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According to FE&P Senior Project Manager Anzilla Gilmore, the delays resulted in the addition of a first floor suite and study spaces, larger lobby spaces, upgrading restrooms, as well as various smaller fixtures.

Gilmore and Glenn said the delays were in part due to new piping, water fixtures and redoing the bathrooms. They ran into a few of those hiccups along the way, Glenn said. “The contractor recovered the best way that they could. It was truly a heroic effort the night before O-Week move-in. We had people on site until 5:30 a.m. It was incredible. Obviously that’s not an ideal situation, but the good news is we learned lessons.”

According to Gilmore, the cumulative delay of Jones buildings resulted in the delays, which were resolved by August 23, the move-in day for all Rice students.

“The major factor that contributed to delays to the project was a general underestimation of the complexity of the renovation of a 57-year-old building,” Gilmore said. “Over the years, the building (particularly the restrooms) has suffered a lot of wear and tear, [where] extents were not completely apparent until we started demolition. Once the issues were uncovered, additional design time had to be taken to properly address the best way to put the restrooms back together.”

The remaining renovations include those related to the kitchen and basement, which had a lower priority than students’ rooms, according to Ditman. “The hall lobbies’ kitchenettes are being removed,” Ditman said. “Those have been consolidated into a larger room for studying and the remainder of the space will be more suitable for social things.”

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ITstreamlines websites for students

By Andrew Ta

In early May, Rice University Information Technologies released streamlined versions of two websites, mynetid.rice.edu and apply.rice.edu, which will make finding frequently used information and tools quicker and easier, according to Manager of IT Technical Communications Carlyn Chatfield. Much of what could previously be found on the two sites has been moved to docs.rice.edu or removed completely, and obvious links to the most popular pages have been added.

"Our website has transformed over the decade from four different sites into a single one that had lots of pages into it, and then we started moving all the how-to-do things out of that site and into docs.rice.edu," Chatfield said. "But we still had too much. We used Google Analytics and we asked, 'What are people doing on our website?' and everything they were not really going to, we dropped."

According to Chatfield, the redesigns were driven by a lack of usability made evident by customer complaints.

"When you hear from a customer who is trying to use your website, as a brand new student or as a parent of a brand new student, and they can't find what they're looking for, that's a problem," Chatfield said. "A number of people brought our attention to it and said, 'You're not serving the community well,' and it's, like, okay, it's time to make [our websites] our high-priority."

Chatfield said a lack of funding contributed to the need for a redesign.

"We knew that our site had grown unwieldy over time," Chatfield said. "It's a funding too. We can't just say, 'We really want to redesign our website,' and we can accomplish it over time," Chatfield said. "It's funding too. We needed a place to manage passwords, so it was called apply.rice.edu. Looking back, it was confusing, because it sounds like you're applying to Rice, but we were thinking of it as applying for an account."

According to Chatfield, before mynetid.rice.edu, students would frequently call the IT help desk throughout the summer to reset their NetID.

"We didn't have nearly as many people call the helpdesk this summer saying 'I loved to set up my NetID," Chatfield said. "So I think the tool is doing all the things we hoped it would do, and I haven't seen any help request tickets that said the system isn't working."

Chatfield said the sites will continue to be improved.

"We'll continue monitoring and probably change [the sites] every three or four years, and it'll be a higher priority than in the past," Chatfield said. "The website will continue to change to meet the demands of the customers."

McMurtry College sophomore Chris Wentland said he has never utilized IT services before, so the new sites are brand new to him.

"The [new] mynetid.rice.edu site is very well organized and seems to serve its purpose of account management very well," Wentland said. "The [apply.rice.edu site] is also very well organized. The links to useful information are front and center, and the IT ' prefix feed is a pretty interesting touch. I also enjoy the "Get help Now" button - I imagine plenty of students visit the site for quick help, and that makes the website and IT help easily accessible even to completely incompetent computer users."

New Adobe licensing policy limits CS

By Andrew Ta

The Adobe Creative Suite is no longer available at many computers throughout campus. Due to changes in Adobe's licensing model, the software is currently available only in classrooms in Anderson Hall, the Visual and Dramatic Arts Media Center, Fondren Library's Digital Media Center and several general-use computers on Fondren's ground floor, according to Barry Ribbeck, Director of Systems, Architecture, Infrastructure, Cloud Strategies and Initiatives.

