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I’ll stick with Russian, thanks
Vijay Bajaj notes his experiences with Chosotan to advise students on its use.

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BY JOCELYN WRIGHT
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IF July 1, George McLendon, current dean of Trinity College of Arts and Sciences at Duke University, will replace Provost Eugene Levy, who announced his retirement last September.

George McLendon

The provost is essentially the vice president for academic affairs. Chair of the Provost Search Committee Kathleen Matthews said. All of the details from each school will be in the vice president form for research, information technology and university librarian report to the provost. Additionally, the provost is responsible for overseeing the environment process the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

“The provost is the chief academic officer, sort of like the chief operating officer for the academic institution,” McLendon said.

I want to invest in things where we won’t just be good, we will be the best. We will be one of the places where you have to go if this is what you want to learn.

George McLendon newly selected provost

Matthews, Stewart Memorial Professor of Biochemistry and Cell Biology and former dean of natural sciences, said the committee was looking for a candidate with a deep knowledge of the university enterprise. With his background at Duke and Princeton, University, McLendon fit these criteria well, Matthews said.

McLendon said he was drawn to Rice for three reasons: the high quality and talent of students, the leadership at Rice and the opportunity to return to his alma mater.

Big beach balls

Head over to Martel tonight from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. for Martel Beach, the year’s last public party. Don’t forget your swimsuit, but we suggest you’ll be all right if you forget the sunscreen this once.

The calm before the storm

Today is the last day of class, so you can use the weekend to prep for finals… Or get wasted every night and start panicking as Wednesday fast approaches. Seniors, we know you don’t care anymore, anyway.

Last Thresher until after Commencement

Sorry, but this penultimate issue will not be succeeded until May 18. We’re sure you’ll be watching your mailboxes like a hawk awaiting an annual, but don’t worry too much – we’ve heard some of them are a bit on edge.

Common reading brings focus to Houston

For the year’s incoming class, summer nights might be best spent strolling through an arcade and more about turning the pages of a book. This year’s common reading, Work Hard. Be Nice. How Two Inspired Teachers Created the Most Popular School in America, by Jay Matthews, will be sent to new students over the summer. The book follows the story of two college graduates as they participate in the Teach for America program and ultimately create the Knowledge Is Power Program in Houston.

On March 4, Dean of Undergraduates Robert Forman and Associate Dean of Undergraduates Matt Taylor selected Work Hard. Be Nice. For its initial two suggestions made by the Common Reading Program Selection Committee. The other suggestion was the summer. The book follows the story of two college graduates as they participate in the Teach for America program and ultimately create the Knowledge Is Power Program in Houston.

The buckyball discovery room named national chemical landmark

The success of the buckyball at Rice 25 years ago has earned its place in the Space Science Building, renowned as a national historic chemical landmark.

The buckyball, a 60-carbon structure in the shape of a soccer ball, which was initially observed in outer space, was recreated at Rice in 1985 by Nobel Laureate and late physics professor Richard Smalley and colleagues Professors Robert Curl (Rice University) and Harold Kroto (University of Salford), who won the 1996 Nobel Prize in chemistry for their theory. Buckyballs were named after the famous architect Richard Buckminster Fuller, who popularized the geodesic dome to which buckyballs bear a resemblance.

Buckyball discovery room named national chemical landmark

BY HALLIE JORDAN
THRESHER STAFF

The Rice Thresher will officially receive the invitation but turned it down. The buckyball. The buckyball and the nanotube, an elongated version of the buckyball, have potential uses in fields such as medicine, aerospace, architecture, energy, computing and electronics, Adams said.

“The buckyball really helped spearhead the nanotechnology revolution as a field of study,” Adams said. “It is kind of a building block molecule; you can make it act like anything because you can manipulate it so easily. So it had almost magical powers in chemistry.”

The buckyball’s multiple applications stem from its unique structure. Each carbon is bonded with exactly three other carbon atoms, a structure that’s found in any other carbon molecules, Adams said. “A talk like to extrapolate more broadly that as this scale matter acts differently than it does at a human-sized level.”

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New provost excellent fit for Rice

On Wednesday, President David Leebron announced that George McLendon, currently the dean of the Trinity College of Arts and Sciences at Duke University, will become Rice’s new provost on July 1 (see story, page 1).

First, we’d like to express our gratitude to the administration for securing a Rice a distinguished academic and leader from one of our peer universities. In addition, McLendon went to the University of Texas-El Paso and Texas A&M University for his undergraduate and graduate degrees, respectively, and is originally from the great city of Fort Worth, so he knows Texas. And, therefore, he is likely already familiar with Rice and the prestigious reputation that the university maintains in this state.

When McLendon begins to oversee academic affairs in a couple of months, we recommend that he continue to support many of the initiatives current Provost Eugene Levy has headed during his tenure. Levy helped start the Passport to Houston program, supported Leebron’s Vision for the Second Century tenets, with the opening of the two newest residential colleges; and helped drive the reputation that the university maintains in this state.

Lastly, though McLendon brings with him a wealth of scientific accomplishments as a noted biochemist, we hope he takes a comprehensive look at the Rice student experience, particularly in the area of humanities. Long the neglected children of a university that claims a commitment to letters, arts and science, the School of Humanities and the School of Social Sciences are often overlooked in favor of the smaller but vastly more flashy, vastly more funded engineering and science schools. We have high hopes for McLendon and hope he keeps this in mind as he settles into his position. After all, a university is only the sum of its parts.

Servery's enact welcome new focus on health

Rice Dining Services has slowly but steadily been reducing salt, saturated fat and added sugar in our servery food for the last half of the semester (see story, page 10). Although the shift has been in all but imperceptible in terms of taste, it represents a drastic change for student health.

We at the Thresher would readily admit that as students, we all eat poorly. We drink too much, snack too much and gorge ourselves late at night on junk food. Although we all know we should eat better, our general eating habits are not likely to change any time soon.

