Registration changes

Lower LPAP requirement

BY NICHOLE ZHAI
STUDENT-NEWS EDITOR

Changes have been made to the Lifetime Physical Activity Program (LPAP) graduation requirement and the wait-listing procedure in response to students' frustrations over the use of waitlists last semester.

Students now only need to take one LPAP to graduate, and all LPAPs offered during the fall of 2012 and onward will be worth one credit.

LPAPs have previously been zero-credit courses, and students formerly had to take two to graduate. Current students who have already taken one zero-credit LPAP, a zero-credit Lifetime Physical Activity Credit course, a combination of both, or two zero-credit LPAPs have fulfilled the modified graduation requirement. Credit will not be retroactively added to zero-credit LPAPs that students have already taken.

Measures were also taken to allow underclassmen to more easily explore more courses within their majors.

PASS/FAIL open to major courses

With registration rapidly approaching, students seeking a broader academic experience within their majors now have an expanded safety net. The Faculty Senate approved a change to the pass/fail option at its meeting on March 14 that allows students to designate courses in their major that are not required for graduation as pass/fail.

Currently, students may not designate any course within their majors as pass/fail. However, starting with the 2011-2012 academic year, students will be able to designate any course within their majors as pass/fail as long as the course is not used to meet a graduation requirement for the major. Students may not retroactively designate a course within their majors as pass/fail.

According to Student Association President Sanjula Jain, the initiative was motivated students to donate. Ms. Jain said she was proud to see Martel win the College Battle for the third year in a row, with an average percentage of donating majors, alumni and seniors at 37 percent, according to Peet.

RAFTS: Student Representative and Martel junior Andrea Romero said she was proud to see Martel win again because it shows the college's desire to grow and willingness to work for that growth. She added that the college's RAFTS senior representatives motivated students to donate. Romero also said she was glad the battle happened during Willy Week.

"That is the time when the students and alumni felt the most spirit toward Rice as a whole rather than toward just their own colleges," Romero noted.

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Something fishy is happening at the Downtown Aquarium. Join fellow students, faculty and staff in the search for Nemo during RPC's Beer Bike this Saturday. Discounted tickets can be purchased for $2 on Saturdays at the Aquarium.

Remember: fish are friends, not food.

Beer Bike 2012: phenomenon or flop?

What worked and what didn't work during Beer Bike this year? Find out what one college Beer Bike coordinator thought.

Sugar, spice and everything Indian

The South Asian Society is having their 2012 annual spring show, Rangaar, this Saturday. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the show starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for faculty, staff and non-Rice attendees. Come for a spicy cultural show that always cuts the mustard with the audience.

Bringing back the '90s

The only time it's acceptable to say "Slime me!" in public is here. Baker College's 2012 '90s party starts tonight at 10 p.m. Dress up as your favorite Nickelodeon show character or '90s pop star and bring your Rice ID. After the party ends at 2 a.m., hopefully you won't need Clarissa to explain it all.

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Beer Bike noise complaints raise concern

Last Saturday morning, Martel College and Duncan College were visited by the Rice University Police Department as the result of noise complaints from neighboring residents (see story, ricethresher.org). Although no students’ identification was actually examined, the situation frightened students enough to send them running toward their rooms and other colleges. There was massive confusion between the stories, collated with the program (see RUPD). If officers and the chief justices communicate better, there will be no need for officers to interfere with college activities unless it is absolutely necessary.

The noise complaints this year caused a lot of anxiety among the north colleges. Noise complaints occur every year, but this is the first year the Houston Police Department was called, and RUPD had to take action. It is clear that colleges need to prepare for noise complaints and maintain a good relationship with the community around campus. These solutions for next year and hopefully the future should help with EMS costs.

While the changes in the Lifetime Physical Activity Program are a move in the right direction by the Student Association, there are still problems with the program (see story, p. 1). Students will have priority with half of the available spots reserved in a team 10:1. While the Thresher endorses the decision to give new students a chance at registering for an LPAP, the SA needs to reconsider giving away so percent of the seats to new students.

Furthermore, the SA does not include sophomores or juniors in the equation. If rising seniors fill more spots, will rising juniors fill up half the seats in an LPAP and the rest are reserved for new students, then the sophomores and juniors are left in a waitlist. The decrease in required LPAPs is a much appreciated change. However, the SA should consider decreasing the number of reserved seats saved for new students.

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ONLINE COMMENT OF THE WEEK

In response to “Response to Karl Rove’s remarks against Obama” (March 30, 2012)

This article accuses Karl Rove’s article in the March 21 issue of The Wall Street Journal of “hyperbolic, sensationalist statements and even flat-out lies.” It then uses the methods it accuses Rove of using to attack the statements Rove makes.

Does anyone really believe that General Motors would have been closed and liquidated had it gone into court-ordered bankruptcy? Ownership would have been taken over by the secured creditors as the law provides, and it would have been operated under new management.

The auto bailout, the way President Barack Obama did it, was probably not just a mistake, however, this is the second time that the government $24 billion. Is $14 billion any better? However, this is the second time that Chrysler needed a government bailout. Did we just save it so that Fiat did not have to build a production facility in the U.S. to build cars here?

This article suggests that the reason the Obama stimulus did not achieve its goals was that it was not large enough (it was only $787 billion). In the next paragraph, it suggests that President George W. Bush’s policies "cost $5 trillion." The actual federal deficits from 2001 to 2009 totalled $5 trillion. For the three years from 2009-2011, the deficits totalled twice as much, $14.2 trillion. You can’t have it both ways. Yes, yes, I know, it’s all Bush’s fault that we’re on this spending binge, but maybe Obama had a little something to do with it.

Rove’s article was a political critique of the obviously political Obama campaign film “The Road We’ve Travelled.” Rove was not entirely objective, but neither was the film, and definitely neither is this article. I hope Rice students don’t take what they read as facts but are just as critical in reading this article as the author is to Rove’s article.

Rice Grad

Class of ’63

Last Week’s Online Poll Results:

How did you like the parade/balloon fight route this year?

☐ I liked having just one stop better.
☐ I miss stopping all along the Inner Loop.
☐ It was the best possible option.
☐ The two stops were too far apart.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2012
Will Rice stays strong during Beer Bike

Will Rice will Swept. As Beer Bike approached at Will Rice College, the cheer (told in to rise in popularity. Surprisingly, it had a new popularity among colleges too. For two weeks, these colleges shared in our elevated levels of obsession for Will Rice. The sentiments were different. The obsess- ions, however, were the same.