"In previous years, software was released through Adobe in what is called a perpetual license," Ribbeck said. "In a perpetual license, you buy the software and you own it, and it's yours to keep for that version."

According to Ribbeck, Rice owns 25 perpetual licenses of Adobe's CS6. Previously, Rice could use those licenses across campus, so long as there weren't more than 25 concurrent users. Under the new license structures, the software can only be installed on specific machines for which licensing is paid on an annual basis.

According to Ribbeck, the remaining licenses are being used in combination with new licenses to maintain the Creative Suite's availability at specific locations where it had seen use in the past.

"We are putting it in spots that are very strategic on campus and seeing what kind of activity we get," Ribbeck said.

Computers that no longer have access to the Creative Suite will now have open-source alternatives like Gimp, LibreDraw and Scribus.

Ribbeck said new licensing models have already arrived, and that Rice IT will handle changing as they come.

New hardware in January to help Wifi

By Andrew Ta

Rice University Information Technologies will perform a hardware refresh in January that will provide new security tools and improve wireless Internet performance, according to Barry Ribbeck, Director of Systems, Architecture, Infrastructure, Cloud Strategies and Initiatives.

"We've been on the network that we've had for nine years," Ribbeck said. "They're going to increase the number of access points significantly. It's at least 50 percent." According to Ribbeck, the hardware will roll out beginning in January but will take a majority of the year to complete. The last time a project of this scale happened was in 2005.

"It'll take a while," Ribbeck said. "This is a big project. They're replacing, in every building, every switch that everyone connects to. The wire itself is the only thing not being touched."

The worsening wireless situation across campus has been due to an increase in frequency interference and number of devices, according to Director of Academic and Research Computing Michael Dewey.

"Today, we have pretty good coverage on campus," Dewey said. "Where we suffer is in regards to density. There's going to be a significant increase in the number of wireless access points that we'll have across campus."

According to Ribbeck, the technology improvements brought by the new hardware should help combat the rise in WiFi devices.

"Wireless is in a frequency band that's unregulated," Ribbeck said. "We have to compete with everything, so environment plays a big part. There are 7000 wireless devices on campus at any given time. This new network will help as much as it can by bringing the latest technology."
The CUC can only propose changes, after the Faculty Senate has not included a special form from the Registrar, meet with the professor of the course they want to drop to chat and get a signature, and then return to the Registrar to make sure that they're approved.

"We do need to discourage people from buying frivolously, though, and perhaps encourage students to put more thought into [adding their courses up front]," Cornell said. "A process where students have to get a special form from the Registrar, meet with the professor of the course they want to drop to chat and get a signature, and then return to the Registrar to make sure that they're approved would be much more efficient than just walking up to the bookstore and saying, 'I don't want this book,'" he said.

"I wish I knew that beforehand," Jones said. "It's helpful to know. I wish I knew that beforehand. I actually lost about $50 because I bought the code and book separately."

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"If you need access to the book, you might have to face prices even higher than the ones we so loath in the bookstores currently," said Anderson.

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CUC proposal to limit add/drop to four to after two weeks proves misguided

The Center for Undergraduate Curriculum proposed in April that students be limited to four dropped classes between weeks two and seven during their four years at Rice, with any extra drops being indicated by a "W" on their transcript. The Thresher believes the CUC's proposal does not address difficulties in registration at their root and, instead, unnecessarily penalizes students. Instead of outlining a solution specific to the problem, the CUC has crafted a policy that will broadly and negatively impact the entire student body. The CUC proposal unfairly punishes students with exigent circumstances that force them to drop classes after the week two add deadline, as well as those who drop classes that are not at maximum capacity, an action that does not contribute to other students' inability to register for classes in any way.

If the issue is students front-loading their schedules with distribution classes they plan to drop, then the CUC should focus on changing students' thought processes during registration, not their dropping proclivities.

But the real problem is students being unable to register for the classes they need, and the cause, which has commonly been ignored in the CUC's proposal, is Rice's stagnant number of professors and course sections offered, despite a growing undergraduate population. Rice must be held accountable for the administration that is placing the burden squarely on their shoulders for purportedly registering for too many classes.

If measures have already been taken that discourage over-registration. For example, it is nearly impossible to register for more than 20 credit hours. The administration should demonstrate effort towards changes that would not negatively impact students.

Concerns of popular Distribution I introductory subjects, such as sociol- ogy, psychology and economics, should be offered to ensure that students are able to fulfill distribution, while also allowing those majors in the social sciences to take the classes they need. More humanities courses should be created, including providing options for non-humanities majors and deconstructing popular humanities distribution classes.