The change in the composition of servery food, however, targets what should be the base of the student diet. Servery food is the closest thing we have to home-cooked meals in our diets, and we are pleased to know that its nutritional content is beginning to resemble Mom cooking more than Chef Boyardee’s. Less sugar, less salt, less fat and less processing are something parents everywhere strive for.

However, we’re concerned about some of the changes most parents would recoil at, such as the use of artificial sweeteners. Although the new sugar substitute that will soon appear in rice servery desserts, stevia, has received FDA approval, many other calorie-free sweeteners that preceded it also received this recognition, only to be subsequently linked to cancer, birth defects and other ailments.

We hope servery food will remain as flavorful as it has always been but unimpeachable concerning its nutritional content, and we hope that increasing student health can be achieved by moving toward a more natural diet, one free of additives and processing whenever possible.

Lastly, while we thank the servery staff for their many efforts to offer healthier food and educate students on nutrition, we know that this is only half the battle. We, the student body, might also have to buckle down, occasionally choosing eggplant over Easy Mac. You can cook eggplant in a microwave, right?
Slavery still a prominent practice in U.S.

Sunkyo Lee

In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court's most recently tried case of slavery, U.S. v. Navarrete-Gonzalez, in 2008, found Florida emigrants guilty of trafficking, threatening and locking up their workers, and hanging them in brutal, inhumane servitude. Even in our politically correct age, it appears there is slavery in Florida, where farmworkers are victims of "modern-day slavery," forced to work under sweatshop conditions and deprived of basic labor rights. According to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, a community-based workers organization in Immokalee, Fla., Florida tomato pickers earn about 45 cents per 32-pound bucket of tomatoes. This rate hasn't changed much since 1985. That means that at today's rate, workers have to pick more than 24 tons of tomatoes just to earn Florida's minimum wage for a 10-hour work day. Workers can't even afford the time to wash their pesticide-soaked hands before eating lunch — the lunch they packed at 5 a.m. to begin. A day where work is not guaranteed, respect is denied and slavery is a reality.

That's point, one might wonder.

"What about minimum-wage laws and labor unions?" Garth Florida's farmworkers point to the law or organize a union to raise their wages from the family farms. The ap- palling truth is that basic labor laws, as a minimum wage, the right to organize and collective bargaining and the right to overtime pay - do not apply to U.S. farmworkers, because of the intentional exclusion of farmworkers from new key National Reform measures, like the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

To improve the situation, the CIW has led a boycott of big food companies over the years. McDonald's and Burger King since 2001. They've also informed the corporations they buy tomatoes from companies that pay the workers just a penny more per pound, almost doubling the workers' pay from 40 cents per 32-pound bucket of tomatoes to 72 cents per pound. Tenure of CIW and its allies, such as Student/Farmworker Alliance has yielded success. In 2012, the company has signed agreements that promise to pay a penny more per pound to workers harmed by pesticide exposure in different companies and participate in collaborative efforts to improve the farmworkers' working conditions.

But the campaign is far from over. The SFA and CIW are working with college servers and grocery stores to make sure all major buyers pay fair wages and respect basic human rights. You can contribute to the campaign by asking the Houses and Dining department to demand Houston Avocado, the main Rice producer processor, to buy tomatoes from companies that entered agreement with CIW. Rice For Peace, a student organization promoting social justice, is also aligning with CIW and SFA to pressure King to sign the agreement. Check out the fair food campaign and start demanding, visit www.ciw-online.org for more information.

KTRU tru to students' needs' desires

Joelle Zigman

So please spread the word! KTRU isn't an unachievable beast; it's a fluffy bunny. If there are changes you'd like to see in the programming, then with a little bit of effort, make them happen. Otherwise, complain about it. For example, a free radio broadcast of a ten-inch symphony orchestra has fallen into my lap. Why? Because if you have a good idea and clearly nobody else was going to do it. There's apparently been talk for years about potential collaboration between KTRU and the Shepherd School of Music, but nobody has had the thrill to harness university audio-complishments has been extremely rewarding. We received several thank-you emails and phone calls from parents: I haven heard we dis- tend from Canada to New Zealand. Another unexpected pleasure has been making students feel special. Ask them for an interview, I show you what a skilled and talent and their hard work in appreciated and you give your family a chance to be proud. And, you know, it feels good to get some recognition oneself every once in a while.

The process of experimentation has been exciting. There are rules and the program isstreamlining with each passing week, and I, as an artist! I could reinvent traditional radio. For our broadcast of Beethoven's 5th Symphony — tonight, I'm opening with three songs, a 3rd of Baker Murphy's music, a "Fifth of Beethoven" music, I'm a 3rd of the famous song from Beethoven's 5th Symphony, and the movie "Song of Lunch" and some other works. I'll also be featuring interviews with our students and directors from the University of Houston, Mary Turner and Betsy Welser, and different performances from the Shepherd School of Music. I'm expecting at least 10 listeners.

The greatest, most unexpected pleasure of this series has come from the families of Shepherd students and parents. Giving parents from around the world the chance to be a part of the arts and sciences department, and to work on new ideas that can be shared with the community is around the corner, leading to the programming and involvement of students and faculty. There is around the corner, leading to an engaging conversation, I look forward to working with you all.

For parents already grappling with controlling their children's Internet usage, this website poses the danger of an unfiltered portal for uncom- municated content.

Vijay Rajaram

Is Chatroulette the newest
casual thrill, or a viral ill?

FUN. ENTERTAINMENT. UNSAFE. CRACKED. Random. When was the last time you heard something described in such a way? Yet this seemingly innocuous online sensation perfectly describes the newest web sensation: Chatroulette.