Eddie Reyes

So I wonder: What could spark such a united flame against Will Rice? The Baker College ventures against Will Rice College, the other colleges had won when Will Rice placed performance at Beer Bike, a tradition of excellence. Of course, the Baker Institute and our access, we really wanted to have another fight. We definitely remember standing in Founders, that looks bad or even a simple smile really does go a long way in building our reputation and, hopefully, in the minds of those visitors. I can't thank all of the students who are already spectacularly by getting out and helping to ensure that everyone is aware and interested in volunteering, don't hesitate to contact one of the campus liaisons or friends you have at Rice or with these students, the better!

Graham West

I suspect many Rice students re- member their Owl Days experience as a senior in high school, just as I do. I started at St. Richard’s College, a school in which I fell in love with and was excited to be a part of in later that year), and my host, a fellow postgraduate at the end of the year, told me about all sorts of cool op- portunities for him to be getting through the Baker Institute and our acces- sible Social Sciences faculty. I had to get up at a ridiculous hour the second day to make it back in time for classes but I had been told: I

turned in my contract to come to this university before I left campus for the summer. My great experience at Owl Days was that I really got to get in- volved with the Student Admission Council, the umbrella organization for the many academic buildings of Rice, have so far been its simple time once again for Owl Days!

Owl Days: A chance for students to give back

On Thursday, April 12, 2012, be prepared to see more than a few unfamiliar faces wandering around campus. If you find yourself shock by the numbers of exciting, eager and occasion- ally confused high school students roaming around campus while visiting their academic buildings, Rice has, no doubt, it’s simply time once again for Owl Days!

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These initiatives are great ways to get people involved in donating to the Annual Fund because they add a fun competition between the colleges.

Julian Castro
Jones College President

The victory of the War was a pizza party and got three percentage points added to its final College Battle average participation. The college that came in second place was two percentage points, and the college in third place received one.

Jones won for the second year in a row, with students contributing $632.10 in coins and dollars—a 17 percent increase from last year, and dollars—three percentage points added to its final College Battle jar for the Jar Wars, Peet said. "It's a good change of policy because it makes it easier for freshmen to fulfill their graduation requirements," Muller said.

Student Association President Sanjula Jain also said one of the major goals of the changes to the LPAP requirement was for a greater distribution of students across the years to take LPAP classes. "Now people have more flexibility...[so] students of all years can take LPAP, as opposed to [students] only taking them senior year," Jain, a Brown College junior, said.

Jain said many of the problems that students had with waitlists last semester were related to LPAP. "The Office of the Registrar gave us data that said something like three-fourths of people's complaints of 'I'm on a waitlist, I can't get into a class' were for LPAP, not academic classes," Jain said.

According to Jain, a 36 survey sent out regarding the new process approximately 850 student responses and indicated that while students enjoyed the LPAP program, they felt athletes should be exempt from the LPAP requirement.

"Despite this initial sentiment, Jain said that many varsity athletes ultimately did not want to be exempt. "Of them take fifth years and one scholarships, and it's helpful to have that one credit hour attached to the LPAP to help with graduation requirements or scholarships," Jain said. "Reducing the LPAP requirement from two to one was a good compromise for a variety of groups."

Jain attributed the unmet demand for LPAP courses to increasing enrollment. "There are so many students now and there's only a limited number of classes that can be offered, so there's this endless cycle where seniors are the only ones who get to take the classes," Jain said. "We have to evaluate what changes need to be made to adapt to this everchanging campus."

Lovett College freshman Cory Wise said he was glad the LPAP requirement was reduced to two because now only that one to take, there will be more room for other people to take those courses," Wise said.

Wait-listing procedures for registration for fall 2012 classes will enable the administration to measure demand for certain classes.

"It's a compromise on the part of the Office of the Registrar and the Student Association," said student-taught college courses and LPAPs. After waitlists are purged, students may special-register for closed classes in the first year. Waitlists for FWIS, FSEM, and LPAP courses will remain active until the end of the second week of classes, commonly known as the "shopping" period. According to Jain, activating waitlists during registration for fall 2012 classes will enable the administration to measure demand for certain classes.

"We are hoping the seniors will grab the spots that said something like three-fourths of people's complaints of 'I'm on a waitlist, I can't get into a class,'" Jain said. "It's not overloading classes," Jain said. "Otherwise, they don't have any data to see how many people actually want to take the course so they can make the best decisions.

Jain also said that, prior to the creation of waitlists, students would change their minds over the summer and overwhelm professors in the fall with special registration forms to sign. "We are revising the wait listing protocol to all the burden on professors. When students are doing their schedules early on, many students will change their minds, and it's important to have the waitlists so students can monitor the waitlists to see if they can still apply," Jain said.

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NetID problem causes outage

BY EILEN LIU
THIRDTERM NEWS EDITOR

Students accessing Rice Webmail and OwlSpace Wednesday morning hit a wall when they were unable to log in using their NetIDs. This blockage and shutdown of the “Rice Owls” wireless network later in the day caused IT to conduct a reboot of the NetID system at 5 p.m.

The IT problems started when one of the systems that provides authentication services for NetIDs suddenly slowed down this morning, according to Director of Networking, Telecommunications and Data Centers William Deigaard. A system-wide delay followed when the issue quickly spread across all of the university’s servers, preventing students from accessing anything that required a NetID login, including OwlSpace, Webmail and the Rice Owls wireless network.

Manager of IT Technical Communications Carly Chatfield said she and the other IT managers were having a meeting on Wednesday morning when they got a text message that students were having NetID authentication issues. These were continued throughout the day as the problems persisted and worsened, Chatfield said.

“Sometimes, the system students were logging into would time out before they could log in,” Chatfield said. “We started troubleshooting at that point.”

Chatfield said Director for Systems, Infrastructure and Architecture Barry Riddlebuck and his team began working on the problem around 10 a.m., meeting with other IT managers every hour for progress reports.

“We tried to diagnose the root cause so that it could be repaired,” Deigaard said.

Unfortunately, because many university websites rely on authentication in some fashion, working around the slowdown was difficult, according to Deigaard.

Chatfield said IT eventually decided to turn the entire authentication system off and give it a chance to reset.

“We could not shut it down in the middle of the workday, so we waited until 6 p.m., when people would be done with classes and work,” Chatfield noted.

Chatfield said IT estimated the reboot to only take about 10 minutes, but it ended up lasting one-and-a-half hours.

IT Ambassador Yoonjin Min said she first noticed the NetID issues when she tried to log in to the Rice Owls wireless network around 1:30 a.m.

“At first, I just signed onto Rice Visitor and did not think twice about it,” Min, a junior College of Engineering student, said. “I did not use OwlSpace during that time, so the problems did not actually inconvenience me at all.”

Min said she got a text from Chatfield around noon to let students know that the NetID authentication system was having issues, though the Rice Visitor network and non-Rice login on OwlSpace was still working, and updates could be found on IT’s website.