Students pay for a Rice education. The Thresher believes that students should not have to worry about another imposition on their class selection, especially since creating such a burden would not address the underlying problems surrounding a growing student population and a stagnant academic program. The CUC should recognize that students need more course and more professors, not more bureaucratic restrictions.

Ununsigned editorials represent the majority opinion of the Thresher editorial staff. All other opinion pieces represent solely the opinion of the piece's author.
Terrell said she practices as much as six and a half to five and a half hours a day on average, to hear you play solo for that entire year. “Though Shepherd students already practice multiple, multiple times because you’re playing for the panel, Terrell and Butler-Geyer also discussed how she felt about the fact that a lot of Rice students do not know much about the particular challenges Shepherd students face. “I don’t think a lot of people understand that MUSIs need to practice multiple hours a day, every day,” Butler-Geyer said. “I might take a break one day a week or if I’m injured, but otherwise it’s not really a part of my life I can turn off – it’s constant. The people I’m close to really get it, like ‘Okay, you have practice, see you in six hours!’ It’s really the people who are doing their problem sets – you sit down, maybe cry a little bit, and then you have to get it done.”

The Shepherd students will find out their placements this week. So perhaps when you see your MUSI friends, pat them on the back and wish them luck. Regardless of their performance or instrument, it’s safe to say Shepherd life isn’t for the faint of heart.

**Recommended Appetizers**

- **Baba ghanoush** – Chargrilled pureed eggplant, tahini, garlic and olive oil.

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- **Doner kebab** – Traditional Middle Eastern diner meat loaded to the brim with green onions, parsley and tomatoes.

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Latent lies of the police procedural

By Kaylen Strench
Arts & Entertainment Editor

For a while now, I have wanted to become a criminal attorney, so I naturally love cop shows. This summer in particular was stock full of Netflix binges of top-notch detective mysteries such as The Killing, Law and Order and the zany Twin Peaks. I watch them the way you eat potato chips: with great joy and very little thought. You know the plot – the gruesome crime scene, the forensics that narrow down the suspect, the interrogations and, my personal favorite, the trial. It’s thrilling, it’s mentally stimulating and, most of all, it leaves the viewer with the satisfying feeling that the world is just. Cop shows are addictive because they allow the viewer to enter a realm that is distinctly private yet completely essential to society – an illusion that can be substituted for the harsh realities and inequalities of the real-life criminal justice system.

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This Week in Entertainment

By Sophie Newman and Kaylen Strench

They Came Together

Joel (Paul Rudd) and Molly (Amy Poehler) unexpectedly get together... and break up... and then get back together again in this rom-com satire, out on DVD this week. The film, which premiered at the 2014 Sundance Festival, masterfully pokes fun at this stale genre. With this expert comic duo, you really can never go wrong.

The Longest Week

Unemployed, wealthy bachelor Conrad Valmont (Jason Bateman) is coasting through his New York life of leisure until an unwelcome wake-up call leaves him homeless with frozen expense accounts. Forced to move in with his artist friend, Dylan (Billy Crudup), he finds solace in the pursuit of an attractive, young debutante named Beatrice (Olivia Wilde).

Album in Theaters

Soft Friday - The Coves

This promising debut album from alternative band The Coves is making waves all over the music interwebs. Duo Beck Wood and John Ridgard released singles for several years, taking their time to put together the carefully-constructed Soft Friday. Pick it up for some great, upbeat tracks with a casual, psychedelic vibe.

Book

The Secret Place - Tara French

New York Times best-selling novelist Tara French returns with her newest mystery, The Secret Place. This time around, the Dublin Murder Squad reopens a stale investigation on the killing of a popular boarding school student. Drama and suspense ensue as one detective develops a personal stake in the investigation, and evidence begins to point to a rather nasty clique of boarding school girls.

TV Show

Boardwalk Empire

Winner of 17 Emmy awards, this much-anticipated fifth and final season of the acclaimed crime drama returns to HBO this Sunday, Sept. 7. Steve Buscemi stars as Nucky Thompson (based on the historical figure Enoch L. Johnson), a notorious political mobster who rose to power in Atlantic City during the prohibition period.

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Reality TV Show

Utopia

Reality TV-aholics rejoice: Big Brother creator John De Mol’s newest social experiment challenges 14 strangers to create an ideal community in Middle-of-Nowhere, U.S.A. with little to no resources. More than 5,000 hopefuls applied to be part of the lucky few to join TV’s newest society. Premieres on FOX, Sunday, Sept. 7.

