Since I've been off the court, I've put in the time and sacrificed theornings of all of it."

Terry Scott, no relation to Drew Scott, shot a round of even-par. Freshman Jade Scott, a native Texan, has been adjusting to college life since she got to Tulane, and her experience in the C-USA standings.

"I thought we did a good job overall," Volpe said. "They kept our serving seemed to take them by surprise, but I think they had a hard time getting their offense going." Volpe said. "UTEP seemed to have a lot off, and their serving seemed to take them by surprise, but we didn't have that advantage against the Green Wave."

The Green Wave took care of Rice in three sets.

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Pair of losses eliminates soccer from postseason

By Teddy Grodek

What do you tell a team that, after a pair of weekend defeats, now has seven 1-0 losses? What do you say to a team that was eliminated from postseason play after losing their fourth straight conference game?

What do you say? What can you say?

Only women's soccer Head Coach Chela Huston knows, as she was the one struggling for both questions and answers after a weekend that left her squad in the same rut they've been in all season.

The women traveled to Southern Methodist University last Friday and then to Tulsa University on Sunday afternoon and lost both contests in heart-breaking, 1-0 fashion. Once again, the team had opportunities to put both games away, but were unable to capitalize on opponents' mistakes.

"You can see the frustration in the players," Huston said. "There is no way around it. They have to be frustrated at this point. We're so close to winning games. We just need to put the ball in the net."

Coming into the weekend, the Owls (8-2-2, 4-1-1 C-USA) were in the cellar of the conference standings, one struggling for both questions and answers. Huston, who fired the ball in from point-blank range, was a devastating loss for the Owls, who now have lost any possibility for postseason play.

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"We had a talk after Sunday's game, where we said we're going to come out with our heads up," Ward said. "We're going to keep working hard, and try and refocus. We need to start having fun again. It's fun to win. It's fun to play well. I think we forgot what it's like to have fun playing."

The remainder of the team will be tested for the rest of the season, as they no longer can qualify for the C-USA tournament. They have seven games left on their schedule, five of them at home, and have a chance to bring their record up to .500 and re-establish momentum heading into next season.

This weekend, the Owls have two home games against C-USA powerhouses. First, the University of Alabama Birmingham travels to Rice Track and Soccer Stadium to take on the Owls tonight at 7 p.m. The Blazers (8-4-2, 2-2-1 C-USA) are only one game behind five other squads, all of whom are leading C-USA with identical 3-1 records. This will be a critical game for the Blazers, as they look to try and extend their season into the playoffs. Last year, UAB defeated the Owls in a high-scoring game by a score of 5-2.

On Sunday afternoon, the Owls will take on with with Memphis to try and extend their season. The Tigers fell to 3-9 overall after losing their last two games to SMU (4-6-1, 0-3-1 C-USA) and Tulsa (5-5-2, 2-2-2 C-USA) were in the cellar of the conference standings.

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Ward commented on the new determination inside practice, the focus on working hard to turn tight contests in their favor.

"We're working really hard on shooting this week," Ward said. "The whole week is about preparation, fighting and working hard off the ball so we can finish our opportunities and win games."
**FOOTBALL**

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But for all the progress made on defense, there's been little to show on the other side of the ball to elicit any kind of confidence. The offensive unit as a whole finished with a paltry 93 total yards against the Golden Hurricane, 9 of which came in the second half. That number wouldn't look nearly as impressive without Rice's final 57-yard drive of the game, which ended in an interception from senior quarterback John Thomas Shepherd.

Rice's offensive unit has accumulated a cumulative quarterback rating of 54.0. The offensive unit has a great attitude and looks for- ward to Navy coming to town. Bailiff predicted this weekend's contest will be a competitive one.

Yankees and Phillies will meet. You can't mess with Cole Hamels and Cliff Lee, and the spending has to pay off for the Yankees some year... right?

Jonathan Myers
Assistant Sports Editor

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**TULSA 27  RICE 10**

**FINAL STATS**

- TULSA: 71 15 7 17 0
  - T.S. - Williams 4 run (Hippolytic kick)
  - T.S. - McGrew 4 run from 9 yards out (McGuire kick)
- RICE: 14 0 0 0 0
  - RU - Wardlow 29 pass from Lewis (Fangmeier kick)
  - RU - Fangmeier 42 field goal

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**Who knew sharing files could lead to UCourt?**

If you are downloading or distributing copyrighted material for "free," you might be on your way to UCourt. The first infraction for students and employees results in a warning from the Rice IT Security Office; the second infraction for students is referred to UCourt and Student Judicial Affairs.