I became concerned about the possible impact on registration if things did not get fixed.

Victoria Yuan Lovett ’13

“Not many students came to me about the problem, but I ran into some people and explained the problem,” Min noted. “By noon, there was an announcement on OwlSpace that the NetID system was down.”

Lovett College junior Victoria Yuan said she first noticed the NetID problems when she tried to access OwlSpace around 8 a.m.

“I was not worried about the outage until it started to be a problem for a long time,” Yuan said. “I became concerned about the possible impact on registration if things did not get fixed.”

Yuan said she thought IT responded too slowly to the issue.

“I don’t know how the process behind fixing the problem, but I would definitely suggest more monitoring to make sure everything is working,” Yuan said.

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Marshall College senior Molly Elmer said he was surprised to find that he enjoyed the two-stop parade format.

“Never exciting to have a couple huge bursts of water-fall/kicking than a longer, continuous parade,” Elmer noted.

Elmer also said he preferred the new college areas at the track to the bleachers from previous years.

“Marret went with hay bales and large umbrellas, which were definitely more comfortable than the bleachers,” Elmer said. “The ability to have a key at the track was a great way to keep the party going, too.”

Tarpley said he was pleased by the safety record during Beer Bike. According to Rice Emergency Medical Services Director Lisa Baggall, REMED treated about 24 people during Beer Bike this year, for calls relating to eye and ear injuries, splinted ankles, cuts and scrapes, and alcohol intoxication. This number of calls is down from last year but up from zero, Baggall said.

Boggall added that she was grateful for the caregivers support system.

“A number of caregivers ready to respond definitely helped in getting people home safely,” Baggall said. “I give thanks to all of the colleges who were set up and the individual volunteers who participated by stepping up to help their fellow students.”

Tarpley said much of the day’s success was also due to the area commanders’ efforts.

“Great job by the area commanders,” Tarpley said.

In addition, Tarpley said to expect one large technological improvement at the race next year. In the current system, area judges work to line and record the races.

“Now it’s accurate, but there’s a lot of paperwork, and it takes a lot of time,” Tarpley said.

Next year, a group of Rice students will be creating an electronic timing system, similar to ones used in marathons, as part of a senior design project.

Tarpley noted.

He said that the senior design team, which already has funding for the project, will meet with campus-wide coordinators this year to determine needs. Tarpley said he is excited about having a student-built system for timing that will streamline the judging process.

Rice University Police Department Captain Cameron Rodriguez said that this Beer Bike was well run with no major incidents. The only problem that RUPD faced was noise complaints from nearby residents during the early-morning activities (see story, northwestern).

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

The following were noted at the most recent meeting of the Student Association on April 2.

• SA President Santika Jain announced the creation of a Latin American studies major and changes to the past fail option, effective fall 2012. The new Latin American studies major will start in fall 2012 and only one LPAP will be required for graduation (see story, p. 1).

• SA Internal Vice President Yoonjin Min announced a new graduation honor to be voted on by the Faculty Senate on April 4 called the Distinction in Research and Creative Works.

• Jain announced that LPAP courses will be worth one credit starting in the fall of 2012 and only one LPAP will be required for graduation (see story, p. 1).

• Hanszen College senior Christopher Meyer presented the idea to create an undergraduate Intramural sports cup called the Donan Cup. The SA will next meet on Monday, April 9 in the Fannsworth Pavilion.
Eight Rice students tackled the "tuesdays and diaries" of masturbation during the Baker Institute Student Forum Spring Debate on Tuesday evening. Members of the Rice Conservative Forum and the Rice Young Democrats met at the Baker Institute to discuss whether the federal government should mandate religiously affiliated organizations to provide contraception to their employees.

Wise College freshmen James Dargan, McMurry College freshman Tim Kuhnen, Wise Sophomore Rohan Siggareddy, and Wise Junior Anjali Loaneilo represented the Conservative Forum, while the Young Democrats were represented by Sid Richardson College Sophomore Neera Sallotra and Rahul Rentko. Rice College Sophomore Angela Guo and McMurry Senior Tara Slough.

Slough began with an introduction about the importance of essential healthcare for all women. The Young Democrats noted that family planning is a hereditary issue in a couple's ability to plan when they want to have children, helps taxpayers by saving money on unplanned births. Dargan's opening statement retraced the Conservative Forum's position, which advocated for the protection of the free expression of religious ideals.

"We are here to protect specific institutions from being forced to violate their own personal conscience," Dargan said.

Sallotra responded to this view, claiming that mandating private entities that receive public funding to provide contraception does not violate the First Amendment.

"If you are going to play in the public playground, then you have to play by public rules," Sallotra said.

Guo said that by inventing contraception now, the United States could save money in the future.

"From an economic standpoint, it is good for all," Guo said.

Kuhnen responded by saying that the United States was founded on principles that included freedom of religion.

Siggareddy noted that numerous court cases granted Catholic institutions exemptions to federal law because it violated their values.

"Institutions must protect their people, and the government must protect their people," she said.

Sallotra said organizations would not be mandating people to use the contraception.

"We're just saying, let's provide it and give them the choice," Sallotra said.

In one of the cross-examination questions, Launeilo asked whether the Young Democrats would agree that forcing a religiously affiliated institution that considers contraception a sin to provide contraception would constitute a moral problem to provide it would constitute a moral problem for them. Rentko said. Launeilo added that the Young Democrats would not be forcing the organizations to provide contraception to their employees. Rentko responded by saying that the United States was founded on the free expression of religious beliefs. Dargan said. Sallotra said organizations would not be violating the First Amendment. Rentko said. Dargan stated that the morality of the situation would be irrelevant to the religious affiliation of the institution.

"We believe the real moral problem is depriving women of the care they need just because of a belief system that is imposed on them," Rentko said.

Sallotra responded to this new claiming by saying that the United States cannot save money because it violated their values. Though no winner of the debate was declared, 50 members of the audience were polled before and after the debate about their opinions on whether religiously affiliated organizations should be required to provide contraception to their employees. Post-debate, the number of audience members who believed the federal government should require religiously affiliated organizations to provide contraception increased by 20 percent.

Debate results
Statement: The federal government should require religiously affiliated organizations to provide contraception to their employees.

Pre-debate
Agree: 28
Neutral: 7
Undecided: 7
Total: 50

Post-debate
Agree: 38
Neutral: 16
Undecided: 13
Total: 50

The Minor in Poverty, Justice, and Human Capabilities (PJHC) provides students with a multifaceted understanding of human well-being and the structural factors underlying poverty. The PJHC minor combines courses with internship experiences at agencies that help disadvantaged communities and people.