Chatroulette is a website that connects you to someone with the help of webcams. The brandchild of a Russian teenager, Chatroulette has already entered the mainstream in terms of Internet monetization. And I decided to give it a go ear-lier this week. While most people did not stay to chat, there were others looking for a genuine conversation. I explored the site for two hours and met some interesting people. While students from Boston, a rising art-ist advertising his new rock song on iPhone, a couple at Ohio State Univer- sity, a girl maybe a bit shy but needed to talk and a couple from France, a businesswoman from Sydney and a group of friends playing a Chat-roulette drinking game. Every time they saw a penis, they would drink.) While the site contained only small talk, for purposes of writ- ing this column, I probed people as to their motives for using the site. The responses I heard were varied but never generally classified into simple categories, an attempt to make friends, boredom and, oddly, seeking or giving some sort of sexual gratification.

Speaking of sexual acts, there were numerous inappropriate images that I witnessed during my Chatroulette visit. These disturbing images certainly defied my perceptions of the website and also caused me, as a father of young children, to wonder if the site was in fact appropriate for its audience. The site's privacy policy states that one must be at least 13 years old and assumed that this was just a latency security measure. For parents already grappling with controlling their children's Internet usage, this website poses the danger of an unfiltered portal for uncom- municated content. In addition to safety, concerns regarding the social and psychological effects Chatroulette is taking steps to counter these issues for example, a report button is available to inform the website's administrators of those who break the rules regarding behav- ior and clothing.

The greatest thing about Chatroulette is that an awkward conversation of innocent material can go away in a flash through the power of the "next" button. Wanna get away? Next. While that's all it takes to remove oneself entirely from any uncomfortable situa- tion, it also suffers from the sometimes inevitable nature of chatting. An engaging conversation might be ended with no explanation. To me, this represents both a curse and a blessing. In a sense, it is an in- dication that Chatroulette can be no more than a social portal for meeting strangers, but that's where the lack ends. No virtual social capital is truly built because the potential for n ect- ing is around the corner, leading to potentially entertaining but certainly unpredictable conversations.

It is also a boon because one is offered the possibility that one will see the same person twice is relatively slim. This randomness prevents people from exploiting the likelihood of a conflict of interes- t. What I mean by this is simply that not everyone is looking for the same thing. More often than not, it was simply "needed" to people in some cases, thrown insults and "freaked" each other. The website's administrators of those that Chatroulette is meant to be taken in measured doses. It is certainly not on a Facebook level, in the sense that it should not be the standard of what makes content. It is simply a place that it seems more appropriate for a certain Friday or Saturday night in need of a cheap thrill.

In support of this, I would like to point out that if Chatroulette were a drug, it would feel like I mean to use it as if the whole site was a blur. I would not manage to trans- fer myself away. The only explanation is that Chatroulette is not a drug, or at least not a drug that can make you come back for more, for reasons that I cannot quite pin down. The capital role is to Chatroulette consume more of your time than expected. Know when to move on. It is only the first day of the new year, so I am not ready to do that yet. I suppose I will give it a whirl. It doesn't do me.
**Green eggs and jam**

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

The following were noted at the most recent meeting of the Faculty Senate April 21.

- President David Leebron introduced newly selected Provost George McDonald in his first official Rice University appearance.
- Leebron gave a brief report on the university's finances and budget. The budget has seen cut by $24 million over the past two years, but Leebron said there are no further cuts planned — barring further negative economic developments. Leebron said future budgets will depend on receipts from endowed. He also said the capital campaign is slightly behind target.

- The Senate election results were announced. Professors Donald D'Amico, John Hutchinson, Masoud Vardi, Shih-Chieh Huang, Matthew Temple and Raman Gupta will join the Faculty Senate, and Professors Tom Killian, Matteo Pasquali, Mark Kulstad, Meredith Skrout and Randy Baudaitz were reelected. Two non-tenure faculty positions and a presidential appointee position remain open.

- Following discussion, a motion to create a doctorate program in sociology was unanimously passed.

- Anthropology Professor Susan McIntosh, the only nominee for the position, was elected speaker of the Senate for 2010-11.
- Killian, also the only nominee for his position, was elected deputy speaker of the senate for 2010-11. The newly elected senators and speakers will take their positions following the May 14 election of the new Senate.

- A request by Jones College junior Nazish Malik, Sid Richardson College junior Annie Kuntz and Sid Richardson College junior Howard Shao-liu Li that the Faculty Senate send out a survey concerning the creation of a business minor, which the three had created as part of a project for their marketing course, BUS 380, was discussed. Speaker Duane Windsor said he was against this because of the precedent it might set of sending out e-mails unrelated to the Senate itself and because he did not want faculty to mistake the survey for an implication that a business major was under consideration.

- Windsor announced that the third part of the report of the Committee on the Rice Undergraduate Program will likely be delayed due to Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman's departure, as forman was a driving force behind the reports.

- Windsor said that a working group will be formed to work with Vice Provost of Research Jim Coleman to develop recommendations concerning the research misconduct policy, the conflict of interest policy and a possible data retention policy.

- Windsor said that revised wording for the Faculty Senate Oversight of the General Announcements was created to clarify the role of the Senate in reviewing changes made to the General Announcements. Leebron said he found the new wording acceptable.

- The question of departmental responsibility for students in interdepartmental programs and the existence of majors that only exist as double majors were discussed as part of a proposal in progress on majors and minors.

- The trend of grade inflation, variation in grading across various departments and how they should be studied and addressed in the future was discussed.

- Windsor said a working group on the process of appeals and grievances will be formed.

- Windsor said a working group on enhancing faculty input to curriculum changes will be formed.

- Windsor said a working group on Senate governance will be formed to reflect on past experience and possible changes in form to the Senate.

- A request was made by the humanities senators that writing at Rice be put on the Senate docket for consideration next year.

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**STUDENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

The following were noted at the most recent meeting of the Student Association April 19.

- SA President Selim Sheikh presented the SA's goals for the summer, which include compiling historical archives for an online database, updating the SA's website and meeting with various organizational leaders and administrators to generate ideas for next year.