Illegal file downloading, copying, and sharing is being monitored by the RIAA (music), MPAA (movies, TV shows), and BSA (software). Rice frequently receives an email regarding illegal activity within an hour after it occurs.
Today is the last day to drop a class, or you're a freshman in your first semester.

Why not try the official beverage of Boba Fett?

Yes, I went there. There will be boba tea for sale in the KMC today from noon to 6 p.m. The tea costs $4 a pot and the proceeds benefit the Hong Kong Student Association.

I'm just going to go ahead and quote this event's Facebook description:

"To perpe, it's the first meet of the twentieth century. It's a... weekend! WOOT! The meets start at 6 p.m. on Friday and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the University of Houston pool. It's fall break this weekend too, so if you're in town, you should go ahead and push off that work. It's going to come see your favorite half naked swimmers dominate UH and Florida State internationally!"

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Not even for ready money!

Algeron just couldn't get cul-umbers at the market, but if you bring your money to the Humanit Hall at 8 p.m. tonight you can get a ticket to the Rice Players' performance of The Importance of Being Earnest. Student tickets are $5.

SATURDAY 10

AMAZING FREE FOOD EVENT

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Türkiye! Türkiye!

It's the 99th Annual Turkish Festival! At Jones Plaza (in front of the Angiolo Film Center), Houston's Turkish culture groups are all getting together for fantastic food, folk dancing, concerts, whirling dervishes and belly dancers. The party goes on all afternoon and evening today and tomorrow. I'll be there!

Time for a road trip!

Head over to Curnoe, Texas today for the Canon Curnoe Cathay Food Fest, from 11 a.m. until midnight. Stop by, if you bring two cans to donate to the food bank it gets you entry into the Curnoe Cathay Heather's Heaven. I'm hungry.

THURSDAY 15

I just lost the game

But they're not used to losing at Rice CyberSports, the new club dedicated to playing StarCraft, Super Smash Brothers and other hit computer and video games. If you're interested in joining stop by the inaugural meeting of the group tonight from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Private Dining Room at 8 p.m. They'll be talking about the new year and event planning, and then they're all going to play Halo.

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Elizabeth, 832-282-2202.

Rice jobs will be posted on the website and available for interested students.

environmental report card

Rice receives a "C" on the Environmental Paper Call from the Sustainable Endowments Institute. Finally, Rice can feel the same pain as a "A+". 

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"Called the RUPD because I saw a sketchy person on campus at 11:30pm and it ended up being a Rice student. Someone has to look after Rice's hedge maze (you didn't mention the isolation gets to people? The Lawnmower Man)

"Dear Houston, re: Houston lawyers, law firms, and corporations. This requires highly or- }

 Dunk Graham

Former rice football coach Sees the Thresher as a "diary" for Rice's long time ago.

The Rice Thresher has received a "D" for its "Environmental Report Card." The report card evaluates the university's environmental performance across a range of categories. Rice receives a "C+" overall, with scores ranging from "A" to "F." The report card highlights areas where the university can improve its environmental practices, such as reducing energy consumption and waste.

The report card includes data on Rice's carbon emissions, energy usage, water consumption, and waste management practices. The university's sustainability efforts are praised, but areas for improvement are also identified. Rice is encouraged to continue its commitment to environmental stewardship and to set more ambitious goals for reducing its environmental impact.

However, the report card also notes that Rice's sustainability initiatives are not without challenges. The university faces limitations due to its location and size, and it is working to overcome these obstacles. Rice is commended for its efforts to engage students, faculty, and staff in sustainability initiatives, and it is encouraged to continue to do so.

The Rice Thresher, along with other academic publications, will receive a "D" on this year's Environmental Report Card. The Thresher has been recognized for its efforts to promote environmental awareness and sustainability initiatives, but there is room for improvement. The university is encouraged to continue to prioritize sustainability in its operations and to set more ambitious goals for reducing its environmental impact.