For more detailed information and Fall 2012 course offerings, visit www.rice.edu/pjhc.
Baker College senior Christine Cooper's untitled mangled swan sculpture sprawls across the first floor of the Rice Media Center. Although the leads are strong, the supporting cast continually steals the audience wish the character. He make his way through the audience, suggesting the idea of how many beautiful moments go unheralded.

The exhibit of pictures is miniscule, however, les upsets. Perez's oil paint- ing surprise and delight those who venture to the gallery's second floor. The series of six paintings, collectively entitled "extraction" depicts Mexican cities, the indigenous people and an imitative representation of the Mexican calendar. In his meaningful description of the paintings and his written statement about his inspiration, Perez describes his mestizo ancestry and his painting's premise to explore the convergence of an individual and his identity. He describes his approach to painting as an integration of the colors, language and emotions of indigenous Native Americans with the techniques and medium of European painters.

Baker College senior Christine Cooper's untitled mangled swan sculpture sprawls across the first floor of the Rice Media Center.

No matter how delightful the actors were, sound issues were prevalent in the show. Partly because of malfunc- tioning microphones, hearing the ac- tors was extremely difficult. In addi- tion, the Wessex Commons will never be a decent place to perform theater productions. High ceilings leading to the Upper Commons suck sound away from the audience, while large floor-to-ceiling windows throw light from the stage into the production. These issues are slightly annoying but do not prevent the show from being en- joyable overall.

RUSIAN FILMS

What happened to Soviet cin- ema after Eisenstein's Battleship Potemkin? The MFAM is screen- ing contemporary Russian films every Sunday until April 22. This Sunday features the film Putin's 3:11 and Prorodezhy at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., respectively. Brown Auditorium will show Men with a Movie Camera at 3:15 p.m. on April 3. Ticket ets are $7.

EARTH DAY

Looking for an excuse to ex- tend the day? The MFAM is screening a film for Earth Day Festival at Discovery Green tomorrow. The film is "The Big Green Egg: How to Build a Teenage" and will be shown at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m.

PEPPERS

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YOGA RAVE

Alcohol is so last weekend. Instruct your body tonight by opening your chakras to electronic beats and Hindu mantras. For $45 at the door, Stereo Live Houston will host Yoga Rave from 8 p.m. until midnight.

THE WEEKLY SCENE

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

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"Bacon Fat" goes straight to the heart
Indie folk rock trio Good Old War harmonizes with upbeat tracks in "Come Back as Rain."

**Albums and Abominations: Good Old War**

It is hard to believe, but two or three years ago, indie folk rock bands were not easy to come by. It was not until bands like Fleet Foxes and Mumford and Sons broke into the mainstream scene in 2008 that folk rock received significant mainstream attention and airplay. However, it seems that nowadays everybody has his or her own personal favorite folk rock group, and the sound has lost a bit of its original lustre. Still, the increasedumber of groups entering the fray has required that groups either stand out and bring something different to the table, or fade away with their too-similar contemporaries.

"Come Back as Rain," the third album from Philadelphia trio Good Old War, brings enough pitch-perfect harmonies, intricate guitar work and very catchy tracks to claim a spot as a top-tier folk rock album of 2012. Good Old War consists of guitarist and lead vocalist Keith Goodwin (Good), drummer and vocalist Tim Schwartz (Schwartz's), and guitarist and vocalist Dan Schwartz (War). Under L.A. label Sargent House, the band released 2008's "Only LA." 2009's "Way to Be Alone" and 2010's "Good Old War".

While Good Old War does more than salvage the album by bringing everything together seamlessly, "Present for the End of the World" does so well. Arnold's rolling, Latin-influenced drumbeats along with near-constant three part melodies that classify the Good Old War sound as constant vocal chords. All three singers have surprising range and typically hit high-pitched harmonies perfectly mixed behind the lead melody line. The tracks on "Come Back as Rain" do not change up the formula too much, but Good Old War has its music events.

While "Come Back as Rain" does not offer the lyrical depth of rival folk rock outfits like Fleet Foxes and Bon Iver, Good Old War's trio clicks in perfect harmony, while maintaining their specific sound of layered, complex harmonies, winding guitar lines and funky, rolling drum lines. The album is easy and relaxed, with positive, upbeat tunes that usher in the spring season perfectly.

Benjamin Huber Rodriguez is a Duncan College freshman. "Albums and Abominations" is a column featuring the latest album releases and music events.
 Owners Robin and Robin, two stylish locals, enjoy the hip Midtown espresso drink, sit if you are under 21 — you can still go in for a quick espresso drink, sit on the patio and enjoy the hip Midtown scene. This shop is quite the eclectic chic.

Double Trouble was designed by owners Robin and Robin, two stylish locals with experience in both interior design and bartending. The inside of the shop is very modern and intimate, with dim lighting, bamboo walls and dark, natural accents. Upon walking into the shop, the first thing that catches the eye is the large wall of shelves. The customers are mostly local business owners, students and hipsters, have quite the assortment of liquor to choose from.

Since I was a bit overwhelmed with all the possibilities, the bartender offered to make me an espresso drink with some sort of alcohol so that I could get the best of both worlds. The bartender carefully crafted the drink, which had two shots of espresso, Kahlua, heavy whipping cream and an assortment of spirits that I was told was a "secret mixture." I eagerly sipped the drink (don't worry, I am legal), and it was delicious. It had the initial smooth taste of espresso, the sweet, milky hints of whipping cream and the shocking bite of alcohol. It tasted very similar to Vietnamese coffee. The coffee menu is very simple. There are only seven drinks offered, six of which are the basic espresso drinks, such as American, cappuccino and latte, in addition to pour-over coffee. Double Trouble's coffee beans are roasted locally by Greenway Coffee Roasters, which is usually a good indication of fresh, quality coffee. I wanted a simple, cold coffee drink, so I tried a flat white, a smaller version of a latte. What I tried did not taste like a latte at all. The espresso was very smoky but had no body and mostly tasted like milled-down burnt coffee. It left quite an unpleasant aftertaste. The flat white was, in fact, flat. Ultimately, I could not tell if the beans were poor quality or if they were overroasted. Unfortunately, this is the same espresso Double Trouble uses for all of its coffee drinks.

For those not quite at the legal age, Double Trouble has a cozy atmosphere to hang out with friends and play a game of bingo Tuesday nights at 9 p.m. on the patio. For those in or older, Double Trouble is a good place to go for a happy hour beer or for a late-night espresso liquor drink.

Amanda Gutierrez is a Houston College junior. "Roasted" is a column that examines the coffee culture in and around Houston.