- Sheikh, a Martel College junior, introduced the Graduate Student Association E-Mail Policy survey, which explores various options to extend the life of Rice e-mail addresses. Rice graduates can secure an alumni.rice.edu e-mail address, but they must manually forward e-mails from their rice.edu address, which expires six months after graduation. The survey can be found at gsa.rice.edu/webform/post-graduation-e-mail-options-survey.

- Sheikh gave an update on the Coffeehouse resolution.

- Internal Vice President Ryan Fleming introduced nominations for SA Executive Appointments, which were approved by a vote from SA members in attendance.

- Fleming, a Sid Richardson College junior, gave an update on last Wednesday's SA sporting workshop.

- The SA committees presented reports on what they plan to accomplish in the coming year.

- External Vice President Carl Nelson presented recommendations for the University Standing Committees.

- Nelson, a Brown College junior, introduced a charter for the newly formed Rice Endowment for Sustainable Energy Technology. The motion passed.

- Rice Health Advisers Coordinators John Berens, Noemie Levy and Sheva Kaoym gave an update on the program.

- Treasurer Lemiul Soh gave an update on the Budget Planning Committee Action Plan.

- Sheikh discussed the timeline and guidelines for the search committee to find a replacement for Dean of Undergraduates Robin Forman, who will be leaving over the summer to take a position at Emory University. Sheikh sought suggestions from members in attendance for qualities to look for in candidates for the dean's position. The old college presidents recommended Associate Dean of Undergraduates Matthew Taylor.

- Will Rice College Senator Renee Dudley reminded students to take the late-night food survey, which can be found at http://bit.ly/930t1A.

- Martel President Kevin Tran reminded students that Martel's Beach Party will take place tonight.

The SA will reconvene next fall.
"What can you start? What can you create? What resources do you have to start something new?" Potter, a Jones College junior, said.

The service aspect of the book would be accessible and relevant to all students.

Other books considered were The Red Queen, a collection of essays from various authors; Mountains Beyond Mountains by Dr. Greg Mortenson; and Outlaws by Malcolm Gladwell. Taylor said the committee was also interested in looking for something to match the theme of the book, looking for something that is "not unlike yours. Let's pay attention to our students to lead on important programs like this," he said. "It's good for our advisors to take responsibility and see themselves in the role of gatekeepers to the intellectual curricula of Rice." The Common Reading Program, now in its fifth year, has become an integral part of Orientation Week.

"The Common Reading Program, now in its fifth year, has become an integral part of Orientation Week. Many of the selected books have been a cornerstone of facilitating discussion when they arrive at Rice in the fall. The main feature during the week has typically been the student-led discussions held by the members at each of the residential colleges. Taylor the student leadership aspect of the program makes it unique. "More than any other campus community, these students need our students to lead in important programs like this," he said. "It's good for our advisors to take responsibility and see themselves in the role of gatekeepers to the intellectual curricula of Rice."

CRU committee member Alex Wyatt said the common reading fills an important academic niche during the".

"The service aspect of the book was very important for us in that it brings all together on an intellectual level around Rice," he said. College junior, said. "The way the programs are facilitated, it's an academic interweaver. We're not doing anything else that authors wouldn't do for us." Forman added that the investment of time the advisors have not only found in the book. The book is so well-written it can help you fall into shape," he said. Forman said bringing students to a public policy issue is a new approach. "I thought it would be really great to do some of this clarification and make the council better understood."

Underwood said he will encourage everyone involved in the Blue Book to read the book and laptop. "I noticed some outdated content and eventually a permanent institution to see a permanent institution be meeting with Ostdiek in the next incarnation of the Blue Book and by-laws were edited in the process. The changes include the removal of a reference to the now-defunct Student Association Elections Rally, the addition of a website which displays previous verdicts and the clarification of hearing procedures. However, one change was not intended to clarify meaning or update language: to ensure all council members will stay active, a new article states that if members fail to serve on at least three panels each semester, they can be suspended or retired, though the Obama administration has placed the policy not systematically enacted.

Underwood said the book would be a valuable asset to the Rice community at large and would be meeting with Ostdiek in the next incarnation of the Blue Book for necessary revisions. The revisions the committee has made so far must be approved by Dean of Student Judicial Affairs Don Ostdeik before they are included in the next incarnation of the Blue Book. Undersood said he will be meeting with Ostdeik in the coming weeks.

Underwood said he would like to see a permanent institution for the book every two to three years.

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A study break to feature stress relief, snacks, performances

BY YANG HU
FOR THE THRESHER

As a reward for students who have worked tirelessly this semester, the President and Dean's Study Break will offer an opportunity to relax this Sunday from 9-11 p.m. The study break will be held at the Rice Memorial Center, the Barbara and David Gibbs Recreation and Wellness Center and the Raymond and So san Brochstein Pavilion and will feature breakfast food and stress relief games.

Anyone can expect free drinks from Coffeehouse and Dick's Coffee, ice cream sundae, fresh fruits and cookies at the EMC, free massages at the Wellness Center and breakfast food from Sammy's Cafe. Sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Undergraduates and planned primarily by Rice Program Council, the event is inspired by the cut, RPC has decided to allocate for the event from the Office of the Dean of Undergraduates Robin Beckwith will be performing around the EMC throughout the study break.

"Right now, we're trying to raise awareness for our cause by performing for Rice students during lunch and special events like the President and Dean's Study Break," Young said. "We want to generate interest for a college course in the spring, where students can learn how to perform magic and use it to encourage and inspire kids at Texas Children's Hospital."

Due to the estimated $1 billion endowment losses and university-wide budget cuts, Beckwith said that "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives" will be cut in half, from $9,500 to $4,750. In order to deal with the cut, RPC has decided to allocate $5,000 of its newly increased blanket tax to the event every semester starting next fall. $2,000 of this semester's study break budget has also been allocated for future use.

"As RPC is playing a stronger role in leading this event and bringing in more games, which cost much less than food, future President and Dean's Study Breaks will be as effective in relieving stress as before," Beckwith said.