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The NCAA faces legislation changes

by Maddy Adams

Sports Editor

On August 8, a federal judge handed down a landmark decision that could drastically impact the future of collegiate athletics. U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken ruled the National Collegiate Athletic Association must allow colleges to pay athletes.

The judge’s injunction will go into effect August 1, 2015. Her order overrules the NCAA’s regulation prohibiting colleges from paying student athletes and allows schools to offer student athletes trusts funds that can be accessed after graduation. The scope of her decision, however, is limited to Division I men’s basketball and football players in the top 10 wealthiest conferences. Judge Wilken’s decision is limited to Division I men’s basketball and football players in the top 10 wealthiest conferences.

The O’Bannon ruling has already impacted NCAA athletics, and I am confident we can do that.”

The Rice University women’s soccer team went on the road this past weekend to play two non-conference matches against Lamar University and Louisiana State University. The Owls secured their first win of the season against Lamar and followed up with a second win by defeating the LSU Tigers. The Owls improved to 2-1-1 on the season.

On Friday night, the Owls traveled to Beaumont, Texas in their first of two weekend games. In nearly 20 mph winds and a constant downpour, Rice fought off the wet conditions to defeat Lamar 2-0, giving them their first win of the season.

Women’s soccer wins against Lamar, LSU in shutouts

by Michael Kidd

The Owls headed to Baton Rouge, La. to play LSU. Rice held a 9-3 corner kick advantage and senior goalkeeper Amy Cryz only needed to make one save the entire game. Having played more than 80 minutes of soccer at a 0-0 deadlock, the game looked like it was headed into overtime. The Owls quickly changed that, however. Senior midfielder Quinny Truong took a corner kick in the 86th minute of play, and freshman Samantha Chai- ken connected on the header for her first career goal and the clinching score. Senior goalkeeper Amy Cryz secured her 20th career shutout, breaking a Rice school record.

Head Coach Nicky Adams said she was pleased with the effort her team displayed against a quality Southeastern Conference opponent on the road.

“You always love a game winner in soccer, and we got one,” Adams said. “Anytime you beat an SEC opponent on their own turf, it’s even better. I couldn’t be any prouder at this moment.”

Chaiken said having her first career goal clinch the win was an incredible way to start her career at Rice.

“It was getting late in the game, and we really wanted to score a goal to prevent heading to overtime,” Chaiken said. “I got a great cross in and put a good head on it. We really wanted to score a goal to prevent heading to overtime.”

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“Rice athletes are students first,” said Karl-gaard. “We support the amateur model.”

Paying players could also put smaller universities at a disadvantage. Critics of the decision state that schools with larger endowments could offer higher player salaries than schools with limited budgets. Other less profitable sports could also suffer, as their funding could be siphoned to pay basketball and football players.

The O’Bannon ruling has already impacted how coaches, players and spectators feel about collegiate athletics.

According to Karlgaard, the focus of Rice Athletics will not change in face of the O’Bannon ruling despite its already broad impact on NCAA athletics.

“My job is the same,” said Karlgaard. “I am trying to generate more interest in the program. My job is to position Rice as a model for amateur athletics, and I am confident we can do that.”
**Volleyball wins two in season opener**

**by Julie Doar**

Rice University women’s volleyball hosted their annual season opener, the Rice Invitational, this past weekend. On Friday, Rice swept University of California, Davis. They then suffered a close 3-2 loss to the University of Louisiana, Lafayette on Saturday, followed by a final game between Rice and California State University, Fresno in which Rice achieved a 3-0 victory. The season opener featured strong performances from veterans like middle back senior Jillian Humphrey and defense specialist junior Kimberly Vaio as well as solid play from freshman outside hitter Shelby Livingstone. Other standout play came from sophomore outside hitter Leah Mikesky and sophomore setter Sara Blasier. Mikesky and Blasier made the Rice Invitational all-tournament team.

Head Coach Genny Volpe said, in the Saturday morning game against Louisiana, Rice suffered from poor play. Volpe added that they improved greatly in the final game against Fresno State.

“I was really happy with the team this evening because this morning was pretty sloppy and undisciplined,” Volpe said. “We went and watched film of ourselves from this morning before tonight’s match to see their mistakes, and from the very first point you could see them making the changes.”