Two of the paintings in his collection were completed within 72 hours of the gallery's opening. Perez says the adrenaline rush in wanting to complete two more paintings before opening helped spur his creativity. "I think my best work was completed in the past couple days," Perez said. "People seemed to most like the painting of the angel hovering over the castle. I think the creativity kick through at the last minute when my adrenaline was up and I knew I was working on a deadline."

Working along with other artists was helpful and became a bonding experience for the fellow recipients of the Pitman award. "It was a lot of fun, and we bonded [through this experience] because we had to share the same stress levels," Perez said.

Though Perez and his peers were operating on a strict deadline and felt pressed for time in the days prior to the gallery's opening, Perez said the stress was worth the results. One woman came up to Perez and cried, others asked for his autograph.

Perez's paintings show this vulnerability. One of the paintings is a self-portrait and the details, colors and personality of the painter speak to the viewer. "His autograph."

For Friday, April 6, 2012
And 40 yards out, 30 yards out, ready, set...

**BEER BIKE 2012!**

1. McMurtry College junior Aaron Daniels rides in the men's race.

2. Hanszen College students party outside South before the balloon fight.

3. Duncan College junior Lisa Biletska throws a balloon during the fight in Founders' Court.
4. Duncan College and Will Rice College bikers race neck and neck around the track.
5. Jones College dyed their college mascot, Beau, Jones colors to show spirit for the day.
6. Jones' pit crew carries a biker off the bike as he completes his portion of the race.
7. McMurtry College students cheer on their team.
8. Martel College students get hit with balloons.
Solar Car team takes second in international competition

BY HALLIE JORDAN
THRESHER LOCAL EDITOR

Rice's solar car team, started in spring 2011, won second place last weekend at its first entrance in the Shell Eco-marathon America competition.

The competition took place in Discovery Green downtown and judged entered cars based on their efficiency, rather than their speed. Cars were categorized according to fuel type. Rice's car placed second out of seven solar car entries. There were also categories for gas, diesel and battery-powered cars. There were 100 cars entered in total. Many were from Houston, but there were participants from as far away as Brazil and Alaska. Rice Solar Car team Co-President and McNair College sophomore Allison Garza said.

During the competition, the cars had to drive 10 laps, a total of six miles, in less than 25 minutes. Cars were evaluated in a gravel pit on their efficiency. Rice's car used 0.017 kilowatt-hours to travel a mile, equivalent to a car getting 3,000 miles per gallon, going 175 miles per hour. For competition a 60-watt light bulb uses 0.019 kw of energy in one hour.

The Shell Eco-marathon is a competition that is organized semiannually as a game to see which scientists could make the most fuel-efficient vehicles. Since then, it has become a major international competition for students. Shell also holds a competition in Europe and is planning to start one in Asia.

The idea to build a solar car at Rice came from students who approached assistant professor of mechanical engineering Andrew Flegg. Flegg pushed the team to lead a class on how to build the car. The class was listed as Mech 404 in spring 2011 and with about 15 students, Dick started the team by helping them begin their designs.

After working in the class, the club spent this semester actually building the car, Garza said. One challenge the team faced was that their design called for $80,000 to make the car, which the team had to fund themselves. The Rice car was the heaviest in the solar category, weighing 300 pounds. "No-design team built anything this large and in this little time," Garza said.

Though the team built the car relatively quickly, it encountered many challenges during the process, including a broken steering system and a broken roof. Unlike the other team's cars, the Rice car was almost completely handmade. Other schools designed car bodies, but had companies build the frames. However, the Rice team built all the car from scratch, which made it look less streamlined, Wang said. However, the team members are proud that it is completely their effort, he said.

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Regional links improve

Greyhound, Amtrak have developed new routes and extra times that should facilitate travel in the region

BY JAMES LLAMAS
FOR THE THRESHER

Service improvements announced by Greyhound, the nation's largest bus company, and operator Amtrak could have implications for travelers to and from Houston, especially for travelers on a budget.

Greyhound introduced its Greyhound Express service in Houston and Austin, and Amtrak will modify the set Limited to push back its final destination about 36 percent, arriving late this week, has the westbound train to San Antonio, El Paso, Tucson, Ariz, and Los Angeles, Calif. leaving Houston around 10 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, while its eastbound counterpart to Los Angeles, Sunset Limited train to destinations across Texas and the region. The experience, however, is often characterized by long, slow trips with frequent stops and limited personal space.

Greyhound gets you there.

"But it definitely offers something different, particularly this year, when there's the chance you'll get to sit by a released female for five hours like I did once," Flegel said.

Flegel, who lives in the Northeast, Midwest and Southwest from operations like Megabus, which offers customers free Wi-Fi and restroom service, Greyhound launched its Greyhound Express service just over a year ago and expanded it to 60 markets.

Devon Garza, a local reporter who was available from megabuss.com pressroom. Flegel said there would be a 25 percent increase in demand this month.

The new schedule, which takes effect today, has also altered transportation options even more for travelers.

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Music meets world of the art gallery

Shepherd School student's three-piece modern work will be performed at the Orange Show

BY HALLIE JORDAN
THRESHER LOCAL EDITOR

Looking for a new experience and hoping to better engage an audience, Shepherd School of Music doctoral composition student Robert McClure will bring a music composition to a gallery art space, in a non-traditional performance held at the Orange Show in Houston next Fri.

The performance will include three pieces, one of which McClure wrote specifically for this show.

The Orange Show is located in east Houston and is a venue for slopes and art that was founded in 1995 by Jeff Kissack, who built the art space by hand from found materials.

"The Orange Show Montumont lends itself to unique, immersive experiences where performers can utilize all of the different spaces to create something completely original and where the monument itself is a character in the performance," Orange Show Consultant Jonathan Bellard said.

McClure approached the Orange Show earlier this year to see whether he wanted to put together a short concert for the venue. McClure decided to turn working with the Orange Show into an opportunity to create a kind of music he has never done before.

"It's a great opportunity to do something a little bit different and write a piece that wouldn't need to be in a concert hall," McClure said.

The event will feature three pieces: "Untangle My Tongue," "In Steel," and "Music Box."

McClure composed "Music Box," specifically for the Orange Show.

"Instead of being performed on stage, "Music Box" will be played in two ways. First, as audi-

Composer: Robert McClure
Pieces: "Untangle My Tongue," "In Steel," and "Music Box.
Price: $10
Location: The Orange Show
When: Friday, April 13; doors at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

"A big problem with modern music is that the audience doesn't understand it, so I wanted to add to the experience where the audience were encouraged to ask questions," McClure said. "That is not enough to understand it."

McClure's composition, positioned with the unique structure of the Orange Show, will give the audience an experience unlike any they have had before that blends music and art into one, Bellard said.