Beckwith said planning for this year's event has been in progress since January.

"Our intention is to provide the students with a campus-wide get-together, so they can see friends that they haven't seen for a long time there and find things to do together," Beckwith said about holding the event.

The tradition of president-hosted study breaks originated under President Malcolm Gillis in the mid-1990s.

RPC Council Chair Tammy Hsu said the students' involvement in planning this semester's event, from brainstorming the theme to selecting participants, has been critical. She said she is confident that "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Study Breaks" will have a record high turnout.

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Cindy Dinh
After I graduate Rice I’ll be in Washington, DC for an internship with a federal agency and will apply the $30,000 scholarship to law school. A career in public service aligns with my values of teamwork, leadership and empowerment.

Fulbright Scholar

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Nichole Payne
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Watson Scholar

Watson Scholar is unique among many scholarships in that it has no institutional academic component — students don’t go to some university to study. Instead it requires that students are self-directed and able to take care of themselves, and really interested in some independent investigations abroad. The award is for $35,000 for a full year abroad.

Carina Basket
I will spend a year studying natural history (that is, observing nature) without experimenting on it in several different ecosystems in Ecuador, Chile, Panama and Spain, and creating an English and Spanish version of a podcast about my adventures.

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Watson Scholar is unique among many scholarships in that it has no institutional academic component — students don’t go to some university to study. Instead it requires that students are self-directed and able to take care of themselves, and really interested in some independent investigations abroad. The award is for $35,000 for a full year abroad.

Carina Basket
I will spend a year studying natural history (that is, observing nature) without experimenting on it in several different ecosystems in Ecuador, Chile, Panama and Spain, and creating an English and Spanish version of a podcast about my adventures.
Fellowship.

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National Science Foundation

Goldwater Scholars

Barry Goldwater was established by Congress in 1986 to honor Barry M. Goldwater, who served his country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years of service in the U. S. Senate. The purpose of the foundation is to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who intend to pursue careers in these fields. Sophomores and juniors apply for up to $3000 annually for the junior and/or senior year.

Trinity Exchange

Trinity Exchange is a scholarship that supports a one-year exchange between students at Trinity College, Cambridge and Rice University. It dates to the 1960s, and is the oldest study abroad scholarship at Rice. This award was a gift of Frank Abraham and Professor Herbert College, Cambridge. One student is selected each year for this exchange.

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Eat fresh: Servers reduce salt, sugar, saturated fat

BY CATHERINE BRATC
THE WICKS DORMITARY STAFF

French fries may not be off the menu, but they are certainly on notice. "With nutrition in mind, Housing and Dining staff at servers across campus are working to reduce quantities and sources of salt, as well as presenting the greatest health risks in order to improve student health," McDonald said.

Under fire are what Director of Residential Dining David McDonald calls the "bad fats," salt, sugar and saturated fat. All of these elements are non-negotiable in American diets, and are contributing to a growing obesity epidemic. McDonald said the goal is to lower these unhealthy elements, which are omnipresent in prepared and processed foods, by 50 percent. The shift began earlier this semester and has been a gradual progression, he said. McDonald said he has heard no complaints.

The impetus for the change was the belief that severe cooking should replace home cooking for the students daily meal and the realization that it was not meeting up to those standards.

"Why don't we cook like we're cooking at home for our children?" McDonald said. "Because we care about our guests, and we want you to eat well.

However, McDonald — and Chef Roger Elkhouri, who helps with this endeavor — say they know that above all, serving food must taste good.

"We're not trying to be a hospital here," McDonald said. "The key is to make the food more nutritious and yet still taste good.

The first challenge for the servers to meet has been to reduce the saturated fat content of the food they serve. The servers have no taste for fats, McDonald said, but saturated for unidentified reasons. 

Saturated fat is widely regarded as a "bad fat" because their over-consumption can lead to heart disease and increased risks of developing certain cancers, according to Brandi Powell, the Wellness Center's dietician.

In order to reduce these fats, Elkhouri and McDonald have taken a variety of both simple and drastic measures, they said.

One of the things they have taken is shifting serving offerings, putting out fewer fried foods and substituting leaner meats, such as chicken, said.

McDonald was quick to qualify that French fries will not be eliminated any time soon. But the key, he said, is moderation.

Elkhouri agreed, saying fried foods are a universal temptation.

"Look, onion rings are my favorite food of all time," he said. "If I see it, I'm going to eat it. But it kills you."

"If we don't feed our bodies well early in the day, then we're going to feel bad at night," Powell said.

He said this normally results in students eating the most concentrated food out of hunger, ending in unhealthy choices. Semaically, a cheat meal can cause trouble later, McDonald added.

"When you're 18, you're invincible," McDonald said. "But 80 percent of it comes from earlier in life."

"I don't eat salt; I never put salt on my food," Powell said. "But 80 percent of it is already in our foods."

Elkhouri said the human palate has a large window of acceptable salt levels, and the servers are trying to come in at the bottom of it.

"Let's take all the salt out for flavor, and people can add it back if they want," Powell said.

Elkhouri also said that health is subjective, according to McDonald. The servers are currently developing a proprietary spice blend called "Owlspice," which will be sodium free.

The servers are also taking aim at sugar, a staple of the student diet.

"We're a lot about how Americans don't eat too much sugar," Powell said. "We can't really den that, and Rice students aren't enslaved.

Powell emphasized that the worry about added sugars, usually in desserts, and not natural sugars found in items such as fruit.

"Sugar is high-caloric, and it's all empty calories," she said.

As with fat and salt, reducing sugar requires a multicentered approach. On the supply side, Residential Dining has stopped buying prepared pie fillings, trying to make their own instead, so that they can regulate the sugar content.

Dining has also stopped buying sandwich bread that contains high fructose corn syrup. Although the new bread is more expensive than what was previously offered, McDonald said every saving from new cooking methods as well as the reduced costs of cooking pie filling from scratch will more than make up the difference.