Volpe credited the final victory to Rice’s disciplined defense. She said the team played with confidence and well-organized aggression.

“We were so much more disciplined on defense,” Volpe said. “We weren't second guessing and stuck to our game plan. The bottom line is we didn't hesitate and played super aggressive.”

Volpe said she is pleased with the results of the season opener. She said the team showed a remarkable ability to overcome challenges. She added that last year the team tended to struggle when faced with difficult games.

“Our coaching staff was extremely proud how we handled a little bit of adversity towards the end of that second set,” Volpe said. “Those were moments last year where we sometimes struggled, but tonight we showed great resolve.”

**Volleyball Terms Cheat Sheet**

**Assist**
A player makes an “assist” when she passes or sets a ball to a teammate who gets a kill.
Sophomore Sara Blasier holds the highest assists per set this season. Blasier averages 10.36 assists per set.

**Dig**
A “dig” is when a player successfully receives an attacked ball. A player’s digs are recorded in digs per set. Senior Daniela Arenas holds the highest digs per set this season. Arenas averages 3.36 digs per set.

**Block**
A “block” is when one or more players stop the ball as it crosses the net and scores a point. A player’s blocks are recorded in blocks per set.
This season, senior Jillian Humphrey boasts the most blocks per set with 1.3.

**Kill**
In volleyball, a “kill” is an attack that is not returnable by the opposing team.
A player’s kills are typically recorded in kills per set. This season, sophomore Leah Mikesky boasts the highest kills per set. Mikesky averages 3.64 kills per set.

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**Games this Week**

**Soccer**
vs. Vanderbilt, Sept. 5, 7 p.m.
All students who attend this game will be entered in a raffle to purchase tickets to the football game against Texas A&M on Sept. 13 for half price.

**Volleyball**
at North Carolina State, Sept. 5, 6 p.m., Sept. 6 vs. Connecticut, 9 a.m.; vs. Toledo, 4 p.m.
The Owls (2-0) play in the NC State tournament this weekend.

**Soccer**
vs. Texas A&M, Corpus Christi, Sept. 7, 7 p.m.
The Owls play in-state rival Texas A&M-CC on Sunday at home. Rice looks to improve its record against the Islanders (5-1-1).
Football falls to Notre Dame

by Evan Neustater

The Rice University football team took on the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish this weekend, losing in a 48-17 decision.

The Owls gave up the first score of the game with 6:02 remaining in the first quarter but answered quickly as redshirt junior quarterback Driphus Jackson found sophomore wide receiver Zach Wright for a touchdown. The close score would not last long, however, as Notre Dame scored two touchdowns in the last 2:33 of the first half to ride a 28-10 lead going into halftime.

The second half was not much better for the Owls, who were outscored 20-7 in the final half. Notre Dame’s offensive production was due in large part to the performance of junior quarterback Everett Golson, who threw for 295 yards and two touchdowns while also rushing for 41 yards and three scores.

Despite recording 367 yards of total offense, the Owls had difficulty finding ways to score, scoring only two touchdowns and one field goal. Senior kicker James Hairston missed a 40-yard kick in the rain, and the rest of the offense only found the endzone twice. Quarterback Driphus Jackson finished with 161 yards passing and a touchdown, while also leading the team in rushing with 61 yards. Sophomore backup quarterback Tyler Stehling entered the game in the fourth quarter and immediately threw a 53-yard touchdown pass to true freshman wide receiver James Mayden, giving both players their first career touchdowns. Stehling finished the game going 2/2 for 63 yards with the one touchdown.

The Owls have a bye next week and will prepare for the showdown against in-state power Texas A&M University. The game will be on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 8 p.m. in College Station and will broadcast nationally on ESPN.
First Year Programs announces that next year all water balloons used in the water balloon fight will instead be filled with helium.

Friday morning, Baker College freshman overheard saying, “I’m never drinking again after last night.”

McMurtry College junior Cesar Udave successfully moves one seat closer to being directly behind the girl of his dreams in LING 200.

Saturday morning, Baker College freshman overheard saying, “I literally never want to smell whipped-cream TAAKA ever again in my life. I’m never drinking again after last night.”

McMurtry College freshman drops LING 200. Udave is devastated.

What’s Cooking? Chef Roger dishes the sauce.

Sunday morning, Baker College freshman overheard saying “No but like seriously, this time I’m serious, I’m never drinking alcohol again. Wait. Did you say tomorrow is Labor Day?”