"This composition posed new challenges, making me adapt as an artist and to keep thinking," McClure said. "I just hope the audience will have a positive experience."

McClure is in high school after playing percussion for the band. When he was 6, his band director died, and he wrote a piece for both the orchestra and band to play together in the director's memory. After that, he went to Bowling Green State University to study music education and then to the University of Arizona, where he earned a masters degree in composing before coming to Rice.

Currently, McClure is in his third year of the doctoral composition program and is teaching a class about analyzing Radiohead and Bjork.
Burt’s Tea Room

• 1 central common room
• 1 large green couch
• 1 oven and stover top
• 1 full sink
• 1 plethora of tea

BY ALEX BISBERG
THRESHER STAFF

A warm breeze swept through the air as I strode into McMurtry College’s central quad. Casually seated on the picnic table, I spotted McMurtry sophomore Joseph Vento. We introduced ourselves and proceeded up the stairs to the fifth-floor kitchen.

On our way up, Vento recounted the story of how Burt’s Tea Room came into existence. The room pays homage to the fifth-floor kitchen. A shelf, donated by the resident assistant, contains varying photos. Known as a “photo soup,” according to Vento, it is meant to inspire conversation. The tea room is host to organized social events as well. Every Wednesday night, “Burt Talks,” inspired by the motivational “TED Talks,” are hosted in the welcoming tea room. People discuss a broad array of topics, ranging from education to dream dismantling, as they sip their cups of brewed bliss. Before winter recess, Liu and Vento also threw a Christmas party. They will continue to try hosting more as the years go on.

With funds from the Bill Wilson Grant from Wees College, which will be matched by McMurtry, the tea room plans to continue expanding its selections and facilities and have a mural painted on its walls and ceilings. While the tea room is most popular among fifth-floor residents, Vento hopes that it will continue to grow. The tea room is a great addition to McMurtry’s culture and will be even better as it continues to grow.

“A Rice Cribs” explores various topics in hopes that you would like to “gobble it up more to be featured,” wrote Alex Bisberg at the@ricecribs.org account.

Rice Crib: McMurtry’s tea-filled oasis

By Athena Zarhodov

Dear Thresher,

I read in “Cosmo” that 42 percent of men would be willing to have period sex. I’m interested but skeptical, especially about how my boyfriend would feel. Should I try it?

From,
Living on the Edge

When I first read this question, I was immediately enthralled. Naturally, I turned to the Bible for help. While it is true that Moses parted the Red Sea, this is in no way a theme that can be culled from the Holy Book, in fact, those celebrating Passover next week will remember that turning the rivers into blood was a horrible plague designed to punish the Egyptians. From what I can tell, none of the Pharaoh’s people used the opportunity to get it on in the churning river of red blood cells. A quick search through Leviticus further reveals that while the Bible has many bloodbaths, you shouldn’t have one in bed. In fact, the Bible states: “You shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness as long as she is in her customary impurity” (Leviticus 18:19). Now, that doesn’t come from Leviticus, generally known by Biblical scholars to be the least part of the Pentateuch, filled with many archaic rules, such as those concerning slavery and slaves that have long since been abandoned. However, I think this passage is meaningful for those who dare to believe in the literal word of God absolutely you do not uncover your and your partner are married to the theological reason that period sex is really, really gross.

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Baseball in midst of slump after loss to SHSU

The Owls are in New Orleans, La. this weekend for three games against the Green Wave, with the series opener taking place late Monday night between the conference rivals. At 9-8, Tulane holds one of the top-10 offenses in the nation entering the week but has a schedule of 11 regular-season contests in the next two weeks, and the Owls can get another shot at representing club tennis at the national level.

The Owls dropped their last game, against Sam Houston State, and are currently on the road in New Orleans, La. this weekend but has a strength of schedule ranked 241st in Division I. Tulane was entered in the season but has a most recent victory over Memphis on the road. Due to the Katie holiday on Sunday, the Owls and Green Wave play a Thursday-Friday-Saturday slate this weekend, with Rice traveling back to Houston on Sunday night. Rice will also host Texas State University on Tuesday in midweek action, and the Owls look to make up some ground in the conference standings this weekend.

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Team of four guys and two girls get bid to go to nationals; cannot go because of exams

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Men's tennis seven-game streak snapped by A&M

Even though Rice University left Las Vegas last weekend, the Owls are still feeling lucky. Being just one of 32 teams to compete against Southern Methodist University and Texas A&M University with a 4-0 win against Lamar University, the Owls were able to keep their streak going at seven games in a row. Head coach and former tennis player, Ustundag, joined the team on Wednesday as they got swept in College Station by Texas A&M University in a 1-0 lead in the first set.

"It is a really funny atmosphere battling with those boys," Ustundag said. "We could have lost both of those matches. Even though we had the higher ranking, it could have gone both ways, and outside of the performances of doubles against SMU, there was no reason to hang our head after those two matches.

After losing the possibility of falling out of the polls altogether just three weeks ago, the Owls are now ranked No. 39 and head into the last weekend of the season for the first time since they fell flat on their face against the University of Texas at San Antonio in early February.

Garforth Bles said he is really excited about the guarantee that the team will earn the seven game winning streak. "We can definitely do it with the guys that we have returning from the team in the past couple of years. The team is on a roll right now, and we are really playing well together." Garforth Bles said. "We are winning the big moments in the match compared to earlier in the season when they were not going in our favor. It is really nice to see after the hard work we have put in this season so far.

Ustundag said it likes what he is watching from the sidelines but knows Rice has to stay on its toes. With the final stretch of the season coming, Ustundag said he knows the consistency has to continue for the Owls to have any success.

"We cannot relax and feel comfortable because of the seven matches. Our level of intensity has been very consistent. We have got to continue playing well in the next matches.

In terms of the NCAA tournament, what looks like two weeks ago was a potential seed to nine consecutive tournament berths has now changed to a more positive feel as the Owls keep stacking up wins, trying to impress the NCAA tournament committee. Ustundag knows these next few games at home are crucial, and he showed much more optimism than he did earlier in the season about Rice's chances.

"At this point, the days are a little bit brighter," Ustundag said. "There is a light at the tunnel as opposed to three weeks ago. With four matches left, we have to stay against the top 25, and we are ranked; so it is all over the place in terms of quality of opponents.

After their five game road trip in Las Vegas and around Texas, the Owls are back in their own beds as they return to Jake Hess Stadium today to face Texas A&M at Cupps Court and host No. 10 Oklahoma University on Sunday. After that, the Owls finish the regular season with matches against conference rival the University of New Mexico and the University of Texas-Arlington. The Bucs came again in top 25 and will present the Owls with many challenges.