And although it has not become official policy yet, chefs are also experimenting with a calorie-free, all-natural sweetener called stevia that was recently approved by the FDA and is being used in other parts of the world.

However, Elkhouri admitted that changing severe food composition was only half of the battle in improving campus nutrition. The rest must come from the students, he said.

Powell said for better or for worse, the servers give students a lot of options.

"A student can go to a server and walk away with a really healthy, balanced meal on any given day, or they can walk away with a really unhealthy meal," Powell said.

Elkhouri encouraged students to be willing to try new foods, in the server's enthusiasm, and to use the place method when selecting their meals (see above graphics).

"A misconception students have is that they don't have to eat all three groups: meat, protein, and fruits and vegetables," Elkhouri said. "You have to eat them all, every meal."

Powell disencouraged students not to skip meals.

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"When you're 18, you're invincible," McDonald said. "We're there; we've been there, we know that. But poor eating habits can catch up with you decades later. If you have a healthy body, you need to maintain it.

McDonald, Powell and Elkhouri all agreed that in the end, all of the nutritional changes come down to preparing students to succeed in life.

All three habits are forming our bodies for later in life," Powell said. "Few students are as bright and healthy and work so hard, I just want to see them be successful in their careers and for a long time and not have to worry about heart disease when they're 50 or 60 years old."

And "Chef Roger," as he is known around campus, is more than happy to help students eat healthier.

"It's a crime for a chef not to take care of his guests," Elkhouri said. "This is the demand and the trend right now, and we're a part of it."

David McDonald: Stick to three meals and two snacks.

The server provides yogurt and whole fruit to help out between meals.

Roger Elkhouri: You can't eat French fries every day.

Brandi Powell: Try to eat more fruits and vegetables; at least five servings per day.

Elkhouri: Don't eat anything bigger than your head.

Powell: Try to replace desserts with fruit or yogurt. I would never say don't eat another cookie again, but it's all in moderation.
RDT stumbles despite strong performances

BY MICHAEL ROG
FOR THE THRESHER

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Joe's picks for events outside the hedges, both around Rice and in the Houston area, for this week.

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**CHAMILLIONAIRE**

The Mixtape Messiah and The Poor Chairmore famously known as Chamillionaire and Paul Wall, will be hip-hop takeover downtown at House of Blues tonight. Tickets will run you a cool $25 the night of the show and doors open at 8:00 p.m. with the Sidek这个问题的解答是输出的文本内容。
Relish: A convenient contingency

You were a dinner date with that bottle from your D.P. parish class, but when you slide into your spiffy Dodge Diplomat, the damned thing doesn't start. It's damage control time. Don't get special but not unbearingly so. You want to keep it intimate, so the Cape Village is out. Think it? What do you do?

Drew Berger and Emily Salomon

Take charge and suggest a relaxing walk up the beautifully shaded and sparsely appointed Market Street, Preston to impress with your knowledge of architecture as you pass by the big houses, discuss how eco-friendly it is to walk to dinner and watch the architecture on your date's face build into a well-distributed and unobtrusive speaker system, and outdoor diners are treated to the company of little lizards who stop at nothing to try to glean your chips.

Emily's favorite dish was the chile con queso, which she found creamy and cheesy while not greasy or chunky. The delicately blended Monterey Jack cheeses and the consistency of the dip. The homemade tortilla chips were well-seasoned with the queso. The chips were crunchy and crispy; their thickness and the slight presence of sea salt made them flavorful but not overwhelmingly salty. We cruised ignored the standard red salsa; its smoky flavor just couldn't cut the cheese.

Drew smartly ordered La gringa, a dish of marinated pork with grilled pineapple, onions and melted cheese. Overhead the whole thing dripped with a runny red sauce, picking up melonworldy delight in theQmal and crisp fennel. Not usually a fan of corn tortillas, he got them anyway and found them to be soft, warm and generally better than any others he's had. While not spicy, pepper flavors complemented the overall savoriness of the cheese and pork.

Emily got the chicken fajitas as a main dish. Like every other restaurant in town, the sour cream, pico de gallo and guacamole were all served on a large lettuce leaf. The rest of the dish was only average; definitely go for something a bit more interesting, such as La gringa, if you want your meal to be more exciting. Thankfully the chile con queso made up for what the fajitas lacked in flavor.

Come dinner, we decided serving the sopapillas with maple syrup was an interesting choice. Sopapillas are fried dough topped with powdered sugar and traditionally served drizzled with honey. Clearly, this is not a combination that-beeds itself to failure, but yet sopapillas are not hard to find.

In terms of the service, the waiters were attentive enough. There was a little mix-up on the bill, but it was taken care of with a smile and apology. Our chip baskets sat empty for three minutes of eternity as our queso glowed brightly up at us. This was particularly disappointing considering we were eating at a popular restaurant on the generous patio.

The food was tasty and the atmosphere pleasant. The cost was reasonable. By appetizers, $4-$6, entrees and $6-$9. We will go back, especially for the chips, queso and fajitas.

Drew Berger is a Looest College junior and Emily Salomon is a West College junior.

Rice theater's annual awards showcase

Cast your vote at ricethresher.org starting Monday, April 26 at noon

Results to be published in the Commencement issue of the Thresher
Something funny happened when my iPod arbitrarily decided to subject me to her song “Blah Blah Blah.” I couldn’t stop listening. Not to say that I was physically unable to change the song, I just had every desire in the world to listen to “Blah Blah Blah.” In its entirety.

During a commercial break while watching VH1’s “Charm School” or during a dream that one day, a group of grown men could sit together and listen to a catchy Ke$ha song during a commercial break while watching VH1’s “Charm School” or “I Love New York.”

That dream ended when my iPod fell in the toilet.

Comen Hoyes is a Baker College junior and Thresher Backpage editor.

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There’s a lot of talent in the ranks of Rice Dance Theatre. Body Songs was not their best effort, hopefully the best is yet to come.
Thresher tenure inspired men's tennis appreciation

It was late 2000, a few weeks into classes at Rice, and I had no idea what I was getting into.

I was climbing on the metal seats at Juan Hino Tennis Stadium, the courts shaped in favor of me, empty. I was a freshman, out on my first assignment. Men's tennis appreciation.

My notebook, its pages now yellowed, contained the notes of my nascent love for Rice, men's tennis.

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As fate would have it, the Owls (27-21, 8-11 C-USA) faced off this past weekend in Orlando for three crucial matches, as the conference schedule progresses in a halfway point.

The Owls' offense got off to a quick start last Friday evening, scoring in the second inning on a three-run home run by junior Michael Piatek. Rice added four more runs to their lead in the third inning on three hits and a walk.

by Ryan Glassman

Since dropping two of three games at Memphis at the start of its Conference USA slate, the baseball team has gone 1-1-1 in conference series against C-USA foes to take possession of first place in the standings.

Entering the weekend, the Owls were riding a five-game win streak, scoring in the first inning on a three-run home run by senior Michael Piatek. Rice added four more runs to their lead in the third inning on three hits and a walk.

Sophomore Daniel Gonzales-Luna bats against TAMU-CC in Rice's April 14-23-1 rout of the Islanders. Since then, Rice has gone 2-2, winning a weekend series against UCF but falling to A&M Tuesday. Rice faces C-USA rival ECU this weekend at Reckling Park, with the first game tonight at 6:30 p.m.

by Natalie Clericuzio

For 18 years, Pam Klassen was the most baleful rivalry, coming against the University of Tulsa. The Golden Hurricane has taken down Rice in four straight Conference USA Tournament finals, often in an aggravating and stifling manner. Former Rice tennis coach Assistant Coach Efe Ustundag's office. He doesn't shudder or cringe when you bring him up — second place is no fault, after all — but you get the feeling that he wouldn't mind trading them all in for that first-place hardware that has eluded the team for so long.

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Rain takes first place in Michael Johnson Classic

Sloat takes silver in 800-meter run, Moore adds a sixth-place finish in 400-meter dash

By Jonathan Myers
"Dad, for once in my life, I really think I can beat you," said Rice tennis player Jonathan Myers.

The senior from Indiana was referring to his upcoming match against his father, John Myers, a former tennis player at the University of Illinois.

"I've never had a chance to beat him before," Jonathan said. "This is going to be my day."
Women close out regular season with resounding win

**Owls dominate UAB to finish even in conference play; look to C-USA Tournament next**

By Christopher Pettijohn

After navigating a season filled with peaks and valleys, the women’s tennis team reached the finale of its four-month spring schedule in the final week of competition with a match against the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Before the matches started, Rice honored its departing seniors, Julie Chao and Rebecca Liu. Head Coach Elizabeth Schmidt said a few words about them and presented each with a photo album chronicling their years on the team.

After that subdued start to the match, the Owls transitioned easily into competition mode. Rice (13-8, 4-2 C-USA) defeated their opponents 8-1, sweeping the Blazers 7-0.

The team began the match in impressive fashion, as both the team of No. 45 sophomore Ana Guzman and Chao in the top doubles position and the team of junior Rebekka Hanle and Lin at the third position swept their opponents with 8-1 wins. Finishing close behind was the team of junior Jessica Jackson and freshman Daniella Trigo, who defeated their opponents 8-3.

After a commanding job of taking the doubles points, the Owls then readied themselves for the singles matches. In similar mode to the doubles matches, Rice dominated UAB with ease.

The Owls won all singles matches. No Blazer won more than two sets in any singles match and of the 16 sets played, UAB won only 16.

**IN FOCUS: WOMEN’S TENNIS**

**WOMEN’S WINNERS PERCENTAGES**

The Owls boast a winning percentage of 58.7 percent in all of their matches this season, with freshman Daniella Trigo leading the team in individual percentages by winning 68.75 percent of her matches.

1. Daniella Trigo 68.75 percent  
2. Jessica Jackson 65 percent  
3. Rebecca Lin 65 percent

“We played very solid, and we were very happy for our seniors that they were able to go out that way,” Schmidt said.

The next hurdle for the Rice is the Conference USA Championships, which started yesterday. The Owls are the No. 3 seed in the tournament, with Southern Methodist University (22-3, 4-0 C-USA) as the No. 1 seed, and the University of Tulsa (18-5, 3-1 C-USA) as the No. 2 seed.

Thanks to their third-place ranking for the team’s postseason hopes. If the Owls win the C-USA tournament, they will earn an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament, which would be the team’s first appearance since they won the C-USA championship in 2006.

Just as in college basketball, the women’s tennis tournament has 31 at-large bids available in addition to those for the conference champions. These final bids are decided based on national rankings. As of now, Rice is on the bubble of receiving an at-large bid.

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Once Rice’s defeat of UAB is factored in, they may be ranked high enough for an at-large bid.

“Hopefully we will be coming back this weekend with a conference title,” Ruck said. “We have been working and we are prepared for what’s to come.”

There is also a NCAA tournament for individual players based on national rankings. Hanle, ranked 86 at the moment, has a chance to make it, and the doubles team of Chao and Guzman, ranked 45, has a shot as well.

**Senior Julie Chao aims a return volley in her match against UAB on April 17.**

The Owls won all seven matches against the Blazers in preparation for the Conference USA Championships held in Tulsa, Okla. today.

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SPORTS STAFF SOUNDBOARD

What has been your favorite baseball moment from the 2010 Rice baseball season so far?

Ooala surrendered three runs in four innings, suffering the first loss of his college career.

"When you can save the bullpen and they can't save you, that's what we do. Usually it makes us work, and it makes it tougher on their hitters because we've got a bunch of arms that we can throw out there," Wall said. "We should be able to come back and get them next time.