Garforth Bles said he feels the team chemistry is at an all-time high right now and that the Owls can push Oklahoma to the limit and keep the momentum going.

"We are really confident at the moment," Garforth Bles said. "We are just being really supportive of each other, and we are pretty focused and determined. In a sense, that we can really do some damage against Oklahoma.

As usual, the road is much more wary than the player. Ustundag said he knows Oklahoma is the bigger and more talented opponent, but that the Islanders cannot be overlooked. Even though the Owls are playing well, Ustundag said they cannot get too cocky and also said they have to stay on their feet and keep focusing one opponent at a time.

"We cannot overestimate ourselves. Sometimes we underestimate an opponent, but sometimes you overestimate your own abilities. We have to stay humble, expect the other outcome as well.

Rice University School of Architecture's summer program in architectural design

LAUNCH invites applications from undergraduate students in any and all disciplines interested in the built environment, a spouse of professional or academic work, or who wish to engage with city.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 4, 2012
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Go to arch.rice.edu and click on the LAUNCH tab.

SPORTS

Golf unable to sustain early momentum, finishes 10th

Paul Fitzgerald

Despite solid play over the first two rounds of the Jim West Intercollegiate, the Rice University golf team was unable to carry that momentum to a high finish. While a disappointing final round left the Owls in 10th place, there were still positive signs moving forward.

The Owls started off the event's first round with a cumulative team score of 220, leaving them in eighth place in 12-place event. Freshmen Tommy Economou and Joe Beck led junior Buck Polo on Wednesday with scores of 73 and 75. Williams went on to finish the event with back-to-back rounds of 74-74 to finish in a tie for 32nd. Tommy came back strong in the second round of the Jim West, scoring a cumulative 79, to best score of the event. Economou led the Owls with a one-under-71 on his 9th birthday, while fellow freshman Ryan Benevides posted a one-over-73. Sophomore Jeff Wibawa cited the team's preparation as the main cause for its solid start.

"We got off to a solid start because we were prepared to compete this week," Wibawa said. "We knew it was a field that we could beat, and we wanted to come out and play the best we knew we could.

Looking to move up the leaderboard, Rice inched up three spots to finish in 10th place after a final round of 300.

Senior Erik Mayer looks to line up a putt. Mayer is the only senior, as the team is full of youth with four freshmen and three sophomores. The golf team is competing at The Woodlands All-American Intercollegiate tournament this weekend.

Senior Erik Mayer led the Owls' triumph.

"When you're a fifth-year senior in the last-chance saloon, how can you not check every day?" Mayer said. "You know your days are numbered, so you have to make the most of them.

"I have been working really well since our first tournament of the spring," Mayer said. "I've been working on some mental things, and he's really developing some confidence.

With the team starting to gather some momentum, it now heads to the Woodlands All-American Intercollegiate, a tournament with a field as daunting as its name. Participants at the event included top-25 teams and SMU matches. He knows that those clutch performances at the end of the TCU tournament will matter. While Mayer can't say for sure that Rice could be on a three-game winning streak, he is still feeling good after the hard work they have put in this season.

"It's a metaphor for life, it's an escape from life. It's a way to spend far too much time on sports and the games that we watch and not check every day? Mayer said. "You have to make the most of your days, and you have to enjoy the moment before it's too late.

For me, sport isn't life. But it's not just a game, either. It's art. It's entertainment. It's business. It's a way to spend far too much time on sports and the games that we watch and not check every day? Mayer said. "You have to make the most of your days, and you have to enjoy the moment before it's too late.

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Women's Tennis falls to Tulsa and Missouri

Marie Walsh
Texasen Staff

Men's track has setback weekend with a couple of tough losses at home. With the University of Missouri on Friday, Rice took the early doubles point as the Owls' were up 2-0. However, the Tigers roared back and took four of the six singles to come up with a huge upset against the Owls as she won in a three-set thriller.

Senior Natalie Beazant nailed another win for the Owls on Thursday, finishing a disappointing fourth place in the 1,500-meter run, finishing a disappointing fourth place in the 1,500-meter run.

The Owls are hoping to rebound this weekend as they play against Texas-Pan American University. Rice is currently ranked No. 36 and is fighting for a NCAA spot.

Fall 2012 Registration Times

Registration start times are assigned based on the total number of hours completed.

Registration for all students continues through Friday, April 13th.

Students who register after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13th will be assessed a Late Registration Fee.

Students can ADD or DROP courses in ESTHER through Fri, Sept, 6th (ADD) or Fri, Oct, 11th (DROP).

Questions?
Office of the Registrar website: http://registrar.rice.edu/
Registration Web page: http://registrar.rice.edu/students/registrar/
Academic Calendar: http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/Fall12/
Women's field team enjoys success

By Bhagwat Kumar
Rice The Thresher

As the majority of the Rice campus found itself enveloped in the frenzy of Beer Bike, the track and field team was busy competing at the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays, which were held at Mike A. Myers Stadium on March 31. The women's team looked to build on its success at the Victor Lopez Classic last week. Junior Sharae Robinson continued her run of impressive performances, placing fourth overall in the discus. Robinson threw a season-best 48.2 meters, building on her all-time best mark of 46.0 meters.

Robinson also remains steadfast in her goal of changing circumstances and progress as the year continues, "My teammates never cease to amaze me," Hare said. "Our abilities are infinite."

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The team has been continuing its growth and development as the year progresses, and its members are becoming fully healthy and improving with each performance. The group will look to extend its success this upcoming weekend at the Texas State Invitational.

College Baseball Roundup

Baseball America Top 25

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VFW, Men's Cross Country

Women's Cross Country

Nicholas Elder - Football
James Zurawski - Track and Field
Fredi Meyer - Men's Golf
Bella Barner - Women's Soccer
Gabriela Gorton - Women's Soccer
Lauren Latto - Women's Soccer
Andie O'Connor - Women's Soccer
Victoria Bell - Women's Soccer
Jordan Lippe - Women's Swimming
Carrie Gaines - Women's Swimming
Danielle Spence - Women's Swimming
Michael Neal-McIntyre - Men's Tennis
Austin To - Men's Tennis
Andy Wang - Men's Tennis
Leah Fried - Women's Tennis
Anna Gucwa - Women's Tennis
Dylan Bradley - Men's Track and Field
Christopher Chock - Men's Track and Field
Dan Hall - Men's Track and Field
Reid Thomsen - Men's Track and Field
Zachary Warmen - Men's Track and Field
Kathleen Albrey - Women's Track and Field
Meredith Gandy - Women's Track and Field
Hope Peeters - Women's Track and Field
Benson Pye - Women's Track and Field
Ellen Titelman - Women's Track and Field
Becky Wade - Women's Track and Field
Jared Waters - Women's Track and Field
Tyler Jenkins - Volleyball

Rice Baseball Team Hitting Statistics

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For the The Thresher

The Thresher is looking for new designers to reinvigorate the look of Rice's newspaper. If you have experience with InDesign, Illustrator, or Photoshop and are interested in showing off these skills, contact Rachel Marcus at ram7@rice.edu. We'll pay you. May the fonts be with you.