Behind the gritty effort of their ace, the Owls cruised to a 9-2 win in the opening game of the series.

"We're 2-0 on the heart against San Jose State on Wednesday with a 3-2 win against UTEP on Sunday," Ooala said with all due respect. "But it's a game we can win, and we can win it with some innings of the game and get it done with two runs in the sixth."
THE RICE THRESHER
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010

SPORTS

BASEBALL

RICE 9 UCF 2
April 19, 2010 — Olsen Field
College Station, Texas

Score by inning
R  H  E
Rice 0 3 4 10 0  —  13 14 3
UCF 0 0 3 0 2  —  8 17 3

Attendance — 3309

RICE 9 UC F 8
April 24, 2010 — Reed Stadium
College Station, Texas

Score by inning
R  H  E
Rice 0 3 4 10 0  —  13 14 3
UCF 0 0 3 0 2  —  8 17 3

Attendance — 3200

A CLOSER LOOK:
J. Fred Duckett Twilight Relays Schedule of Events

Event                        Start Time (a.m.)
Women's Hammer               Noon
Men's Hammer                  1:00 p.m.
Women's Discus                1:30 p.m.
Men's Discus                  3:30 p.m.
Women's Shot Put             3:30 p.m.
Men's Shot Put               5:30 p.m.
Women's javelin              5:30 p.m.
Men's javelin                7:30 p.m.
Women's Pole Vault           7:30 p.m.
Women's Long Jump, Men's Triple Jump 5:30 p.m.
Women's High Jump, Men's High Jump 6 p.m.
Men's 100 Hurdles             5:30 p.m.
Women's 100 Hurdles          5:30 p.m.
Women's 400 Hurdles          6:50 p.m.
Women's 400 M                  7:05 p.m.
Women's 200                    7:20 p.m.
Men's 200                      7:20 p.m.
Women's 1500                   7:10 p.m.
Men's 1500                     7:10 p.m.
Women's 3000 Steeplechase    7:50 p.m.
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Women's 4X100 Relay          8:15 p.m.
Men's 4X100 Relay            8:45 p.m.
Women's 5000                  8:30 p.m.
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Ooh, pretty flowers!

Seniors Rebecca Lin (left) and Julie Chao were honored before the team's final regular season match against UAB on Saturday, which the Owls won in decisive fashion, 7-6. Rice will face either Tulane or UAB today in the C-USA tournament.
Angelika
Soak up the sun

ACROSS:
30 In volleyball, when a player serves a ball (9)
21 A famous news carrier (5)
16 Not death (6)
14 "Yes we!" - Obama (7)
26 An old-school way of showing excitement (6)
23 A seaport in the capital of the Republic of Maldives (6)
20 To count on (5)

DOWNS:
7 To dull the luster (7)
47 She wore an itsy, bitsy, teeny weeny, yellow sundress (7)
45 Baseball position (abbrev.) (4)
39 It's all fault! (9)
64 To perform an activity (7)
33 Two people sharing an apartment, in a legal sense (7)
36 Odd and remarkable people (7)
28 To force onto someone unjustifiably (7)
25 Magicians say this when they finish a magic trick (9)

Lookng shaggy As you finish up school and head home, a haircut might be nice. Today will be the last day of Barber Days this semester. Stop by the Rice Barber Memorial Center today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for a little style-up so that mom won’t have to harass you about it later.

Clean out your closet Want more reasons to procrastinate? Then come to the Clothing Swap sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center that will be going on from 2-7 p.m. in the Farmhouse. For a small entry fee of at least two gently used garments, attendees can receive tickets worth a dollar for the event. You can even compete through all the clothing and take what you like for free. All of the leftover items will go to The Women’s House. And don’t think that this is for girls only; with pants and jeans are encouraged to attend.

You got served ... dumplings The Chinese Student Association will be delivering dumplings in front of the library. The deliveries will be made from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. To have dumplings delivered right to your door, just e-mail Christian Sun at csun9@rice.edu before 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Doors will be locked at 7 p.m., so those dumplings might just be yours. It’s a (big) deal.

Best study break ever Finals are approaching— that means it’s time for the President and Dean’s Study Break in the Rice Memorial Center. The festivities go from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Reasons to get excited include: drink specials, ice cream from Willy’s, and welcome to join in on the fun.

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Soak up the sun The final pool party of the year is tonight, and it is going to be hot! The party is at the Marotel fondue. Doors open at 5 p.m. The theme is Beach Party, so come in your swim trunks and sundresses. There will be food, drinks, beach balls and alcohol for those of age.

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**OBITUARIES**

**My Desire to Drink Died at Six Days, Is Resurrected**

My desire to drink, known in many circles as the driving force behind my alter ego Hans and best known for itseful and healing properties, has been resurrected. This beautiful"Eclipse of the Heart," died last Saturday night at approximately 3 am. after a brief but spirited battle. Its contributions peaked in 2008 and it will be fondly remembered as the direct cause of moments such as Projectile Vomiting '09 and a belligerent Sex with a Medicinal Girl '09 and '10.

This death, its 44th year, was followed by a miraculous resurrection early Sunday morning. "This time I trust."

I vowed my desire to drink back to organizations which pressed the group of members who gathered at the backdrop of Speer's Downtown's trauma unit. "But, just as always, it came back."

My desire to drink momentarily left behind three empty tallboys and one bottle of extremely cheap possibly poisonous grain alcohol (also deceased). In lieu of flowers or sympathy my desire to drink requests that an easy liquor be sent via campus mail.

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**Ben Roethlisberger's Mullet Dead at Two Months**

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger cut his mullet last week in preparation for a meeting with National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell regarding allegations of sexual assault.

Mullets were named an endangered species by the World Wildlife Fund in late 1994 and Roethlisberger's was widely regarded as the last remaining mullet in America. Big Ben's mullet is survived only by its distant cousin, the Guido blowout.

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