Rice Summer School

now open for registration to Rice students

Current Rice students in good academic standing can take up to 12 credit hours during the summer sessions. Online registration is fast and easy.

Visiting and post-baccalaureate students should consult the Web for separate instructions, including how to apply.

Register now for best availability. For details, call 713-348-4803 or visit gscs.rice.edu/summercredit
Take your pick
Course evaluations from Fall 2011

Methodology
Here are the highlights from the fall 2011 evaluations. Courses with fewer than 10 responses, as well as LNP, college and graduate-level courses were not included in the analysis. Information is presented as-is and without testing for statistical significance. With that in mind, data may be less accurate for courses with fewer responses.

Top 10 "BEST" COURSES

"Overall, I would rate the quality of this course as:"
From 1 as "outstanding" to 5 as "poor"
(Ties go to class with more responses)
Rice Mean Score: 1.90

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Top 10 "HARDEST" COURSES

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Top 10 "EASIEST" COURSES

"The workload for this course compared to others was:" From 1 as "much lighter" to 5 as "much heavier"
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Top 10 "EASIEST" MAJORS

The average workload for this major compared to others:
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Word search time, y'all! If you read the calendar events, you'll know these words:

- Barefoot
- Rasta
- Documentary
- Esther
- Furby
- Interpretive
- LARP
- Nickleodeon
- Platonic
- Putin
- Raging
- Rangela
- Romantic
- Rythmic
- Shroom
- Shoe
- Slime
- Unabashed
- Waitlist

These sudoku puzzles were created by sudokupuzzler.com. They are rated as medium and hard difficulty, respectively. The solutions will be posted on Twitter at twitter.com/threshercal.
Hey, future Owls! Welcome to Rice University. As per tradition, it is the Backpage's happy task to offer you the 17th annual campus tour. While we can’t tell you that you have to do everything on the tour, Rice legend says that failing to complete the campus tour means you won’t graduate.

1. Lovett Hall
Begin your journey through campus at Lovett Hall. Completed in 1921, this storied building houses administrative offices. Some say it is haunted by the ghosts of 666 little bricks, earning it the unique nickname of “Hell Hall.” Whether or not this is true, this beautiful edifice has quite a colorful history, including the attempted assassination of university president, Kenneth Fitzsimons in 1967 by a student on an LSD trip.

2. Brown College
Mary Gibbs Brown College was the first residential college to allow women in 1924. Rice soon gained a reputation as “Ziegfeld Folies U.”, named after the famous and sexy flappers of the time. Rice’s reputation for beautiful women has stood the test of time; in World War II, the school supported “Wilby’s Girls,” a USO troop famous for entertaining soldiers in any way they wanted. In 1979, Playboy voted Rice second for “hottest co-eds.” More recently, Maxim wrote, “It’s amazing that Rice boys can pass their classes with so many beautiful and willing distractions.” Of course, Rice girls remain humble and prefer to talk about their academic accomplishments instead.

3. North Campus Park
This is the closest you can get to nature on Rice’s campus. In 2001, President Gins and the Board of Trustees dedicated this field to remain forested so that the Rice campus can enjoy ”the bounty of wilderness.” While there are not many animals in this small forest, you can occasionally spot an owl eating a squirrel or other little miracles of life.

4. Duncan McMurtry
When you received your acceptance to Rice, chances are that you breathed a sigh of relief upon realizing that the stress of college applications is now over.

However, like Odysseus reaching Ithaca only to find the hall of his fathers infested with suitors, you, too, have one great challenge left. Look upon Duncan and McMurtry, the so-called “Costco Colleges,” whose plethora of concrete is maintained by their lack of tradition. These colleges are also known as the, waitstaff colleges because only those who were barely accepted are forced to live there.

5. Herstein Amphitheater
Welcome to Herstein Amphitheater. This great place of learning is only for the luckiest Rice students who can get into the coveted classes held here. Breathe in with a big howdy to the grad students, and an- nounce that you are a young freshman looking for friendly advice. These happy folks will be glad for your company and buy you a beer.

6. Vultahs
This is the friendliest place on campus. Walk straight in with a big howdy to the grad students, and announce your name, phone, email, past tutoring experience, and pay per hour depending on experience. Must be able to drive to student’s home. Please send your name, phone, email, past tutoring experience, and all subjects you can tutor to eliteprivate tutor@gmail.com as we are looking to grow our team. Run by Rice grads, and already have Rice students working with us.

PRIVATE FAMILY ORIENTES: Country Club taking applications for experienced servers that have good attitudes, are team players, and self motivated. Excellent full time benefits, scholarship oppor- tunities and a great work environment. Contact: Lea Pappas at leappas@hotmail.com.

7. Fondren Library
This is Fondren Library. For propes, this is an important place. Because this is Owl Days, there is a high chance you will have a amusing encounter with a current Rice student. (For you ladies and ladies-look- ing men, Hanssen freshman Reed Thornburg is a great and mostly STD-free choice! Hooking up with him will guarantee you a high five at 2:30, next year.) Fon- dren Library also offers many “study rooms” with wonderful and scenic views. Be wary of the wind down, as they break on contact.

8. Brochstein Pavilion
This all glass building is not only famed for its ar- chitecture, but for its delicious coffee. A few years ago students were forced to go to Coffeehouse for the infamous piss-water swill the baristas call cof- fee. Legend tells of Coffeehouse downtown to help the homeless by giving them free coffee. The hapless indigents of Houston tried the cof- fee and thought Rice students were making fun of them by telling them that lukewarm diesel was fit for consumption.

9. South Colleges
Welcome to the south colleges. One of the univer- sity’s most oft cited fun facts is that if Rice were Civil War America, the south colleges would be the Con- federacy. These are the oldest and most established residential colleges, including Will Rice College, whose president would love to talk to you. Through his tears he will explain how it’s so unfair that no one likes his college just because it is filled with douchebags.

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11. Wilby’s Statue
Wilby’s Statue was not only the place of the polish- ing of Wilby,” one of Rice’s most infamous jacks, but is also home to one of its most famous traditions. For good luck, lick Wilby’s toe and hop up and down three times, and the ghost of Rice’s founder will bless you for the coming year.

12. Sallyport
Congratulations! Your tour is complete. Walk through the scenic Sallyport to Founders Court and bask in your glory, Welcome to Rice University.

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